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Preface to House Rules

Members of the House of Representatives hold positions of public trust and shall conduct themselves in a manner which reflects credit upon the Legislature.

To this end, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to:

- (1) Provide the general public with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the legislative process. Public participation is a basic tenet of our democratic process. Public participation is vital to maintaining a check on the legislative process and legislative decisions.
- (2) Prevent discrimination against members and staff. No member or staff shall be discriminated against based on race, sex, age, religion, color, ancestry, mental or physical disability, genetic information, citizenship, national origin, veteran/military status, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding or related medical condition, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, arrest and court record, domestic or sexual violence victim status, credit history, whistleblower status, or any other status or condition that is protected by state or federal law.
- (3) Ensure a work environment free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior.

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PART I. ORGANIZING THE HOUSE

Rule 1. Election of Officers; Selection of Party Leaders; Succession

- 1.1. When the House convenes, the member from the First Representative District shall act as temporary presiding officer. The House shall then immediately elect a temporary chair. The temporary chair shall appoint a temporary Chief Clerk and a credentials committee of no fewer than three members.
- 1.2. The credentials committee shall immediately examine the credentials of the members elected. Upon verification that the credentials are in order, the credentials committee shall report this to the House, and the temporary chair shall order the temporary Chief Clerk to call the roll.
- 1.3. The temporary chair shall then appoint a committee of no fewer than three members to wait upon a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the Intermediate Court of Appeals or Circuit Court to administer the oath of office, as required by the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. After the oath has been duly administered, the House shall organize by electing by resolution, a Speaker, Vice Speaker, Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and by adopting Rules.
- 1.4. The members of the majority and minority parties shall designate, respectively, a Leader, Floor Leader, Whips, Assistant Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders as they may choose to have.
- 1.5. The Speaker and Vice Speaker shall hold office during the term for which they are elected to the House, unless sooner removed by majority vote of the House. If they are reelected to membership in the House for the succeeding term, they shall retain their respective positions until the day before the opening day of the succeeding Legislature.
- 1.6. The Majority Leader, the Majority Floor Leader, the Minority Leader, the Minority Floor Leader, Whips, Assistant Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders as the House members of the majority and minority parties may select shall hold office during the term for which they were elected to the House, unless sooner removed by their respective parties.
- 1.7. If the office of Speaker becomes vacant, the Vice Speaker shall serve as acting Speaker until a successor Speaker is duly elected by the House.
- 1.8. Any vacancy in the office of Speaker and Vice Speaker shall be filled by election by the House.

PART II. OFFICERS, PARTY LEADERS, AND EMPLOYEES**Rule 2. The Speaker****2.1.** It shall be the duty of the Speaker to:

- (1) Open the meetings of the House;
- (2) Maintain order in the House Chamber and require proper decorum at all times on the part of all those present in the House Chamber;
- (3) Announce the business before the House in the order prescribed by these Rules;
- (4) Receive all matters brought properly before the House and submit them to the House, and call for votes on these matters and announce the results of the votes;
- (5) Consult with and advise the committees of the House and assist them in their work as an ex officio member without vote;
- (6) Receive all communications from other branches of the Government and present them to the House;
- (7) Assign to each member of the House a seat on the floor of the House; until the Speaker assigns seats to the members, they may occupy any vacant seat;
- (8) Authenticate all acts of the House by signing appropriate documentation;
- (9) Make known the Rules of Order upon request and decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House;
- (10) Issue warrants to arrest offenders upon the order of the House, and issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum requiring the attendance of witnesses or the production of books, documents, or other evidence in any matter pending before the House or any committee;
- (11) Clear the House of any or all persons except its members and officers if the House adopts a motion to require it, or if there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct at any time;
- (12) Direct committees of the House to consider messages from the Governor or other communications from the executive;
- (13) Appoint any member to preside over the meetings of the House if the Vice Speaker, Majority Leader, and Majority Floor Leader are not available to perform such duties, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment;
- (14) Within four session days, refer all bills to committees, subject to an appeal to the House. In referring bills to one or more standing committees, the first referral shall be to the standing committee whose area of responsibility as described in Part III of these Rules is most closely related to the subject matter contained in the bill being referred. In the case of multiple committee referrals, the Speaker shall name the standing committee referred to in the sentence immediately preceding as the committee having primary responsibility for making recommendations for action on the bills so referred. However, where more than one standing committee could qualify as the committee having primary responsibility, preference shall be given to the committee having jurisdiction on a statewide, rather than a local, basis.

The chair of a standing committee affected by a referral of a bill may appeal the referral to the Speaker within 24 hours from the time the referral sheet containing the subject referral is made available to the members of the House. The Speaker shall review the appeal and shall meet with the chair and the chair(s) of the standing committee(s) affected by the referral to settle their differences. If the Speaker is unable to settle the differences between and among the chairs of the standing committees involved within 48 hours after the filing of the appeal, the Speaker shall immediately forward the appeal to the Review Panel, which shall make its recommendation to the Speaker within 24 hours after receipt of the appeal. If the Speaker shall concur with the recommendation of the Review Panel, the referral of the bill shall stand or the bill shall be re-referred, as the case may be, according to or consistent with the recommendation. If the Speaker disagrees with the recommendation of the Review Panel, the Speaker shall submit reasons in writing in support of the Speaker's decision to the Review Panel and the chairs of the standing committees involved within 24 hours of the receipt of the recommendation from the Review Panel. The Speaker's decision shall be the final disposition of the matter.

The Review Panel shall be composed of the Majority Leader who shall serve as chair, the Vice Speaker, and Majority Floor Leader;

- (15) Appoint the chair and members of conference committees pursuant to Rule 16;
- (16) Establish final dates for action on legislation. These shall include the final date for introducing bills pursuant to Rule 34.4, the final date for third reading of House bills, the final date for third reading of Senate bills, the final date for approving conference committee agreements and drafts of bills, the final date for final reading of the General Appropriations Bill, and the final date for final reading of the Supplemental Appropriations Bill. The Speaker shall coordinate with the President of the Senate to establish these final dates within seven days after the opening of the legislative session;
- (17) Notify members of the names of individuals nominated for or appointed to a task force, commission, working group, or similar position requiring the Speaker to nominate individuals for such a position. The Speaker shall not less than annually publish a list of those individuals nominated or appointed; and
- (18) Perform other duties required by law or these Rules.

2.2. To facilitate House floor proceedings, the Speaker may establish dates for a consent calendar consisting of all third and/or final reading bills that have not been selected for debate by any member. Said bills shall be considered without debate, but members shall be permitted to insert into the House Journal written remarks in support of or in opposition to the measure, consistent with the usual practices of the House. If a consent calendar is established pursuant to this rule, the Speaker shall set the deadlines for members to communicate to the Chief Clerk their intention to debate calendared bills.

- 2.3. The Speaker after giving all members at least 15 days prior written notice may authorize legal action on behalf of the House and shall notify members of non-confidential legal action taken on behalf of the House, provided no other external legal actions affecting the Legislature's interest shall necessitate more expedient action by the House. The Speaker shall not less than annually report the status of each legal action and disclose expenditures and costs to the members.

Rule 3. The Vice Speaker

The Vice Speaker shall consult with and advise the standing committees and assist them in their work as an ex officio member without vote and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Speaker; provided that the Vice Speaker shall serve as a voting member of the Committee on Legislative Management. In the absence of the Speaker, the Vice Speaker shall exercise all the duties and powers of the Speaker.

Rule 4. Party Leaders

- 4.1. The Majority and Minority Leaders and Floor Leaders, Majority and Minority Whips, Assistant Leaders and Assistant Floor Leaders as the members of the majority and minority parties may choose to have, shall perform such duties as may be assigned by their respective memberships.
- 4.2. If the Speaker and Vice Speaker are absent when the House convenes, the Majority Leader or Majority Floor Leader, in that order, may convene the House and shall serve as Acting Speaker until the Speaker or Vice Speaker returns.

Rule 5. The Clerk

- 5.1. The Chief Clerk shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all records of the House. The Chief Clerk shall retain possession of all original documents, unless the Speaker orders the Chief Clerk to release the records to someone else.
- 5.2. The Chief Clerk shall make a record each day of all matters brought before the House. This record shall state in a complete and concise manner, the nature of the matters brought before the House, the names of their introducers, and the date and day of the session on which the House considered the matters. This daily record and such additional matters as the Speaker may order the Chief Clerk to include in it shall constitute the Journal of the House, a copy of which shall be made available on the following session day or as soon thereafter as practicable. The House shall approve the Journal, subject to corrections, by vote of the House. However, the House may dispense with the reading of the Journal by majority vote.
- 5.3. The Chief Clerk shall read all bills, resolutions, and other matters aloud to the House when the House requires it.
- 5.4. The Chief Clerk shall immediately forward all communications and other matters the Chief Clerk receives to the parties to whom they are addressed.
- 5.5. The Chief Clerk shall deliver immediately to the chairs of the appropriate committees all matters duly referred to those committees.
- 5.6. The Chief Clerk shall maintain for the committees of the House a record of subjects contained in messages from the Governor, which are referred to the committees.
- 5.7. The Chief Clerk shall keep a record of all questions of order and the decision on each of them, and the Chief Clerk shall append this record to the Journal at the close of the session.
- 5.8. The Chief Clerk shall perform all other duties appropriate to the Chief Clerk's office that the House or the law assigns.

Rule 6. Assistant Clerk

The Assistant Chief Clerk of the House shall assist the Chief Clerk in all duties. In the absence of the Chief Clerk, the Assistant Chief Clerk shall perform all duties of the Chief Clerk.

Rule 7. Sergeant-at-Arms

- 7.1. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall:
- (1) Execute the orders of the Speaker;
 - (2) Attend every session of the House;
 - (3) Maintain order among persons who attend the sessions of the House;
 - (4) Notify the presiding officer of the presence of persons who have communications for the House or who otherwise are of interest to the House;
 - (5) Keep the entrances and exits of the House clear at all times, and keep from the floor of the House all persons except members of the House, authorized employees of the House, and guests of the House;
 - (6) If requested, maintain order among persons attending meetings or hearings of committees of the House;
 - (7) Serve all orders or process directed by the Speaker or the House;
 - (8) Make all arrests ordered by the Speaker or the House and restrain persons in custody;
 - (9) Be responsible for the House postal service; and
 - (10) Be responsible for the House's safety and security operations, including emergency procedures.

- 7.2. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be responsible for making purchases for the House in accordance with the House Administrative and Financial Manual.
- 7.3. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall be custodian of all property of the House and shall perform all duties related to its safeguard, care, and maintenance as provided in Part VIII of the House Administrative and Financial Manual.

Rule 8. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

The Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the Sergeant-at-Arms in all duties. In the absence of the Sergeant-at-Arms, the designated Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall perform all duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rule 9. Officers and Employees: Responsibilities; Salaries

- 9.1. In addition to the responsibilities assigned by law and these Rules, all officers and employees of the House may be assigned responsibilities by their respective appointing authorities.
- 9.2. The pay of each member shall be pursuant to Article XVI, Section 3.5 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii. Officers and employees of the House shall be employed and paid as authorized in the House Administrative and Financial Manual.

Rule 10. Officers and Employees: Floor Session Attire

While present on the floor of the House Chamber, each member shall be dressed in court attire; provided that on Fridays, any member may dress in aloha attire. "Court attire" means coat and tie for men and jackets for women.

PART III. COMMITTEES

Rule 11. Standing Committees: Composition; Chair; Decision-making; Reports

- 11.1. Standing committees shall be committees established to consider and report on all bills, petitions, resolutions, budgets, and any other matters referred to such committees.
- 11.2. The composition of the standing committees shall be as follows:
 - (1) The membership of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. The respective chairs and vice-chairs of each standing committee shall be appointed by the Speaker;
 - (2) The membership of each standing committee, including the designation of the chair and vice-chair shall be provided for by resolution, provided, however, that the composition of the committee shall be on a proportional basis with the members of each party; and
 - (3) The Speaker and Vice Speaker shall be ex officio members of each committee without vote; provided that the Vice Speaker shall serve as a voting member of the Committee on Legislative Management.
- 11.3. The chair of each standing committee shall call and preside over all standing committee meetings; determine the order of deliberations on bills, resolutions, and other matters over which the standing committee as a whole retains jurisdiction; coordinate the scheduling of meetings and public hearings of the standing committee and assure that such schedules and agendas are posted or distributed as required by these Rules; establish guidelines to coordinate the flow of work to assure that directions of the House are fulfilled; supervise the work of the committee staff; and supervise the maintenance and disposition of the records of proceedings of the standing committee. The vice-chair shall, at the request of the chair, assist the chair in the performance of any duties. The vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair in the chair's absence.

If the chair and vice-chair are unavailable to preside over a committee meeting, the Speaker may designate a committee member from the majority party to preside over the meeting.

If the chair and vice-chair are unavailable to sign a meeting notice, committee report, or other committee document in time to meet an applicable deadline, the Speaker may sign the document.

If a chair of a standing committee refuses a request of a majority of the committee members to set for public hearing a bill or resolution referred to the committee, the majority of the committee members may petition the Review Panel established under Rule 2.1(14) to compel the chair to set the bill or resolution for public hearing. The Review Panel shall establish a process pursuant to which the Review Panel shall receive and consider the petition and shall make a recommendation to the Speaker. If the Speaker concurs with the recommendation of the Review Panel, the chair shall either be sustained or be directed to duly set the bill or resolution for public hearing at the next available date according to or consistent with the recommendation. If the chair refuses to comply with the order of the Speaker, then the vice-chair shall act as chair for the purpose of hearing the bill or resolution under consideration. If the vice-chair refuses, then the Speaker may appoint any member of the House to act as temporary chair. If the Speaker objects to the recommendation of the Review Panel, the Speaker shall submit reasons in writing to support the Speaker's decision, which shall be the final disposition of the matter.

- 11.4. The chair of each standing committee shall keep a record of public hearings and shall file the same with the State Archives, through the Speaker as soon as practicable after each session.
- 11.5. *Standing Committee Meetings.*
 - (1) Meetings (hearings and informational briefings) shall be held in public, be simultaneously broadcast, and be recorded for subsequent viewing on the legislative platform. The public may attend meetings in person or via broadcast. Meeting notices shall include instructions relating to public participation and public testimony. In the event of any unforeseeable or unavoidable circumstances that are beyond the control of the House or any other party, the committee may (a) proceed without simultaneous broadcast or (b) cancel or reschedule the meeting.
 - (2) Notice of meetings shall be publicly posted or announced on the House floor at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Except for notices

posted by the Committee on Finance, notice shall be posted before 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the work week for a hearing to be held on the following Monday or Tuesday. Notice of meetings may be shortened at the discretion of the Speaker upon request on the House floor by a chair or vice-chair and upon good cause shown.

- (3) As practicable, standing committees shall schedule their meetings at times and at places as are convenient for attendance by the general public and shall, in coordination with other committees of the House or Senate, endeavor to hold joint meetings and public hearings on matters of mutual interest.
- (4) The House will make available to the public any testimony that is submitted to the standing committee prior to or at the applicable testimony submission deadline, at the publicly-noticed time of the meeting or briefing. Late testimony submitted after the testimony submission deadline, but prior to the conclusion of the hearing, will be made available to the public as soon as is practicable.
- (5) No bill or resolution other than a congratulatory resolution shall be reported out of a standing committee unless the measure shall have received a public hearing in the House; provided that a bill that contains only a reference to the general idea of the bill in short form and contemplates the subsequent drafting of the specific details in long form may be reported out of a standing committee without a public hearing so long as the bill is reported out:
 - (a) In an amended form containing the substantive contents of the bill in long form;
 - (b) Recommending that the bill be recommitted to the same committee for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon after satisfaction of the notice requirements set forth in paragraph (2) above; and
 - (c) Without recommendation for passage on any reading of the bill.
- (6) Upon the request of a chair of a standing committee, the Speaker may authorize the chair and the members of the standing committee to conduct a community-based public hearing whenever appropriate and practicable, subject to notice as required in paragraph (2) above. "Community-based public hearing" means a hearing conducted by a standing committee outside the State Capitol building at a location within the community for the purpose of accommodating the public to be heard on the matter under consideration by the standing committee.
- (7) No standing committee shall sit during the time when the House is actually in session except with the permission of the Speaker.

11.6. *Committee Decision-making.*

- (1) A quorum of the committee, which shall be a majority of the committee membership, shall be present for decision-making.
- (2) Committee decision-making shall be by a majority of the members present. Reporting a measure out of the committee shall require a favorable vote of not less than a majority of the members present at a meeting duly constituted with a quorum. Any member voting "with reservations" shall be deemed to be in favor of the recommendation.
- (3) The vice-chair of the committee, or the designee of the chair in the absence of the vice-chair, shall be the recorder of the record of the quorum and the votes.

In the case of a joint hearing, the vice-chair of the lead committee, or the designee of the lead committee chair in the absence of the vice-chair, shall be the recorder of the record of the quorum and the votes of all the committees party to the public hearing, unless otherwise agreed to by the respective chairs. A member's vote on a measure shall be the same for all committees that the member may sit on.
- (4) After hearing a measure, the chair shall recommend with sufficient explanation one of the following recommendations for the measure: (a) passed with or without amendment, (b) held, or (c) deferred. A recommendation to pass a measure may include language that defects the measure to ensure further deliberation upon the measure. A measure that is held is a decision to conclude consideration of a measure, subject to reconsideration. A measure that is deferred is a decision to postpone consideration of a measure to a time certain or indefinitely. A vote shall be taken with respect to a recommendation to pass a measure and favorable action by the committee shall be conveyed in a committee report.
- (5) If a committee reports out a bill or resolution with proposed amendments that may affect the referral of that bill or resolution, the committee chair shall, within 24 hours, notify the Speaker.

11.7. *Standing Committee Reports.*

- (1) Standing committees shall report from time to time upon matters referred to them with such copies as may be designated by the Speaker. Such reports shall be printed by the House and be furnished to each member.
- (2) The reports shall state findings of facts and conclusions based thereon, together with a distinct recommendation as to the disposition of the matter.
- (3) A report recommending a measure for passage shall clearly state the legislative intent and purpose of the measure. The chair shall attest to the action of the committee by signing the report on behalf of the committee. A record of the quorum present at the meeting and a record of the votes of the members of the committee on the bill or resolution as attested to by the recorder shall be attached to the report as a part thereof.
- (4) A report upon a measure shall state clearly the proposed amendments, if any. If a proposed bill, for one or more bills referred to the committee, shall be reported, such proposed bill shall be consistent with the subject of the bill or bills referred to the committee. The report shall describe the disposition of the bill or bills referred.
- (5) All matters referred to and not reported upon by the standing committees shall be returned to the Chief Clerk at the close of the regular session in the even-numbered year.

Rule 12. Standing Committees: Description

Standing committees shall be created by resolution at the opening of the session, or as soon thereafter as possible, to serve during the legislative session. The standing committees therein shall be as follows:

- (1) Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, whose scope shall be those programs relating to the Department of Agriculture, agriculture, aquaculture, crop and livestock production, food production and distribution, agricultural parks, animal welfare, invasive species, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (2) Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, whose scope shall be those programs relating to consumer protection, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, the regulation of trade, business, professions, occupations, and utilities, the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, condominiums, housing cooperatives, planned communities, insurance, financial institutions, broadband and cable communications and services, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (3) Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, whose scope shall be those programs related to adult corrections, rehabilitation, and correctional facilities and industries; and military facilities, activities, and veterans affairs; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (4) Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, whose scope shall be those programs related to Hawaii's multi-cultural heritage and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and international affairs, foreign policy issues, and international relations; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (5) Committee on Economic Development, whose scope shall be those programs relating to private sector job creation, public-private business or investment partnerships or ventures, new industry development, planning for economic development and diversification, industrial and product promotion and financial and technical assistance to business for interstate and intrastate commerce, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (6) Committee on Education, whose scope shall be those programs relating to early childhood education, primary and secondary schools, continuing education, libraries, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (7) Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, whose scope shall be those programs relating to energy resources and the development of renewable and alternative energy resources, energy conservation; and the impact of various environmental components on the protection and health of human and wild animal populations and climate mitigation including actions to prevent or reduce the root cause of climate change; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (8) Committee on Finance, whose scope shall be those programs relating to overall state financing policies, including taxation and other revenues, cash and debt management, statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (9) Committee on Health & Homelessness, whose scope shall be those programs relating to general health, maternal and child care, dental health, medical and hospital services, mental health, hospitals, community health care facilities, and communicable diseases; and homeless services and sheltering; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (10) Committee on Higher Education & Technology, whose scope shall be those programs relating to the University of Hawaii, the community colleges, and other institutions of post-secondary education, intercollegiate athletics, and the Waikiki Aquarium; and technology and cybersecurity; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (11) Committee on Housing, whose scope shall be those programs relating to housing development financing, assistance for homebuyers and renters, affordable and rental housing, public housing, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (12) Committee on Human Services, whose scope shall be those programs relating to financial assistance, medical assistance, vocational rehabilitation, social welfare services, the general well-being of the State's elderly and youth, and juvenile correctional services, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (13) Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, whose scope shall be those programs relating to the courts, crime prevention and control, penal code, criminal enforcement, prosecution, sentencing, disposition, and punishment, probation, parole, furlough, and other alternatives to incarceration, indigent legal representation and defense matters, civil law, firearms, weapons, judicial and legal questions, constitutional matters, the Attorney General, the Judiciary, individual rights, civil rights and liberties, the Civil Rights Commission, the Ethics Code, campaign spending, and elections; and persons of Hawaiian ancestry, including programs administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (14) Committee on Labor & Government Operations, whose scope shall be those programs relating to employment, government operations and efficiency, employee pay and benefits, employee recruitment, classification and training, career development, employee performance, employment conditions, standards of conduct for employers and employees, collective bargaining in public employment, the civil service system, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, temporary disability insurance, prepaid health care, employment opportunities, and labor-management relations in the private sector; and procurement and the Procurement Code; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (15) Committee on Legislative Management, whose scope shall be those programs relating to the administrative operations and legislative services of the House, including the Legislative Reference Bureau, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Ombudsman, Public Access Room, the Hawaii State General Plan, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (16) Committee on Tourism, whose scope shall be those programs relating to tourism, including the Hawaii Convention Center, Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, and Hawaii Tourism Authority, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.
- (17) Committee on Transportation, whose scope shall be those programs relating to the development and maintenance of air, water, and ground transportation, infrastructure, and facilities, and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.

- (18) Committee on Water & Land, whose scope shall be those programs relating to global warming, changing weather patterns, climate adaptation to the actual or expected impacts of climate change; land and water resource administration and use, coastal lands, the Land Use Commission, county land use planning and zoning, the Hawaii Community Development Authority, infrastructure development, outdoor recreation, drinking water and brackish waters, small boat harbors and their infrastructure, State parks, historic sites development and protection, ocean activities and outdoor marine matters, the Coastal Zone Management Act; and emergency management, including prevention, preparation, response, and recovery from civilian emergencies and disasters, and the safety, welfare, and defense of the State and its people; and other pertinent matters referred to it by the House.

Rule 13. Standing Committees: General Responsibility; Special Responsibility

13.1. *Standing Committees: General Responsibility.* It shall be the duty of each standing committee to:

- (1) Consider all bills, petitions, and resolutions as may properly come before it;
- (2) Review those portions of the State's program and financial plan and variance reports as may relate to programs over which the committee has primary responsibility. Through informational briefings, it shall gather information and examine those portions of the executive budget and the General and Supplemental Appropriations Bills relating to such programs and recommend to the Committee on Finance the programs and amounts to be spent thereon (The executive budget and the General and Supplemental Appropriations Bills are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "State budget."). The recommended programs and amounts, taken as a whole, shall be consistent with and within the expenditure amounts allocated by the Committee on Finance;
- (3) Determine the objectives of any bill referred to it and make appropriate recommendations, including, if proper, expenditure recommendations on other bills referred to it by the House. Such expenditure recommendations shall be consistent with the allocations established by the Committee on Finance. On bills that relate to programs and matters over which a standing committee to which they are referred has no primary responsibility, the standing committee shall propose no substantive change to the bill unless prior concurrence of the chair of the committee which has the primary responsibility is first obtained. If the chair of the standing committee, which has primary responsibility over programs and matters of a bill, does not concur with the substantive change to the bill affecting such programs and matters sought to be proposed by a standing committee, any of the chairs of the standing committees involved may submit the matter to the Speaker for resolution. The Speaker shall meet with the chairs of the standing committees involved, hear their differences, and settle their differences with a decision, which shall be the final disposition of the matter; and
- (4) Review how programs over which it has primary responsibility have been carried out in compliance with legislative direction and whether studies, analysis, and audit should be conducted on all or part of the program in order to define issues and recommend improvements. Each standing committee shall also recommend amendments to existing appropriation acts and may further recommend revenue measures and improvements to the State's planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation system to the Committee on Finance.

13.2. *Committee on Finance: Special Responsibility.* The Committee on Finance shall:

- (1) Have final responsibility over all programs and matters relating to the State's financing policies, including taxation and other revenues, level of expenditures, cash and debt management, and to the statewide implementation of planning, programming, budgeting, and evaluation. Subject to the provisions of these Rules, it shall consider the reports of the fiscal officers of the State, all bills, petitions, and resolutions, those portions of the state budget, and all other items pertaining to such programs and matters. It shall also consider such other pertinent items as may be referred to it by the House;
- (2) Establish, within the revenue raising ability of the State, the general level of total governmental expenditures for each fiscal year of a biennial period and allocate to each standing committee a proportionate part of such expenditures. Each standing committee shall be responsible for budget review of the programs within its jurisdiction and for making program expenditure recommendations to the Committee on Finance. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the other standing committees, the Committee on Finance shall review the same to determine if, when taken as a whole, the programs and amounts to be expended thereon are consistent with and within the expenditure amounts it has allocated to the respective standing committees. In making allocations to and in reviewing recommendations, the Committee on Finance shall invite the participation of the chair of the standing committee having primary responsibility over the program. After review of all standing committee recommendations, the Committee on Finance shall be responsible for preparing the General and Supplemental Appropriations Bills for consideration by the House; and
- (3) In all other appropriation bills, inform the standing committee primarily responsible for the program or matter under consideration, of the amount and type of finances available. Upon receiving recommendations for the expenditures from the appropriate standing committee, the Committee on Finance shall review such recommendations to determine if, when taken as a whole, the recommendations are consistent with and within the expenditure amounts allocated. In reviewing recommendations of the standing committees, the Committee on Finance shall invite the participation of the standing committee chair concerned.

13.3. *Committee on Legislative Management: Special Responsibility.* The Committee on Legislative Management shall:

- (1) Make recommendations to the Speaker on the procedures and manner in which the administrative operations of the House should be conducted;
- (2) Make recommendations to the Committee on Finance on the expenses to be included in the appropriation bills providing for the expenses of the Legislature and procedures to ensure that the expenses of the House are in accordance with the appropriation acts providing therefore; and
- (3) Make recommendations to the Speaker on programs relating to the establishment and operations of the House staff.

Rule 14. Special Committee

- 14.1.** The Speaker may appoint special committees for special or temporary purposes to consider and report on such special or temporary matters referred to it.

- 14.2. Special committees shall consist of not less than three members each, unless otherwise ordered by the House, to serve until discharged or until finally reporting on such matters referred to them.
- 14.3. Meetings of special committees shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for standing committees.
- 14.4. Special committees shall report upon matters referred to them within the time prescribed under the appointment of the special committees, unless further time is given by vote of the House.

Rule 15. Committee of the Whole

- 15.1. Whenever any matter shall be referred to the entire membership of the House by adoption of a motion to that effect, the House may at any time thereafter resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to be chaired by the Speaker.
- 15.2. The Chief Clerk of the House shall act as Clerk of the Committee of the Whole, without extra compensation, and shall make a careful record of the proceedings, which shall be filed as one of the records of the House.
- 15.3. The committee may, on motion, rise and ask leave to sit at any future time. The rules of procedure in the House shall be observed, except as follows:
 - (1) Any member may speak more than once on the same subject, provided that the member shall not speak a second time or further until others desiring to speak have had an opportunity; and
 - (2) The motion for the "previous question" shall not be allowed.

Rule 16. Conference Committee

- 16.1. Conference committees shall consist of not less than three members each unless otherwise ordered by the House to be appointed for the purpose of resolving differences between the House and the Senate on any matters where the joint agreement of the House and the Senate is required and shall serve until discharged or until finally reporting on the matter referred to it.
- 16.2. The composition of the conference committee shall be as follows:
 - (1) The chair of the standing committee having primary responsibility of the subject matter to be resolved shall be the chair of the conference committee on the part of the House. In the absence of the chair of the conference committee, a designee of the chair shall serve as chair;
 - (2) The membership of a conference committee shall be on a proportional basis. In appointing the minority party members, the Speaker shall consult with the minority leadership of the House.

The Speaker shall appoint the members of a conference committee as the Speaker and the chair of such standing committee having primary responsibility of the subject matter shall so mutually agree; and
 - (3) In no event shall the membership of the conference committee include any member who has voted in the negative on adoption of a substantive resolution or has voted in the negative on third reading of a bill that is the subject of the conference committee.
- 16.3. The chair of the Committee on Finance shall be designated the chair of the conference committee on the General and Supplemental Appropriations Bills. The chair shall invite the participation of the chair of the standing committee having primary responsibility over the program or matter, as described in Part III of these Rules, to which the appropriation relates. After review, the chair of the conference committee shall be responsible for preparing the budgets for consideration by the House.
- 16.4. The meetings of the conference committee shall be conducted as agreed upon by the members of the conference committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.5. It is the position of the House that conference committee meetings and decision-making sessions shall be public. Public notice of the meetings shall be given. Public notice may be posted or announced on the House floor during the session day. Subsequent meetings may be announced during conference committee meetings.
- 16.5. The authority of a conference committee shall be limited solely to resolving differences between the House and the Senate versions of a bill or resolution.

Accordingly, a conference committee shall not amend a bill or resolution by inserting into the bill or resolution any unrelated or new subject; provided that the restrictions in this Rule shall not apply to the General and Supplemental Appropriations Bills; provided further that any increases to the salaries, pensions, or retirement benefits for any elected or appointed officer of the State or County shall be considered by separate bill other than the aforesaid Appropriations Bills or any bill ratifying collective bargaining agreements.

Rule 17. Interim Committee

- 17.1. Interim committees may be established between regular sessions to accomplish specified objectives and work. The appointment of interim committees shall be completed by the Speaker as soon as practicable.
- 17.2. The composition of interim committees shall be as follows:
 - (1) The chair of the interim committee shall be the chair of the standing committee having primary responsibility, as defined by these Rules, over the program or matter to be considered by the interim committee; and
 - (2) The membership of the interim committee shall be on a proportional basis. In appointing the minority party members to the interim committee, the Speaker shall consult with the minority leadership of the House. The Speaker shall appoint the members of an interim committee as the Speaker and the chair of the interim committee shall so mutually agree.
- 17.3. Interim committees may submit interim committee reports from time to time on matters referred to them. The reports shall state findings of facts and conclusions based thereon, together with such recommendations as to the disposal of the matter.

Rule 18. Committee on the Journal

- 18.1. A Committee on the Journal shall be appointed to: prepare, compile, and bind the House Journal; enter into contracts for printing and any other acts necessary to accomplish the purpose of printing the Journal; and distribute the Journal to the members of the House at the next regular session.
- 18.2. The Committee on the Journal shall consist of the Speaker, Vice Speaker, Majority Leader, Majority Floor Leader, Minority Leader, Minority Floor Leader, and the chair of the Committee on Legislative Management, whose duty it shall be to prepare, compile, and bind the House Journal, and who shall be authorized to make contracts with any printer, publisher, or bookbinder for the printing and binding of said Journal. The Chief Clerk of the House shall act as Clerk of the Committee on the Journal. The committee shall report from time to time to the House.
- 18.3. The Committee on the Journal may correct certain errors in all proper cases, and shall correct any mere clerical errors in the compilation of the Journal, such as errors in orthography or the use of one word for another as "affect" for "effect," "previous" for "previously," and the like. No corrections other than such as are authorized by this Rule shall be made at any time by the Clerk or the Clerk's assistants, unless upon order of the committee.

Rule 19. Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedure

The Speaker shall, prior to the convening of a legislative session in an odd- numbered year, establish an Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedure. The committee shall include at least one member from the minority party. The Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedure shall review these Rules and propose to the House such amendments as the committee deems appropriate.

Rule 20. Open Committee Meetings

Every committee authorized and/or established under Part III of these Rules shall be a committee of the House. Every meeting of a committee of the House or of a committee composed of a member or members from the House and the Senate held for the purpose of making decisions on matters referred to the committee shall be open to the public; provided that certain kinds of meetings, including executive sessions, organizational meetings, partisan caucuses, and meetings the subject of which involves the invasion of a person's right to privacy if made public, need not be open to the public.

Every meeting of a special committee, interim committee, or the Advisory Committee on Rules and Procedure shall be noticed in the same manner as applicable to a standing committee.

PART IV. SESSIONS; ATTENDANCE**Rule 21. Meetings**

- 21.1. After the opening day of the Legislature, the House shall meet for the transaction of public business every day except Saturday, Sunday, any legal holiday, and any day in recess, and such other day as the House shall designate.
- 21.2. The House shall determine from time to time the normal hour of its meetings.
- 21.3. Each regular session shall be recessed for not less than five days at some period between the twentieth and fortieth days of the regular session. The House shall, by concurrent resolution, determine the dates of the mandatory recess. Any session may be recessed when a majority of the members of each house adopts a concurrent resolution for that purpose. When directed by a resolution adopted by the House, the Speaker shall consult with the President of the Senate to agree upon the time of a recess or recesses.

Rule 22. Quorum

- 22.1. A majority of the members to which the House is entitled constitutes a quorum, of which a majority vote shall suffice for the conduct of ordinary business unless otherwise provided in these Rules, but the final passage of a bill shall require the vote of a majority of all members to which the House is entitled.
- 22.2. A majority of less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.
- 22.3. If a quorum is not present at the designated time of meeting, the Speaker may declare the House adjourned.
- 22.4. The Speaker shall count the number of members present to determine whether there is a quorum.

Rule 23. Attendance

No member shall be absent from service to the House, unless the member is sick and is unable to attend or is excused by the Speaker.

Rule 24. Adjournments

- 24.1. Meetings of the House may be adjourned at any time by vote. Every adjournment shall be until the normal hour of meeting on the next business day, unless the motion for adjournment specifies otherwise.
- 24.2. A motion to adjourn is always in order and shall be decided without debate. However, one motion to adjourn shall not follow another without intervening business.
- 24.3. A motion to adjourn sine die or to adjourn to a specified time may be debated. No member shall speak more than once on such a motion.

Rule 25. Extension of Session

- 25.1. Two-thirds of the members to which the House is entitled, two-thirds of the Senate concurring, may petition the Speaker of the House and the

President of the Senate to extend any session of the Legislature. The petition shall read:

"To the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate:

Your petitioners, members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the ____ Legislature of the State of Hawaii, respectfully request an extension of ____ days beyond the ____ day of the Regular Session of ____ of the ____ Legislature of the State of Hawaii."

25.2. The petition shall be in writing, above the signatures of the members.

25.3. When the Speaker of the House receives such a petition, and it is properly signed by two-thirds of the members to which each house is entitled, the Speaker and the President of the Senate shall jointly issue a proclamation extending the session for the number of days sought in the petition.

Rule 26. Special Sessions

26.1. Two-thirds of the members to which the House is entitled, two-thirds of the Senate concurring, may petition the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate to call a special session of the Legislature. The petition shall read:

"To the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate:

Your petitioners, members of the House of Representatives and of the Senate of the ____ Legislature of the State of Hawaii, respectfully request the convening of a special session of ____, the ____ Legislature of the State of Hawaii."

26.2. The petition shall be in writing, above the signatures of the members.

26.3. When the Speaker of the House receives such a petition, and it is properly signed by two-thirds of the members to which each house is entitled, the Speaker and the President of the Senate shall jointly issue a proclamation convening the Legislature in special session at the time and place sought in the petition.

PART V. ORDER; DECORUM

Rule 27. Questions of Order

Any member may raise a question of order at any stage in the proceedings of the House, except during a roll call vote. The Speaker shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal of the House. Laying an appeal on the table shall sustain the Speaker's ruling.

Rule 28. Decorum: Punishment for Violations

28.1. No person shall sit at the desk of the Speaker or Chief Clerk, except by permission of the Speaker.

28.2. No person shall walk out of the House Chamber or across the floor of the House while the Speaker is addressing the House. No person shall maintain a private discourse while the Speaker is addressing the House or a member is speaking. No person shall walk between the Speaker and a member who is speaking.

28.3. A question concerning conduct of the Speaker or members should not be presented by way of debate on other matters. Allusions or critical references to the Speaker or members are not in good order. Such attacks are not conducive to the good order of the House.

28.4. The Speaker shall order any member who conducts himself or herself in a disorderly manner during any session of the House to stay in his or her seat and be in order. The Speaker shall order the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove any member who persists in disorderly conduct from the House for the remainder of the day's session, unless the member who has been disorderly pledges to the House that he or she will maintain good behavior.

28.5. Any member who wishes to speak shall rise from his or her seat and address the Speaker, saying, "Mr. Speaker" or "Madam Speaker". When recognized, the member shall face the Speaker and address the question under debate. All debate shall be addressed to the Speaker and not to the membership or an individual member.

28.6. A member referring to another member should avoid using the member's name or political party, rather identifying the member by district, seat, as the member who last spoke, or other similar manner.

28.7. It is not the person but the measure that is the subject of debate, and it is not allowable to arraign the motives of a member, but the nature or consequences of a measure may be condemned in strong terms.

28.8. The Speaker shall call to order any member who violates these Rules while in session, and the member shall then immediately sit down. The Speaker shall then decide the question of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the House. The Speaker may call for the sense of the House on any question of order.

28.9. A member who is called to order while speaking shall retain the floor while the question of order is decided. However, the member may not proceed with the matter under discussion until recognized by the Speaker to continue.

28.10. Any member may demand that the Chief Clerk take down the words or actions objected to when a member is called to order for words spoken or actions taken during debate, and may ask that they be read for the information of the House.

28.11. The House may censure its members for disorderly conduct or neglect of duty. The House may also suspend or expel a member by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the House.

28.12. The House may establish an investigating committee pursuant to chapter 21, Legislative Hearings and Procedure, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the purposes therein mentioned.

28.13. Cell phones, pagers, and similar devices shall be kept in silent mode while on the floor of the House Chamber.

Rule 29. Disclosures and Punishment of Members

- 29.1. Each member shall file with the Ethics Commission of the State of Hawaii a financial disclosure, and any applicable amendments, as prescribed by law.
- 29.2. If a legislative matter that affects a member's interests arises before the member has filed a financial disclosure, or any amendments thereto, to the Ethics Commission, the member shall disclose his or her interest to the House pursuant to Rule 62 before voting.
- 29.3. In accordance with Rule 62, the Speaker shall appoint a Select Committee on Standards of Conduct to receive complaints and investigate any member for misconduct, disorderly conduct, neglect of duty, violation of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or violation of these Rules. The House may punish any member found guilty by such a committee by censure, suspension, or expulsion. Censure shall require the approval of a majority of the members to which the House is entitled. Suspension or expulsion shall require the approval of two-thirds of the members to which the House is entitled.

PART VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 30. Order of Business: General; Order of the Day

- 30.1. The daily order of business shall be:
 - (1) Roll call;
 - (2) Reading and approval of the Journal unless the House by motion dispenses with such reading;
 - (3) Messages from the Governor;
 - (4) Reports and communications from the heads of agencies; and
 - (5) Bills, resolutions, and other matters received from the Senate to be placed on the calendar.
- 30.2. At the option of the Speaker, prior to the convening of any session, there shall be an invocation. Any invocation shall be limited to two minutes, and should not be used to proselytize, advance, or disparage any religion or point of view. Attendance at and participation in the invocation shall be voluntary for all persons.
- 30.3. The order of matters to be considered in the Order of the Day shall be:
 - (1) Unfinished business upon which the House was engaged at the time of its last adjournment;
 - (2) Reports of committees;
 - (3) Petitions, memorials, and communications;
 - (4) Second and third readings;
 - (5) Introduction of bills and resolutions;
 - (6) Any miscellaneous business on the Speaker's table; and
 - (7) Announcements.

Rule 31. Order of Business: Special

The House may, by previous motion, direct that any matter be made a special order of business. Special orders shall take precedence over all business after the fourth order in the order of business. The House may also specify that special orders be taken up at a later specified point in the order of business.

Rule 32. Order of Business: Unfinished Business; Committee Reports and Messages

- 32.1. Any business that the House did not complete before its last adjournment shall have precedence in the Order of the Day. No motion or other business shall be received without special leave of the House until the unfinished business is disposed of.
- 32.2. Reports from conference committees and from the Committee on Legislative Management shall be in order at all times. Upon motion, messages or reports from the Governor, Judiciary, or from the Senate may be received at any time, provided that without unanimous consent such messages or reports shall not be in order for discussion when received but shall be placed on the calendar as "Unfinished Business".

Rule 33. Order of Business: Questions of Priority

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

PART VII. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Rule 34. Form: Bills, Resolutions, and Amendments

- 34.1. All bills and resolutions to be introduced shall be submitted in the form and in the number of copies designated by the Chief Clerk. Short form bills may also be introduced. All bills and resolutions shall be dated and signed by the introducer in black ink.

- 34.2. Every bill introduced or reported out of any committee, which amends an existing section or subsection of the Hawaii Revised Statutes or Session Laws of Hawaii, shall set forth the section or subsection in full, and the matter to be deleted shall be enclosed in brackets and stricken, and any new matter added to the section or subsection shall be underscored. However, a bill need not conform to this rule if it is: (1) a Supplemental Appropriations Bill; or (2) a bill amending the intent and effect of which can be clearly identified and understood without repeating the entire section or subsection, in which case only the paragraphs, subparagraphs, clauses, or items to be amended need be set forth as the Speaker may allow. The Speaker may allow additional exceptions to this rule.
- 34.3. No floor amendment to a bill shall be voted upon unless a copy of such amendment shall have been presented to the Chief Clerk, who shall prepare and distribute copies of the amendment to each member of the House present.
- 34.4. The House shall, in concurrence with the Senate, provide for the date by which all bills to be considered in a regular session shall be introduced. This date shall precede the commencement of the mandatory recess provided for by Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

Rule 35. Bills: First Reading

The first reading of a bill shall be by its title only.

Rule 36. Bills: Second Reading

On second reading, a bill may be read by title only, or, on motion, read throughout. It shall then be subject to a motion for referral to a committee. If it is referred to the Committee of the Whole instead of a special or standing committee, the chair of the Committee of the Whole shall set a day for its consideration. When a bill is reported by a standing committee, special committee, or the Committee of the Whole, and has passed second reading, it shall take its place in the order of business for future consideration.

Rule 37. Bills: Third or Final Reading

- 37.1. No bill shall pass third or final reading in the House unless printed copies of the bill in the form to be passed have been made available to the members of the House for at least 48 hours. "Form to be passed" means the form in which a bill is to be either: (i) passed on third reading in the House; (ii) concurred to by the House after amendments have been made by the Senate; or (iii) passed by the House after a conference committee has agreed upon it.
- 37.2. A bill on its third or final reading may be read by its title only, and the Speaker shall then ask the House, "Shall this bill pass its third reading?" or "Shall this bill pass its final reading?" as the case may be. Such bill may be amended on its third reading. For the final passage of any bill, the Ayes and Noes shall be called or a vote shall be taken pursuant to Rule 53.3 and such passage shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all members to which the House is entitled. The vote upon third reading shall be upon a motion that the bill pass third reading, rather than upon adoption of a committee report, so that amendments to the bill may be offered at third reading and voted upon.
- 37.3. The House shall not concur with substantive amendments made by the Senate to a House bill until the chair of the standing committee having primary responsibility for the subject matter contained in the bill has granted prior concurrence to such amendments as provided for under Rule 13.1.

Rule 38. Bills: Recall from Committee

- 38.1. Any bill that has been referred to a committee may be recalled from that committee 20 days after referral, if one-third of the members to which the House is entitled vote in favor of the recall.
- 38.2. No parliamentary rule or procedure may supersede the constitutional right of recall of a bill from committee.

Rule 39. Bills: Certification

- 39.1. When the House passes a bill, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk shall certify it and note the day of its passage at the bottom of the last page of the bill.
- 39.2. When a bill introduced in the House passes third reading in the House, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk shall immediately send it to the Senate. Likewise, they shall send to the Senate any bill that the House receives from the Senate, amends, and passes on third reading in the House. Likewise, they shall send to the Senate any bill introduced in the Senate in the first regular session of a Legislature that passes third reading in the House in the second regular session of the same Legislature.

Rule 40. Bills and Resolutions: Order of Consideration

- 40.1. The Chief Clerk shall send bills that have passed first reading to be printed immediately. When they have been printed and circulated to the members of the House, the Speaker shall refer them to the various committees. When the committees have considered them and reported on them, the committees shall return them to the Chief Clerk, and the Chief Clerk shall place them in the second reading file. The House shall consider them in the order in which they appear in the second reading file.
- 40.2. The Chief Clerk shall arrange bills that have passed second reading in the order of their passage on second reading, regardless of the date of their referral to committee or the date of the committee report on them. The Chief Clerk shall place them in the third reading file in the order in which they passed second reading, and the House shall consider them on third reading in that same order. However, if the third reading of a bill is set for some particular date, that bill shall be removed from the third reading file.
- 40.3. The Chief Clerk shall send all resolutions, except congratulatory resolutions, to be printed. When they have been printed and circulated among the members of the House, they shall be placed on the calendar for adoption, unless the House orders otherwise.
- 40.4. Resolutions shall either be considered at a stated date or be referred to a committee.

Rule 41. Bills and Other Matters: Special Order of Consideration

- 41.1. The Chief Clerk shall place all bills and other matters that are to be considered on particular dates in a special file, in the order of dates assigned for their consideration, and the House shall consider them in that order.
- 41.2. If the House adjourns before disposing of matters on special order, those matters shall carry over to the next day's business. The House shall then consider them under "Unfinished Business" in the Order of the Day, unless the House orders otherwise.

Rule 42. Bills: Property of the House

All bills introduced in the House shall be the property of the House.

Rule 43. Bills: Carryover Bills

- 43.1. Any bill pending at the final adjournment of a regular session in an odd-numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session; provided that if such bill shall have passed third reading in the House in an odd-numbered session, it shall again be placed in the third reading file and pass at least one reading in the House in the next regular session upon its return to the House from the Senate.
- 43.2. Bills that carry over from a regular session in an odd-numbered year to the next regular session shall retain the numbers assigned to them. The Chief Clerk shall keep a record of the status of all bills in possession of the House at the end of the session in odd-numbered years and shall publish the record of the status of all such bills prior to the convening of the next regular session.

Rule 44. Bills: Pre-Filing

The Chief Clerk shall accept bills to be pre-filed within seven calendar days before the commencement of each regular session.

Rule 45. Bills: Corrections of Errors

When a bill has passed the House and the Senate and an error in the bill is discovered prior to its having received approval of the Governor, the bill may be returned by concurrent resolution in the house last considering the bill for proper correction.

PART VIII. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**Rule 46. Petitions and Communications: Presentation and Disposition**

- 46.1. Any person may petition the House. Petitions shall be in writing, and the petitioners shall sign them.
- 46.2. The Speaker shall order all petitions and communications filed or referred to a committee without any motion or vote, unless there is objection from the members. If there is objection, the Speaker shall dispose of the matter as the House directs.
- 46.3. Upon the request of a member, the Speaker may authorize the issuance of congratulatory certificates in the name of the House.

PART IX. MOTIONS; DEBATE**Rule 47. Motions: Generally**

- 47.1. No motion shall be received and considered by the House until the same shall have been seconded.
- 47.2. After a motion is stated and determined to be in order by the Speaker, it shall be disposed of by vote of the House. However, the motion may be withdrawn by the movant at any time before a decision or amendment.
- 47.3. Whenever any question whatsoever shall be under discussion, the only permanent motions shall be:
 - First: To lay on the table;
 - Second: To postpone to a certain time;
 - Third: To commit;
 - Fourth: To amend; and
 - Fifth: To postpone indefinitely;
 which motions shall have precedence in the order named.
- 47.4. The first two motions shall be decided without debate and shall be put as soon as made.
- 47.5. Whenever any of the first four motions mentioned above shall be decided in the negative, it shall not be revived the same day in regard to the main question under discussion. If a motion to amend in a specific manner is defeated, it shall not be revived on the same day.

Rule 48. Indefinite Postponement

When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the regular or special session in which it was introduced without the consent of two-thirds of the members to which the House is entitled.

Rule 49. Matters Tabled

When a question has been laid on the table, it shall not thereafter be taken from and be considered or restored to a place upon the calendar of the House without the consent of the majority upon a motion made on the day the question was tabled or on the next day that the House is in session; thereafter, no motion to take any question from the table shall be made without the consent, in writing, of the majority. A motion to

take any question from the table, if decided in the negative, may not again be made on the same day.

Rule 50. Motions: Previous Question

The purpose of the motion for the previous question is to end debate. The motion shall always be in order, except as otherwise provided herein. It shall require a majority vote of the members present in the House at the time the motion is made. Whenever the motion is carried, the movant of the main subject under discussion shall be permitted to close the debate, after which the main question, subject to the order of priority, shall be put; provided that the movant may delegate the right to close to another member.

Rule 51. Motions: Reconsideration

- 51.1. When a motion has been made once and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall not be in order for any member who voted in the minority to move for reconsideration, but any member who voted with the majority may move to reconsider it on the same or succeeding day of the session. A motion to reconsider shall take precedence over all other questions except a motion to adjourn.
- 51.2. The House shall not reconsider a motion to reconsider.
- 51.3. If the House wishes to reconsider a measure or other matter which it already has passed or adopted and sent to the Senate, the motion to reconsider shall be accompanied by a motion to request the Senate to return the measure or other matter. The House shall act first on the motion for return of the measure or other matter, without debate. If this motion fails, it is an end of the matter, and the movant and seconder of the motion to reconsider shall withdraw their motion.

Rule 52. Debate: Limits

- 52.1. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the House; provided, however, that the movant of the matter pending shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken. No member shall speak longer than five minutes the first time and three minutes the second time on the same question; provided however, that any member may yield his or her speaking time to another member.
- 52.2. When a member yields the floor to another member, the yielding member's time shall continue to run, except when such yielding shall be to allow a specific question to be asked and when in response to the specific question asked.
- 52.3. Members may submit written remarks in lieu of speaking, subject to the approval of the Speaker, that conform to Rules 28.3, 28.7, 62.1, and other applicable rules herein.

PART X. VOTING

Rule 53. Voting: Methods

- 53.1. There shall be five methods of ascertaining the decision of the House on any matter: first, by voice vote; second, by raising of hands; third, by standing; fourth, by call of the roll of members, each of whose votes shall be recorded by the Chief Clerk; and fifth, by unanimous consent.
- 53.2. When the House is ready to vote on any question, the Speaker shall rise, state the question, and ask all those who wish to vote yes on the question say "aye" in a clear, loud voice. The Speaker then shall ask all those who wish to vote no on the question say "no" likewise. The Speaker shall announce the decision of the House after the Chief Clerk has announced the result of the voting of the House, except that the Chief Clerk shall not announce the decision of the House after a voice vote.
- 53.3. With the unanimous consent of the House, the Speaker may direct the Chief Clerk to record an aye for each member of the House. If there is no objection, the Chief Clerk shall so record the vote. If there is objection, the Speaker shall ask for the names of the members voting no, and order the Chief Clerk to record no votes for them. A vote shall not be recorded for any member who is not present at the time the vote is taken.

Rule 54. Voting: Rights of Members; Restrictions

- 54.1. In case of a voice vote, if one-fifth of the members present doubt the result the Speaker announces, they may ask for a show of hands. The Speaker then shall state the question again and ask those who wish to vote yes on the question to raise their hands. The Chief Clerk then shall count the number voting yes and report the result to the Speaker. The Speaker then shall ask those who wish to vote no to raise their hands likewise. The Chief Clerk shall count the no votes and report the result to the Speaker. The Speaker then shall announce the result to the House.
- 54.2. In case of a show of hands, if one-fifth of the members present doubt the result the Speaker announces, they may ask for a standing vote. The Speaker then shall state the question again, and ask those who wish to vote yes to stand up and remain standing until the Chief Clerk counts their votes and reports the result to the Speaker. The Speaker then shall ask those who wish to vote no to stand likewise. The Chief Clerk shall report the result to the Speaker and the Speaker shall announce it to the House.
- 54.3. Any time one-fifth of the members present request it, the Chief Clerk shall call the roll of members of the House to determine their vote on a question. Each member who wishes to vote yes on the question shall say "aye" in a loud, clear voice when his or her name is called by the Chief Clerk. Each member who wishes to vote no on the question shall say "no" likewise.
- 54.4. No member shall refrain from voting unless excused pursuant to Rule 62.6.
- 54.5. When voting is by roll call, no member may explain his or her vote, unless the House permits it by unanimous consent.
- 54.6. No member may vote or change his or her vote after the Speaker has announced the result of voting.
- 54.7. Any member who refuses (including the "kanalua" response) three times to vote when ordered to do so will be considered to have voted aye, and the Chief Clerk shall record an aye vote for the member.

PART XI. MISCELLANEOUS**Rule 55. Subpoena; Oaths; Witness Fees**

- 55.1. The Speaker, and every investigating committee under chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses or production of evidence in any matter before the House or its committees pursuant to chapter 21, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 55.2. Any member of the House may administer oaths to witnesses in any matter pending in the House or in any committee of the House.
- 55.3. Any witness subpoenaed to appear before the House or any of its committees shall receive the same witness fees and mileage allowances that the Circuit Courts of the State pay.

Rule 56. Public Information

The Speaker may admit to the House Chamber stenographers and members of the news media who wish to take down debates or report the proceedings of the House. The Speaker shall assign such persons places for observation and other facilities that will not interfere with the operations of the House.

Rule 57. Disposition of Records at Adjournment

Within ten days after the House adjourns sine die in even-numbered years, its committees shall deliver to the Chief Clerk all bills, resolutions, petitions, and any other papers referred to the committees, plus any evidence taken by the committees. If a committee fails to comply with this rule, the Chief Clerk shall report its failure to the Speaker.

Rule 58. House Administrative and Financial Manual

- 58.1. The House shall adopt an administrative and financial manual.
- 58.2. After adoption, any revision to the manual shall be presented to the House unless otherwise provided in the manual.

PART XII. AMENDMENT, SUSPENSION, AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES**Rule 59. Rules: Amendment**

These Rules shall not be altered unless the members of the House have received the 24 hour notice of the proposed change. The 24 hour period shall commence with the placement of a printed copy of the proposed amendment upon the desk of each member. Changes in these Rules shall be taken up as a special order. Any change in these Rules shall require the approval of a majority of the members to which the House is entitled.

Rule 60. Rules: Suspension

These Rules may be suspended by the approval of a majority of the members to which the House is entitled.

Rule 61. Parliamentary Practice

Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure, 2020 Edition, is hereby designated as the adopted parliamentary authority of the House.

PART XIII. CODE OF LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT**Rule 62. Standards of Conduct**

- 62.1. Members should conduct themselves in a respectful manner befitting the office with which they as elected officials have been entrusted, respecting and complying with the law and acting at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity of the House.
- 62.2. Members should not lend the prestige of public office to advance the private interests of themselves or others; nor should members convey or permit others to convey the impression that they are in a special position to unduly influence public business pending before them.
- 62.3. Members should treat their fellow House members, staff, and the general public with respect, courtesy, fairness, equity, dignity, and inclusion, regardless of political or religious beliefs, age, race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical disability.
- 62.4. The legislative duties of members, as prescribed by law and these Rules, should take precedence over all of their other business or professional activities. Members should freely and willingly accept certain restrictions on their business activities and professional conduct that might be considered burdensome by an ordinary private citizen, and should perform the duties of elected office impartially and diligently. To the greatest extent reasonably possible, members should:
 - (1) Refrain from allowing family, social, business, or other relationships to unduly influence the member's legislative conduct or judgment;
 - (2) Refrain from showing bias or prejudice, including but not limited to bias or prejudice based on political or religious beliefs, age, race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or physical disability, in the performance of their official duties;
 - (3) Exercise patience, tolerance, and courtesy to all those with whom they deal with in an official capacity, and require staff and others subject to their direction and control to maintain similar standards of conduct, fidelity, and diligence inherent in public service;
 - (4) Exercise the power of appointment impartially and on the basis of merit, refraining from making unnecessary appointments and approving compensation of appointees beyond the fair value of services rendered;
 - (5) Afford to every person who wishes to participate in the legislative process the opportunity to be heard according to established

- procedures;
- (6) Consider at all times whether their conduct would create in reasonable minds the perception that their ability to carry out legislative responsibilities with integrity and independence is either questionable or impaired;
 - (7) Manage their personal interests and obligations so as to minimize the number of votes in which they are in, or may reasonably be perceived to be in, potential conflict;
 - (8) Refrain from using, or permitting the use of, the privileges and prestige of their public office to derive undue personal, professional, or financial benefits for themselves, members of their family, or others with whom they maintain personal, business, or professional relationships;
 - (9) Refrain from engaging in financial and business dealings that involve them in frequent transactions, or continuing business or professional relationships, with those persons likely to derive benefits from public financial matters either pending or already deliberated and voted upon by the House, to the extent that such conduct may reasonably be perceived as personal exploitation of their public office; and
 - (10) Refrain from membership in an organization that practices invidious discrimination and gives rise to perceptions that one's impartiality and ability to serve as a representative are unduly compromised.
- 62.5.** Each member, as an elected representative of their district, has the obligation or duty to vote on measures before the House, unless the member is recused or excused from voting. A member may be recused or excused from voting when the member has a conflict of interest. A "conflict of interest" arises when the standards herein are impacted and includes, but is not limited to, situations when the measure affects the member's direct personal, familial, or financial interest; provided that a conflict does not arise where the measure applies to a broader class.
- 62.6.** A member may make an oral or written request for a ruling by the chair in a committee hearing or by the Speaker on the floor of the House chamber as to whether a conflict exists. The request shall include with particularity the basis for the request. If it is determined that a conflict exists, the member shall be recused or excused from voting by the chair or Speaker, as applicable. When making a determination in cases where a portion of a measure may place a member in a conflict of interest, the chair or Speaker, as applicable, shall give due consideration to the context of the particular conflict as it relates to the overall purpose of the measure. A ruling of the chair or Speaker shall be subject to an appeal by any member.
- 62.7.** There shall be established a Select Committee on Standards of Conduct composed of three members of the majority party and three members of the minority party, who shall be appointed by the Speaker. The Committee shall investigate any member for misconduct, disorderly conduct, neglect of duty, conflict of interest, violation of chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or violation of these Rules. The Select Committee on Standards of Conduct shall operate in accordance with rules and procedures adopted by the House.
- 62.8.** Except as provided, a member shall not accept an honorarium related to the member's legislative role, duties, or responsibilities. For the purposes of this rule, an "honorarium" means compensation provided to a member for services rendered by the member under conditions for which there is no contractual or legal obligation by the recipient of the services to compensate the member. The following shall not be considered an honorarium:
- (1) Reasonable and verifiable expenses for the member's meals, travel, lodging, and for care of a child or dependent adult that are actually incurred;
 - (2) Permissible gifts under chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
 - (3) Anything of value that is otherwise reported or reportable as a campaign donation or expenditure; or
 - (4) Any compensation if the member is requested to appear and/or speak on a topic or issue that is not related to the member's legislative role or duties.
- 62.9.** Even if permitted by Rule 62.8, a member may not accept an honorarium if the offering of the honorarium is made for the purpose of influencing the performance of a member's official duties.
- 62.10.** No member shall solicit any monetary campaign contribution from an employee over whom the member has authority to exercise direct control.
- "Direct control" means the authority to subject a person to an adverse employment action, including termination, reduction in compensation, demotion, or denial of a promotion.
- 62.11.** Nothing herein shall be construed to limit, approve, prohibit, or infringe upon the proper jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.

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Preface

The purpose of these rules is to enable the Select Committee on Standards of Conduct to properly perform the powers and duties vested in the Committee, including the conduct of hearings, in a fair and impartial manner, consistent with the protection of constitutional rights of persons called to testify at hearings and the preservation of public good.

PART 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. Definitions. As used in these rules, unless a different meaning is clearly intended by the context:

"Adjudicatory review" means a proceeding undertaken by the Committee after a finding, on the basis of a preliminary inquiry, that there is substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred.

"Authorized membership" means the total number of members appointed to the Committee.

"Chair" includes the Chair appointed by the Speaker, or in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair appointed by the Speaker, or in the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, a member designated by the Chair.

"Committee" means the Select Committee on Standards of Conduct established under House Rule 62.7.

"Executive session" means a session at which only members, staff, witnesses, and counsel for a witness or witnesses are permitted to be present. Other individuals may be admitted to an executive session for a specified period or purpose on the motion of a member with the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair. An executive session may be convened by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership.

"House" means the House of Representatives.

"Member" means a member of the Committee.

"Preliminary inquiry" means a proceeding undertaken by the Committee following the receipt of a complaint from a Representative about misconduct to determine whether there is substantial credible evidence that provides substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred.

"Quorum" means a majority of the authorized membership provided that, except for an adjudicatory hearing under Part 6 or the taking of a deposition under Part 7, one member shall constitute a quorum to hear testimony if all members have been given notice of the hearing and a member of the majority party and a member of the minority party have been designated by the Chair and Vice Chair respectively to be in attendance.

"Speaker" means the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PART 2. GENERAL APPLICABILITY

2.1. Powers of the Speaker of the House. The Speaker shall have administrative authority over the activities and operations of the Committee to:

- (1) Assign appropriate staff and to direct appropriate services to assist the Committee in accomplishing its purpose;
- (2) Adjust the respective membership of the Committee as deemed necessary, including the filling of vacancies; and
- (3) In the absence of the Chair, sign hearing notices or subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, as authorized to be issued by the Committee.

2.2. Vacancies. Vacancies shall not affect the authority of the remaining members to execute the functions of the Committee.

2.3. Meetings. Meetings may be held at the call of the Chair if at least 48 hours notice is furnished to all members. If all members agree, or if approved by the Speaker, a meeting may be held on less than 48 hours notice.

2.4. Quorum. A quorum shall be present for the transaction of business involving complaints or allegations of, or information about, misconduct, including resulting preliminary inquiries, adjudicatory reviews, recommendations, and reports.

2.5. Order of Business. The order of business and the procedure of the Committee shall be decided by the Chair and Vice Chair.

2.6. Hearings Announcements. The Committee shall publicly announce the date, place, and subject matter of its hearing at least one week before the commencement of that hearing. If the Committee determines that there is good cause to commence a hearing at an earlier date, notice shall be given at the earliest possible time.

2.7. Committee Meetings. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public unless the meeting is held in executive session.

2.8. Record of Testimony and Committee Action. (a) An accurate stenographic or transcribed electronic record shall be kept of all Committee proceedings, whether in executive or public session, which record shall include rulings of the Chair, questions of the Committee and its staff, the testimony or responses of witnesses, sworn written statements submitted to the Committee, any vote of the Committee, and such other matters as the Committee or the Chair may direct.

(b) The record of any remarks made by a member, Committee staff, outside counsel retained by the Committee, counsel for the witness, or witness, whether in public or executive session, shall be made available for inspection in accordance with Part 10 under Committee supervision at a time and place determined by the Chair; a copy of any testimony given by a witness in public session, or that part of the testimony given by the witness in executive session and subsequently quoted or made part of the record in a public session shall be made available to any witness if requested.

(c) Any member, Committee staff, outside counsel retained by the Committee, counsel for the witness, or witness may suggest to the official reporter, any corrections to typographical or transcription errors. If the reporter declines to make the requested corrections, the member, staff, outside counsel, counsel for the witness, or witness may request a ruling by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly. Any questions arising with respect to the processing and correction of transcripts shall be decided by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly.

(d) Except for the record of a hearing which is closed to the public, each transcript shall be printed as soon as is practicable after receipt of the corrected version. The Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, may order the transcript of a hearing to be printed without corrections if a reasonable time to correct the transcript has been afforded and corrections have not been requested.

(e) Records of the Committee shall be maintained by the Chief Clerk of the House.

2.9. Ineligibility or Disqualification of Members. (a) A member shall be ineligible to participate in any Committee proceeding that relates specifically to any of the following:

- (1) A preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review relating to:
 - (i) The conduct of the member; or
 - (ii) Any complaint filed by the member against another Representative; and
- (2) The determinations and recommendations of the Committee with respect to any preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review described in subparagraph (1).

A member may also be ineligible to participate if the member's staff will be a witness.

(b) If any Committee proceeding appears to relate to a member in a manner described in paragraph (a), the staff shall prepare a report to the Chair and Vice Chair. If either the Chair or the Vice Chair concludes from the report that it appears that the member may be ineligible to participate in a Committee proceeding, the member shall be notified in writing of the nature of the particular proceeding and the reason that it appears that the member may be ineligible to participate in it. If the member agrees to the ineligibility, the member shall notify the Chair or Vice Chair. If the member does not agree, the member may explain the reasons to the Chair and Vice Chair, and if they both agree that the member is eligible, the member shall continue to serve. But if either the Chair or Vice Chair continues to believe that the member is ineligible and the member disagrees, the matter shall be promptly referred to the Committee. The member shall present arguments to the Committee in executive session. Any contested questions concerning a member's eligibility shall be decided by a majority vote of the Committee, meeting in executive session, with the member in question not participating.

(c) Members may disqualify themselves from participating in any preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review pending before the Committee and the determinations and recommendations of the Committee with respect to any such preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review.

(d) Whenever any member is ineligible under paragraph (a) to participate in any preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review, or is disqualified under paragraphs (b) and (c) from participating in any preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review, another Representative shall be appointed by the Speaker, after written notice about the ineligibility or disqualification, to serve as a member solely for purposes of such preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review and the determinations and recommendations of the Committee with respect to such preliminary inquiry or adjudicatory review. Any Representative appointed for such purposes shall be of the same party as the member who is ineligible or disqualified.

(e) The Speaker shall be given written notice of the ineligibility or disqualification of any member from any preliminary inquiry, adjudicatory review, or other proceeding requiring the appointment of another member in accordance with paragraph (d).

2.10. Television, Film, Radio. Public hearings or meetings may be televised, filmed, or otherwise recorded and made public, unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership. Photographers and reporters using mechanical recording, filming, or broadcasting apparatus shall position their equipment so as not to interfere with the seating, vision, and hearing of the members and staff, or with the orderly process of the meeting or hearing.

2.11. Legislative Recommendations. The Committee shall recommend to the House by report or resolution any additional rules or other legislative measures as it determines to be necessary or desirable to ensure proper standards of conduct by Representatives. The Committee may conduct inquiries as it deems necessary to prepare this report or resolution, including the holding of hearings in public or executive session and the use of subpoenas as provided for in Part 3. The Committee may make legislative recommendations as a result of its findings in a preliminary inquiry, adjudicatory review, or other proceeding.

2.12. Educational Mandate. The Committee may develop and implement programs and materials designed to educate members about the laws, rules, and standards of conduct applicable to members in the performance of their duties.

2.13. Limitations. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to limit or prohibit the acquisition of evidence or information by the Committee through any lawful means.

PART 3. GENERAL PROCEDURES

3.1. Right to Hearing. The Committee shall give the Representative responding to the complaint or facing an adjudicatory review under Part 6 an opportunity for a hearing before it recommends disciplinary action against that Representative to the House or before it imposes an order of restitution or reprimand (not requiring discipline by the full House).

3.2. Closed Hearings. All hearings of the Committee relating to allegations of misconduct shall be closed to the public unless the Committee determines by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership that a hearing should be public.

3.3. Adjudicatory Hearings. The Committee may, by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership, designate any public hearing or executive session as an adjudicatory hearing. Any hearing which is concerned with possible disciplinary action against a respondent or respondents designated by the Committee shall be an adjudicatory hearing. In any adjudicatory hearing, the procedures described in Part 6 shall apply.

3.4. Presiding Officer. The Chair shall preside over hearings.

3.5. Subpoenas. (a) The Committee, with the concurrence of the Speaker, may issue, by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership, subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum requiring the production of books, documents, or other evidence, in any matter pending before the Committee.

(b) The form of subpoenas, the manner of service, witness service fees, and notice requirements shall be as provided in sections 21-8 and 21-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

(c) Every subpoena and subpoena duces tecum authorized to be issued by the Committee shall be issued under the signature of the Chair and shall command each person to whom it is directed to attend and give testimony at a time and place thereon specified, and if requested by the Committee, to produce the books, papers, documents, or tangible things required by the Committee to be produced.

(d) The Committee may delegate to the Chair the authority to specify the time and place at which the person subpoenaed is to attend and give testimony and to designate the books, papers, documents, or tangible things required by the Committee to be produced.

(e) The Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership, may withdraw a subpoena issued on behalf of the Committee.

3.6. Depositions. Depositions shall be taken in accordance with Part 7.

3.7. Oath or Affirmation. (a) All testimony given or adduced at a hearing; preliminary inquiry under Part 5; or adjudicatory review or hearing under Part 6, shall be made under oath or affirmation unless the requirement is dispensed with in a particular instance by a majority of the members present at a hearing. Any member may administer an oath or affirmation to a witness at a hearing of the Committee.

(b) The form of the oath or affirmation shall be as follows: "Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

3.8. Witnesses. Any witness may be asked, or subpoenaed, to testify at a hearing or adjudicatory review and shall have the rights set forth under Part 8.

3.9. Right to Testify. Persons whose names are mentioned or who are specifically identified or otherwise referred to in testimony or in statements made by a member, staff, or outside counsel, or any witness, and who reasonably believe that a statement tends to adversely affect their reputation may:

- (1) Request to appear personally before the Committee to testify on their own behalf; or
- (2) File a sworn statement of facts relevant to the testimony or other evidence or statement complained of. Such requests and statements shall be submitted to the Committee for its consideration and action.

3.10. Committee Report; Opposing Views. Each member shall be given a reasonable opportunity to have separate views included as part of any Committee report.

PART 4. PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS, ALLEGATIONS, OR INFORMATION

4.1. Complaint, Allegation, or Information. Any Representative may report to the Committee a sworn complaint alleging that a Representative has violated a law, the House Code of Legislative Conduct, or any rule of the House relating to conduct of any individual in the performance of duties as a Representative, or has engaged in improper conduct which may reflect negatively upon the House. Complaints may be reported to the Chair, the Vice Chair, or a member.

Complaints shall not be accepted by the Committee during an election year on, or after, the filing deadline until one day after the general election. During this time, the Speaker shall accept complaints, allegations, or information and determine the action to be taken.

4.2. Form and Content of Complaints. A complaint shall be sworn but need not be in any particular form to receive Committee consideration, but shall:

- (1) State the name of the party filing the complaint;
- (2) Provide the name of each Representative who is specifically alleged to have engaged in improper conduct or committed a violation; and
- (3) State the nature of the alleged improper conduct or violation and may supply documents in the possession of the party filing the complaint relevant to or in support of the allegations as an attachment to the complaint.

For the purposes of this Rule, a "sworn complaint" means a written statement of facts, submitted under penalty of perjury, alleging a violation of law, the Code of Legislative Conduct, or any other Rule relating to the conduct of individuals in the performance of their duties as Representatives.

PART 5. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING A PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

5.1. Basis for Preliminary Inquiry. The Committee shall promptly commence a preliminary inquiry whenever it has received a sworn complaint from a Representative about alleged misconduct or violations by a Representative pursuant to Part 4; provided that the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly on behalf of the Committee may dismiss any matter, which is determined to lack substantial merit.

5.2. Scope of Preliminary Inquiry. (a) The preliminary inquiry shall be of a duration and scope necessary to determine whether there is substantial credible evidence, which provides substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred. The Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, on behalf of the Committee may supervise and determine the appropriate duration, scope, and conduct of a preliminary inquiry. Whether a preliminary inquiry is conducted jointly by the Chair and Vice Chair or by the Committee as a whole, the day-to-day supervision of a preliminary inquiry rests with the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly.

(b) A preliminary inquiry may include any inquiries, interviews, sworn statements, depositions, or subpoenas deemed appropriate to obtain information to make any determination provided for by these rules.

5.3. Opportunity for Response. A preliminary inquiry shall include an opportunity for the Representative against whom the complaint is being brought or the Representative's designated representative to present either a written statement, or to respond orally to questions from the Committee. Oral statements or answers shall be transcribed and signed by the person providing the statement or answers.

5.4. Final Report. When the preliminary inquiry is completed, the Chair and Vice Chair shall make a report, oral or written, to the Committee on findings and recommendations, as appropriate. Disclosure of this report shall be governed by rules provided under Part 10.

5.5. Committee Action. As soon as practicable following submission of the report by the Chair and Vice Chair on the preliminary inquiry, the Committee shall determine by a recorded vote of a majority of members to which the Committee is entitled whether there is substantial credible evidence which provides substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred. The Committee may make any of the following determinations:

- (1) That there is not substantial credible evidence and in this case the Committee shall dismiss the matter. The Committee shall inform the complainant and the respondent to the complaint of the dismissal;
- (2) That there is substantial credible evidence, but that the alleged violation is inadvertent, technical, or otherwise of a de minimis nature. In this case, the Committee may dispose of the matter by issuing a public or private letter of admonition, which shall not be considered discipline and which shall not be subject to appeal to the House. The issuance of a letter of admonition shall be approved by the affirmative recorded vote of not less two-thirds of the authorized membership; and
- (3) That there is substantial credible evidence and that the matter cannot be appropriately disposed of under paragraph (2). In this case, the Committee shall promptly initiate an adjudicatory review in accordance with Part 6. No adjudicatory review of the conduct of a Representative may be initiated except by the affirmative recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of the authorized membership.

PART 6. PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING AN ADJUDICATORY REVIEW AND ADJUDICATORY HEARING

6.1. Scope of Adjudicatory Review. When the Committee decides to conduct an adjudicatory review, it shall be of a duration and scope necessary for the Committee to determine whether a violation within its jurisdiction has occurred. An adjudicatory review shall be conducted by the Committee unless the Committee determines to use outside counsel for this purpose. In the course of the adjudicatory review, the Committee may conduct any inquiries, interviews, or hearings, take sworn statements, use its subpoena powers, take depositions, or take any other actions that the Committee deems appropriate to secure the evidence necessary to make a determination.

6.2. Notice to Respondent. The Committee shall give written notice to the Representative who is the subject of an adjudicatory review. The notice shall be sent to the Representative against whom the complaint has been made no later than five working days after the Committee has voted to conduct an adjudicatory review. The notice shall include a statement of the nature of the possible violation and description of the evidence indicating that a possible violation occurred. The Committee may offer the Representative an opportunity to present a statement, orally or in writing, or to respond to questions from members, or outside counsel, if such counsel has been retained by the Committee.

6.3. Final Report of Adjudicatory Review to Committee. Upon completion of an adjudicatory review, the Chair and Vice Chair shall submit a written report to the Committee, which shall detail the factual findings of the adjudicatory review and which may recommend disciplinary action, if appropriate. Findings of fact of the adjudicatory review shall be detailed in this report whether or not disciplinary action is recommended. Disclosure of this report shall be governed by rules provided under Part 10.

6.4. Committee Action. (a) As soon as practicable following submission of the report of the Chair and Vice Chair on the adjudicatory review, the Committee shall prepare and submit a report to the House, including a recommendation to the House concerning disciplinary action, if appropriate. A report shall be issued, stating in detail the Committee's findings of fact, whether or not disciplinary action is recommended. The report shall also explain fully the reasons underlying the Committee's recommendation concerning disciplinary action, if any. No adjudicatory review of conduct may be conducted, or report or recommendation relating to an adjudicatory review of conduct may be made, except by the affirmative recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of the authorized membership.

(b) After receipt of the report prescribed by Rule 6.3, the Committee, by a recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of the authorized membership, may make recommendations for disciplinary action or issue an order for reprimand or restitution, as follows:

- (1) A recommendation to the House for expulsion, censure, payment of restitution, recommendation to the Speaker regarding the Representative's positions of responsibility and committee assignments, or a combination of these;
- (2) In the case where the Committee determines, after according due notice and opportunity for a hearing, that misconduct occurred warranting discipline less serious than discipline by the full House, and subject to Rule 6.5 relating to appeal, by a unanimous vote of six members order that a Representative be reprimanded or pay restitution or both; and
- (3) In the case where the Committee determines that misconduct is inadvertent, technical, or otherwise of a de minimis nature, issuance of a public

or private letter of admonition to a Representative, which shall not be subject to appeal to the House.

(c) In the case where the Committee determines, upon consideration of all the evidence, that the facts do not warrant a finding that there is substantial credible evidence which provides substantial cause for the Committee to conclude that a violation within the jurisdiction of the Committee has occurred, the Committee may dismiss the matter.

(d) Promptly after the conclusion of the adjudicatory review, the Committee report and recommendation, if any, shall be forwarded to the Chief Clerk of the House, and a copy shall be provided to the Representative bringing the complaint and the Representative responding to the complaint.

6.5. Right of Appeal. (a) Any individual who is the subject of a reprimand or order of restitution, or both, pursuant to Rule 6.4 (b)(2), may, within ten days of the Committee's report to the House of its action imposing a reprimand or order of restitution, or both, appeal to the House by providing written notice of the appeal to the Committee and the Speaker. The Speaker shall cause the notice of the appeal to be printed in the House Journal.

(b) A motion to proceed to consideration of an appeal pursuant to paragraph (a) shall be highly privileged and not debatable. If the motion to proceed to consideration of the appeal is agreed to, the appeal shall be decided on the basis of the Committee's report to the House. Debate on the appeal shall be limited to two hours, which shall be divided equally between those favoring and those opposing the appeal.

6.6. Adjudicatory Hearings; Notice. A copy of the public announcement of an adjudicatory hearing shall be furnished together with a copy of this Part to all witnesses at the time that they are subpoenaed or otherwise summoned to testify.

6.7. Adjudicatory Hearings; Preparation. (a) At least two working days prior to the commencement of an adjudicatory hearing, the Committee shall provide the following information and documents to the Representative responding to the complaint, if any:

- (i) A list of proposed witnesses to be called at the hearing;
- (ii) Copies of all documents expected to be introduced as exhibits at the hearing; and
- (iii) A brief statement as to the nature of the testimony expected to be given by each witness to be called at the hearing.

(b) At least two working days prior to the commencement of an adjudicatory hearing, the respondent, if any, shall provide the information and documents described in paragraph (a) to the Committee.

(c) At the discretion of the Committee, the information and documents to be exchanged under this Part shall be subject to an appropriate agreement limiting access and disclosure.

(d) If a Representative responding to the complaint refuses to provide the information and documents to the Committee (see paragraphs (a) and (b)), or if a responding Representative or other individual violates an agreement limiting access and disclosure, the Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership, may recommend to the House that the offender be cited for contempt.

6.8. Adjudicatory Hearings; Right to Cross-Examine and Call Witnesses. (a) In adjudicatory hearings, respondents and any other persons upon obtaining the permission of the Committee, may personally or through counsel cross-examine witnesses called by the Committee and may call witnesses on their own behalf.

(b) A Representative responding to a complaint may apply to the Committee for the issuance of subpoenas for the appearance of witnesses or the production of documents on the Representative's behalf. An application shall be approved upon a concise showing by the responding Representative that the proposed testimony or evidence is relevant and appropriate, as determined by the Chair and Vice Chair. The subpoena shall be issued pursuant to Part 3.

(c) With respect to witnesses called by a responding Representative, or other individual given permission by the Committee, each witness shall first be examined by the party who called the witness or by that party's counsel.

6.9. Adjudicatory Hearing; Admissibility of Evidence. (a) The object of the hearing shall be to ascertain the truth. Any evidence that may be relevant and probative shall be admissible unless privileged under the Hawaii Rules of Evidence. Rules of evidence shall not be applied strictly, but the Chair shall exclude irrelevant or unduly repetitious testimony. Objections going only to the weight that should be given evidence will not justify its exclusion.

(b) The Chair shall rule upon any question of the admissibility of testimony or other evidence presented to the Committee. Rulings shall be final unless reversed or modified by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership before the recess of that day's hearings.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), in any matter before the Committee involving allegations of sexual discrimination, including sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct, by a Representative, the Committee shall be guided by the standards and procedures of Rule 412 of the Hawaii Rules of Evidence, except that the Committee may admit evidence subject to the provisions of this paragraph only by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership that the interests of justice require that this evidence be admitted.

6.10. Adjudicatory Hearing; Supplementary Hearing Procedures. The Committee may adopt any additional special hearing procedures that it deems necessary, or appropriate to a particular adjudicatory hearing, copies of the supplementary procedures shall be furnished to witnesses and respondents, and shall be made available upon request to any member of the public.

PART 7. DEPOSITIONS

7.1. Persons Authorized to Take Depositions. Depositions may be taken by any member designated by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, or by any other person designated by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, including outside counsel, Committee staff, other employees of the House, or government employees assigned to the Committee.

7.2. Deposition Notices. Notices for the taking of depositions shall be authorized by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, and issued by the Chair, Vice Chair, or Committee staff or outside counsel designated by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly. Depositions may be taken at any time during a preliminary inquiry, adjudicatory review or other proceeding. Deposition notices shall specify a time and place for examination. Unless otherwise specified, the deposition shall be in private, and the testimony taken and documents produced shall be deemed for the purpose of these Rules to have been received in an executive

session of the Committee. The Committee shall not initiate procedures leading to criminal or civil enforcement proceedings for a witness's failure to appear, or to testify, or to produce documents, unless the deposition notice was accompanied by a subpoena.

7.3. Deposition Procedure. Witnesses at depositions shall be examined under oath. Questions may be propounded by any person or persons who are authorized to take depositions for the Committee, if a witness objects to a question and refuses to testify, or refuses to produce a document, the Chair or Vice Chair, if present, may rule on the objection and, if the objection is overruled, direct the witness to answer the question or produce the document. If the Chair or Vice Chair is not present, the individual who has been designated by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, to take the deposition may proceed with the deposition, or may, at that time or at a subsequent time, seek a ruling by telephone or otherwise on the objection from the Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee, who may refer the matter to the Committee or rule on the objection, if the Chair or Vice Chair, or the Committee upon referral, overrules the objection, the Chair, Vice Chair, or the Committee as the case may be, may direct the witness to answer the question or produce the document, the Committee shall not initiate procedures leading to civil or criminal enforcement unless the witness refuses to testify or produce documents after having been directed to do so.

7.4. Filing of Depositions. Deposition testimony shall be transcribed or electronically recorded. If the deposition is transcribed, the individual administering the oath shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn in the presence of that individual and the transcriber shall certify that the transcript is a true record of the testimony. The transcript with these certificates shall be filed with the clerk of the Committee, and the witness shall be furnished with access to a copy at the Committee's offices for review. Upon inspecting the transcript, within a time limit set by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, a witness may request in writing changes in the transcript to correct errors in transcription. The witness may also bring to the attention of the Committee errors of fact in the witness's testimony by submitting a sworn statement about those facts with a request that it be attached to the transcript. The Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, may rule on the witness's request, and the changes or attachments allowed shall be certified by the Committee's clerk. If the witness fails to make any request under this paragraph within the time limit set, this fact shall be noted by the Committee's clerk. Any person authorized by the Committee may stipulate with the witness to changes in this procedure.

PART 8. RIGHTS OF WITNESSES

8.1. Television, Film, Radio. Any witness served with a subpoena by the Committee may request not to be photographed or to give evidence or testimony while the broadcasting, reproduction, or coverage of that hearing, by radio, television, still photography, or, other methods is occurring. At the request of any witness who does not wish to be subjected to radio, television, still photography, or other methods of coverage, and subject to the approval of the Committee, all lenses shall be covered and all microphones used for coverage turned off.

8.2. Right to Counsel. Every witness at a hearing, adjudicatory review, adjudicatory hearing, or deposition, may be accompanied by counsel of the witness' own choosing, who may advise the witness of the witness' rights, subject to reasonable limitations which the Committee may prescribe to prevent obstruction of or interference with the orderly conduct of the hearing.

8.3. Statements. (a) A witness, or the witness' counsel, with the consent of a majority of the members present at the hearing, may file with the Committee for incorporation into the record of the hearing, sworn written statements relevant to the purpose, subject matter, and scope of the Committee's investigation or inquiry. If a witness, or witness' counsel, desires to read the prepared or written statement, the determination of whether the statement may be read or simply placed in the record of the hearing shall be made by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly.

(b) The witness or witness' counsel may also submit additional sworn testimony for the record within 24 hours after the last day that the witness has testified. The insertion of such testimony in that day's record is subject to the approval of the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, within five days after the testimony is received.

8.4. Proposed Questions. A witness at a hearing, or the witness' counsel may submit to the Committee questions proposed to be asked of the witness or any other witness relevant to the matters upon which there has been any questioning or submission of evidence, and the Committee shall ask those questions that the Committee determines to be appropriate for the subject matter of the hearing. Questions shall be submitted to the Committee at least one working day before a witness's scheduled appearance.

8.5. Opening Statements. As far as practicable, each witness may be permitted to present a brief oral opening statement.

PART 9. VIOLATIONS OF LAW; CONTEMPT; PERJURY; AND APPLICABLE RULES AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

9.1. Violations of Law. Whenever the Committee determines by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership that there is reason to believe that a violation of law, including the provision of false information to the Committee, may have occurred, it shall report the possible violation to the proper state and local authorities.

9.2. Contempt. (a) A person shall be in contempt if the person:

- (1) Fails or refuses to appear in compliance with a subpoena, or having appeared, fails or refuses to testify under oath or affirmation;
- (2) Fails or refuses to answer any relevant question or fails or refuses to furnish any relevant book, paper, or other document subpoenaed by or on behalf of the Committee; or
- (3) Commits any other act or offense against the Committee, which, if committed against the Legislature, or either House thereof, would constitute contempt.

(b) The Committee may, by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership, report to the Speaker, any instance of alleged contempt. The Speaker shall certify the report of such contempt under the signature of the Speaker to the State Attorney General who shall prosecute the offender in any court of the State.

9.3. Perjury. Any person who knowingly and willfully swears falsely to a sworn complaint or any other sworn statement to the Committee does so under penalty of perjury. The Committee may refer any such case to the State Attorney General for prosecution.

9.4. Applicable Rules and Standards of Conduct. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part, no adjudicatory review shall be initiated for any alleged violation of any law, the House Code of Legislative Conduct, or Rule, which was not in effect at the time the alleged violation occurred. No provisions

of the House Code of Legislative Conduct shall apply to or require disclosure of any act, relationship, or transaction which occurred prior to the effective date of the applicable provision of the House Code of Legislative Conduct.

(b) The Committee may initiate an adjudicatory review of any alleged violation of a rule or law which was in effect prior to the enactment of the House Code of Legislative Conduct if the alleged violation occurred while such rule or law was in effect and the violation was not a matter resolved on the merits by the predecessor Committee.

PART 10. RULES OF DISCLOSURE

10.1. Non-Disclosure Policy. Except as provided in Rule 10.2, no Representative, member, staff, or any person engaged by contract or otherwise to perform services for the Committee shall release, divulge, publish, reveal by writing, word, conduct, or disclose in any way, in whole or in part, or by way of summary, including during tenure with the Committee or anytime thereafter, information or material in the possession of the Committee which pertains to illegal or improper conduct by a present or former Representative; allegations or accusations of this conduct; any resulting preliminary inquiry, adjudicatory review or other proceeding by the Committee into these allegations or conduct and any report issued about the inquiry, review, or other proceeding; the investigative techniques and procedures of the Committee; any testimony or other evidence given before the Committee in executive session (including the name of any witness who appeared or was called to appear in executive session), any classified or Committee-sensitive information, document or material, received or generated by the Committee, any material or information deemed to be confidential by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly, or any classified or Committee-sensitive information which may come into the possession of this person during tenure with the Committee or its staff. No such information shall be made public unless authorized by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership.

10.2. Disclosure to Executive and Judicial Officials. (a) Information, documents, or materials may be released to an official of the executive branch properly cleared for access with a need-to-know, for any purpose or in connection with any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, as authorized by the Committee or, in the event of termination of the Committee, in such a manner as may be determined by its successor or by the House.

(b) Information, documents, or materials may be released to an official of the judicial branch if it is required for judicial purposes, as authorized by the Committee or, in the event of termination of the Committee, in such a manner as may be determined by its successor or by the House.

10.3. Committee-Sensitive Documents. (a) Committee-sensitive documents and materials shall be stored in the Chair's office, with appropriate safeguards for maintaining the security of the documents or materials. Removal from the Chair's office of these documents or materials is prohibited except as necessary for use in, or preparation for, interviews or Committee meetings, including the taking of testimony, or as otherwise specifically approved by the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly.

(b) Each member shall have access to all materials in the Chair's possession. Members' staff shall not have access to Committee-sensitive documents and materials without the specific approval in each instance of the Chair and Vice Chair, acting jointly. Members may examine these materials in the Chair's office.

(c) Any Representative, who is not a member and who seeks access to any Committee-sensitive documents or materials, other than documents or materials which are matters of public record, shall request access in writing. The Committee shall decide by a two-thirds vote of the authorized membership whether to share documents or materials available. If access is granted, the Representative shall not disclose the information found in the documents or materials except as authorized by the Committee.

(d) Whenever the Committee makes Committee-sensitive documents or materials available to any Representative who is not a member in response to a specific request to the Chair and Vice Chair, a written record shall be made identifying the Representative requesting such documents or materials and describing what was made available to the Representative.

10.4. Release of Report to Public. All information of official actions, statements, or positions of the Committee shall be made by the Chair.

PART 11. CHANGES IN SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEDURAL RULES

11.1. Adoption of Changes in Supplementary Rules. The Rules of the Select Committee on the Standards of Conduct, other than rules established by statute, or by the Rules of the House, may be modified, amended, or suspended at any time, pursuant to a recorded vote of not less than two-thirds of the authorized membership taken at a meeting called with due notice after prior written notice of the proposed change has been provided each member.

11.2. Publication. Any amendments to the Rules of this Committee shall be published.

SCRep. 1-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 1990

The purpose of this measure is to establish a regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Allianz Global Assistance Service Company; United States Travel Insurance Association; American Property Casualty Insurance Association; Hawaii Insurers Council; and Crum & Forster, A Fairfax Company. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that a comprehensive, uniform, and national regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance is necessary to ensure travelers are protected across the nation. Your Committee further finds that this measure is based on the Travel Insurance Model Act adopted by the National Council of Insurance Legislators and National Association of Insurance Commissioners model legislation and thirty-five other states have already adopted this model legislation. This measure will clarify the application of existing laws to the unique aspects of travel insurance and ensure uniformity across the nation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1990, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1990, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, none.

SCRep. 2-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 2606

The purpose of this measure is to require transient accommodation brokers and any other persons or entities to:

- (1) Offer, list, advertise, or display a transient accommodations rental rate that includes all resort fees required for furnishing transient accommodations; and
- (2) Include all applicable taxes and fees imposed by a government on the stay in the total price to be paid before a consumer reserves the furnishing of transient accommodations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that in an effort to increase transparency in prices for booking accommodations, many hotels throughout the State voluntarily include resort fees and other mandatory fees into their final price while other hotels only display the final price right before a booking's finalization. Your Committee believes that complete pricing transparency is important to ensure consumers are fully, timely, and consistently informed of the price before booking any type of transient accommodation in the State. This measure will further increase transparency in prices of transient accommodations by requiring the price of a transient accommodation to include resort fees and all applicable governmental taxes and fees in the total price before a consumer reserves a transient accommodation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that any applicable county attorney or corporation counsel rather than the prosecuting attorney of any county has enforcement powers;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2606, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2606, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 3-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 1518

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority shall serve as a holdover until a successor is appointed by the Governor and repeals the successor's requirement for Senate confirmation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to remain on the Board as a holdover until a successor is appointed and qualified. Your Committee believes that clarifying that a member can serve as a holdover until a successor is appointed by the Governor, without need for Senate confirmation, will ensure that the Board can operate in a more efficient and timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1518, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1518, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 4-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1556

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for permanent positions within the Employee Staffing Division of the Department of Human Resources Development for the recruitment and retention of state employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that it is critical for the State to recruit and retain state employees in a competitive labor market. Over the last few years, the Employee Staffing Division of the Department of Human Resources Development has lost approximately thirty percent of its authorized staffing positions while experiencing a thirty-two percent increase in applications received. This measure will provide additional resources to decrease application processing time and ensure that state employment vacancies can be filled in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1556, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 5-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1943

The purpose of this measure is to require the health benefits plan or plans established by the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board to meet or exceed the requirements of the Prepaid Health Care Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, ALF-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that public employees who select certain medical insurance plans offered by the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund pay the same monthly employee contribution irrespective of pay. This measure ensures that public employees, regardless of financial status, have the opportunity to maintain and improve their health through access to affordable health care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1943, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1943, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 6-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1639

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Effective January 1, 2025, increase the employer base composite monthly contribution by 5.2 percent; and
- (2) Effective January 1, 2026, provide that the employer base composite monthly contribution will be based on the change in Medicare Part B premiums from 2024 to 2025 and at a two-year lag thereafter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Your Committee finds that the State and counties' contribution to retiree health care benefits is based on a percentage of the base composite monthly contribution, which changes each calendar year based on the change in Medicare Part B premiums. This measure addresses a timing issue and ensures that retirees are aware of the State and counties' contribution to their retiree health care premiums during open enrollment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1639, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1639, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 7-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2552

The purpose of this measure is to extend, under certain conditions, the family leave period for up to eight additional weeks for employees who are unable to perform their employment duties due to the birth of a child who is required to stay in a neonatal intensive care unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Breastfeeding Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that preterm babies in particular spend weeks or months in neonatal intensive care units, requiring their parents to also spend weeks or months at neonatal intensive care units in support of their babies' care. However, for many parents, it is nearly impossible to maintain full-time employment when they are constantly caring for their baby in these circumstances. This measure supports employees who might otherwise find themselves faced with the untenable choice between preserving their employment and supporting the health of their newborn child.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2552, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2552, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 8-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1643

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Shorten the time within which a disbursing officer must notify an employee of indebtedness to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment;
- (2) Amend the criteria for an actionable cause of action; and
- (3) Amend the amount a disbursing officer shall deduct to begin immediate recovery of indebtedness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, ALF-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that occasionally the State and counties will mistakenly overpay an employee over a period of time or through a lump sum payment. This overpayment effectively becomes a loan with a burdensome repayment plan that often punishes the affected employee for a payroll error committed by the employer. This measure provides employees, particularly those who are living paycheck to paycheck, with more time and greater flexibility to repay their debt without undue burden.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the timeframe in which a disbursing officer shall notify an employee of the indebtedness;
- (2) Establishing a tier system based on an employee's gross pay for the amount a disbursing officer deducts to begin immediate recovery of indebtedness;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1643, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 9-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1673

The purpose of this measure is to require employers to be liable for medical care, services, and supplies when a workers' compensation claim filed by a solid waste worker suffering from cancer is accepted.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that solid waste workers are constantly exposed to a variety of materials that, unbeknownst to them, may result in life-altering or long-term health issues. Therefore, it is critical that employers cover cancer-related medical costs that may have resulted from these employees being exposed to harmful materials during their years of dedicated service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether the term "trash" referenced in the measure should be changed to "solid waste".

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1673, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1673, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 10-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 2563

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop and publish, through a third party, a mobile application that includes all online application processes and fee collections for reservations to conduct regulated recreational and commercial activities;
- (2) Establish the Tourism Enterprise Fund;
- (3) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to issue a request for proposals to contract for the development and publishing of the mobile application; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Information Technology of the City and County of Honolulu and PonoRez. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that state and county agencies often require a permit, license, reservations, or fees for certain commercial and recreational uses. Despite this, your Committee notes that there is no option for a resident or visitor to access all permitting, licensing, and reservations for the various recreational and commercial activities in the State through a single mobile application. This causes confusion among residents and visitors and often results in illegal activity in the State. This measure will require the development and publishing of a single mobile application that streamlines access to necessary permits, licenses, and reservations.

Your Committee notes that this measure attempts to expand upon Act 182, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 182), which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and publish a website and mobile application for a permit, license, or reservation, and to collect fees, for recreational or commercial activities under the jurisdiction of the Department. This measure would be a unified mobile application that will cover all recreational or commercial permits, license, reservations, or fees required throughout the State for ease of access. Your Committee will continue to work with your Committee on Water & Land, and other pertinent state and county agencies, to integrate the website and mobile application under Act 182, other existing applications, and the proposed application in this measure to ensure uniformity across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the languages in which the mobile application shall be made available;

- (2) Amending its purpose section;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2563, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 11-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2634

The purpose of this measure is to amend the duties and extend the dissolution date of the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Servpac and one individual.

Your Committee finds that disruptions to information technology infrastructure, whether by a power outage, cooling system malfunction, or network disruption, cause substantial turmoil for residents and businesses. Your Committee further finds that Act 179, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, established the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group to develop a plan for the phased consolidation of information technology services and staff within executive branch agencies in a five-year timespan. This measure tasks the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group with the relocation of state data centers and ensuring that those state data centers are resilient.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2634, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2634, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 12-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1774

The purpose of this measure is to establish a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Executive Office on Aging; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Alzheimer's Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; UNITE HERE! Local 5; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that more than half of states nationwide have established silver alert programs modeled after the AMBER Alert program. Your Committee additionally finds that there are many emergency situations in which the use of a silver alert program could help save the lives of those who are elderly, have cognitive impairments, or are developmentally disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$250,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1774, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1774, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 13-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1974

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the personal needs allowance from \$50 to \$75;
- (2) Clarify that the needs allowance is not intended to replace or affect funds received from the federal Supplemental Security Income program;
- (3) Require certain long-term care facility operators to pay for generic toiletries, linens, and meals and snacks;
- (4) Clarify the individuals who are eligible to receive the needs allowance; and
- (5) Require the Department of Human Services to perform an annual review of the needs allowance and report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services, State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Community Home Care Association of Hawaii, AARP Hawai'i, and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that the needs allowance for individuals residing in long-term care facilities has not increased since 2007. Your Committee further finds that increasing the personal needs allowance to compensate for the rising cost of goods and services will better enable individuals living in long-term

care facilities to make personal purchases of goods and services. These personal purchases allow for more self-determination and choice by individuals living in these settings and provide increased opportunities for them to participate in their communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required operators to maintain records regarding how money from the personal needs allowance was spent; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1974, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 14-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2215

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase funding of certain Medicaid home and community-based services, including case management services for home and community-based case management agencies and residential services offered in community care foster family homes and expanded adult residential care homes; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Services to obtain maximum federal matching funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support to this measure from the Department of Human Services; AARP Hawai'i; CMC Kafamilya Adult Foster Home; Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii; United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; Community Homecare Association of Hawaii; Alliance of Residential Care Administrators; Alliance of Professional Primary Care Administrators; The Primary Care Providers of Hawaii; Providing Healthy Homecare for Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from five individuals.

Your Committee finds that most Hawaii residents would prefer to age in their homes or in a home and community-based setting, such as one of Hawaii's over sixteen hundred community care foster family homes or adult residential care homes. Your Committee further finds that home and community-based setting providers are the backbone of the State's long-term care delivery system. However, many of these providers have not seen an increase in reimbursement rates for over fifteen years. Increasing the funding for services offered in certain home and community-based settings will ensure that caregivers in the community can continue to offer care and support to the State's elderly and disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the purpose of the appropriation to delete case management services for home and community-based case management agencies and instead include adult day programs;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Deleting the requirement for the Department of Human Services to pursue all funding sources, including private grants, as federal Medicaid rules prohibit most private grants as a funding source for certain Medicaid services;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$5,750,000. Your Committee notes that this amount would generate a federal funds match of approximately \$8,140,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2215, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 15-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1950

The purpose of this measure is to designate November 22 of each year as "Kimchi Day" in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Korean Americans have contributed greatly to the diverse and vibrant culture of the State. Your Committee additionally finds that kimchi is a traditional Korean dish with a long history in Korea and many health benefits. By recognizing Kimchi Day annually, the State can celebrate and give thanks for this culinary contribution of Korean culture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1950 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 16-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1899

The purpose of this measure is to designate various snail species as official state snails based on the results of the Bishop Museum community outreach and voting process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; The Nature Conservancy; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's land snails play a significant role in native ecosystems and Hawaiian culture. Your Committee further finds that land snails are among the most threatened of all animal groups in the world. Therefore, your Committee believes that designating certain snail species as official state snails could raise awareness of the snails' imperiled status and cultural relevance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1899 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 17-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1780

The purpose of this measure is to designate World Peace Day as a state holiday in substitution of the existing Good Friday state holiday.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Young Republicans; CARES; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association; Mary Star of the Sea Church; Pono Records; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining; Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu; United Public Workers; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that World Peace Day is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed around the world on September 21. The holiday is dedicated to world peace through observing twenty-four hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Your Committee additionally finds that as international conflict continues in the world, the recognition of world peace becomes more significant.

However, your Committee understands that the potential impact of the establishment and removal of official state holidays is a negotiable matter under collective bargaining and therefore finds that amendments to this measure are necessary to designate World Peace Day as an observed day, rather than as a state holiday.

Your Committee is amending this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Designating World Peace Day as an observed day instead of a state holiday;
- (2) Retaining the statutory designation of Good Friday as a state holiday;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1780, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1780, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 18-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1555

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Designate the second new moon after the winter solstice of every year as Lunar New Year; and
- (2) Establish Lunar New Year as a state holiday.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association; United Public Workers; and CARES. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining; Department of Budget and Finance; and Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the Asian community in Hawaii has contributed greatly not only to the State's social, civic, and economic success, but also to its diverse and vibrant culture, which includes the celebration of the Lunar New Year. Your Committee additionally finds that by celebrating Lunar New Year in Hawaii, the State can honor its rich cultural history, demonstrate its commitment to cultural diversity, and extend its best wishes for peace and prosperity to all who celebrate this important occasion.

However, your Committee understands that the potential impact of the establishment and removal of official state holidays is a negotiable matter under collective bargaining and therefore finds that amendments to this measure are necessary to designate Lunar New Year as an observed day, rather than as a state holiday.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Changing Lunar New Year to an observed day instead of an official state holiday;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1555, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1555, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 19-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize licensed pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccines to persons between the ages of three and seventeen, if certain requirements are met; and
- (2) Authorize licensed pharmacists to order the administration of vaccines for persons between the ages of three and seventeen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; American Pharmacists Association; CVS Health; Walgreen Co.; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; National Community

Pharmacists Association; Mauiola Pharmacy; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Pharmacy.

Your Committee finds that between 2017 and 2022, routine vaccination for Hawaii's kindergarteners declined nearly ten percent. Hawaii's vaccination rate for children also remains below the national average. Your Committee further finds that during the COVID-19 pandemic, amendments to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act authorized pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to act beyond the limited scope of existing state law and order and administer a number of vaccines to children between the ages of three to seventeen, including routinely recommended childhood vaccinations. Your Committee believes that permanently authorizing pharmacists and certain pharmacy personnel to order and administer vaccines to children between the ages of three and seventeen will minimize interruptions to patients' access to necessary vaccinations and ensure Hawaii's residents will continue to have access to routine and recommended vaccination services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that pharmacists are authorized to administer vaccinations to persons three years of age or older;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider whether there is an appropriate regulatory scheme currently in place in the State for pharmacy interns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 20-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2214

The purpose of this measure is to require affordable housing credits to be issued for single-family residences, multi-family residences, or other types of residences developed under a Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation housing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from NAIOP Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Hawai'i YIMBY. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

Your Committee finds that the State is in dire need of more affordable housing. To add to housing challenges already faced by Hawaii residents, interest rates for residential mortgages have reached a forty-year high. The recent increases in interest rates have resulted in a lower sales price for certain units built under the housing development programs overseen by the Hawaii Housing Development Corporation, due to sales price limitations tied into area median income limitations. This measure will provide a means for housing developers to fulfill their affordable housing requirements with less risk, thereby increasing the supply of affordable housing for residents of the State.

Your Committee notes the testimony from the Hawaii Community Development Authority expressing concerns that it lacks the capacity to serve as a recordkeeper for the housing credits, and as this measure is providing the counties with the authority to issue housing credits, the Authority believes the counties should be responsible for monitoring and tracking the credits, rather than a state authority. Your Committee understands these concerns and will continue to work with the counties as this measure moves through the legislative process to ensure that the counties have the capability to monitor and track the housing credits as proposed by this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required a state authority to be responsible for monitoring the use and transfer of credits;
- (2) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2214, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2214, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 21-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2548

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program to provide loans and technical assistance grants for the development of accessory dwelling units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; AARP Hawai'i; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Hawai'i YIMBY; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that accessory dwelling units play a significant part in addressing the housing shortage in the State and help homeowners better utilize their residential lots by allowing them to develop more housing on land they already own. However, your Committee notes that traditional financing for accessory dwelling units is often difficult for homeowners to secure. Your Committee believes that it is important for the State to support various opportunities and avenues that increase the housing inventory in the State, such as the development of accessory dwelling units.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2548, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2548, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 22-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2218

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from fifty percent to seventy-five percent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, authorizes the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide direct loans to beneficiaries for the repair, maintenance, purchase, and erection of a dwelling and related permanent improvements. However, with the increase in construction and other development related costs, native Hawaiian beneficiaries are in need of more financial assistance to ensure they can remain in Hawaii. This measure increases the loan limit for a single residence loan amount that can be taken out by beneficiaries, which will enable more beneficiaries to either purchase a home or make improvements to their existing home.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 23-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1631

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the School Facilities Authority to work with the Department of Education to prioritize projects for the construction of educator workforce housing;
- (2) Require the School Facilities Authority to include in its annual report to the Legislature its planned actions to increase educator workforce housing; and
- (3) Require the Department of Education to collaborate with certain state and county agencies to submit a preliminary report to the Legislature on the status of lands designated to be transferred to the Department of Education pursuant to Act 307, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Holomua Collaborative; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawaiian Host Group; Hawai'i Community Foundation; HPM Building Supply; Mana Up; Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative; Hawai'i Gas; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; Aio; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is facing a shortage of qualified teachers, which is further exacerbated by the lack of affordable housing in the State. Your Committee further finds that providing workforce housing is a key strategy for the recruitment and retention of teachers, as it can help make the teaching profession more attractive and also help lessen the financial burden of teachers currently living in Hawaii.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education and School Facilities Authority share similar missions in providing workforce housing for educators in the State. However, your Committee believes clarification is needed regarding the collaborative efforts between the Department of Education and School Facilities Authority to ensure the School Facilities Authority has all the necessary tools it needs to provide workforce housing for educators.

Your Committee notes that the lands to be transferred to the Department of Education pursuant to Act 307, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 307), contains lands that are or were under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources or the counties of Kauai and Maui. However, the Department of Education may want to consider looking at other lands under the jurisdiction of other state and county agencies not covered under Act 307 to utilize any unused or underutilized facilities for educator workforce housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1631, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1631, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 24-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1637

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that:

- (1) With controverted claims, an injured employee's private health care plan must by default pay or provide medical care, services, and supplies pending acceptance of the claim or determination of compensability, subject to penalty, and may seek reimbursement from the employer if accepted or compensable; and
- (2) Controverted claims include any claim not accepted, including but not limited to a claim that is denied, pending investigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council; American Property Casualty Insurance Association; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that in cases of a controverted claim, requiring the injured employee's private health care plan to pay for medical care pending the acceptance of a workers' compensation claim or determination of compensability ensures that the injured employee receives appropriate medical care in a timely manner. This measure further clarifies the reimbursement and other responsibilities by affected parties in providing much needed timely medical care to injured employees.

Your Committee notes that the administration fee of three percent that is referenced in this measure was included for inflationary purposes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a private health care plan and injured employee shall be reimbursed for any reasonable and necessary medical expenses related to the covered injury;
- (2) Specifying that an injured employee shall be reimbursed directly for any copayments related to the covered injury;
- (3) Increases the time period that an investigation of a claim must be completed from thirty to ninety days, subject to a private health care plan charging an employer an administration fee;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1637, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1637, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 25-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1686

The purpose of this measure is to require that the charges for chiropractic treatments for personal injury protection benefits under motor vehicle insurance be tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges, permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Property Casualty Insurance Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Insurers Council.

Your Committee finds that existing motor vehicle insurance law ensures that individuals injured in automobile accidents can seek a variety of treatments to aid in recovery from injuries, including chiropractic and acupuncture treatments. While the authorized benefit for acupuncture treatments is tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges, permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule, the authorized benefit allowed for chiropractic treatments has not been adjusted. Increasing the chiropractic reimbursement rate under motor vehicle insurance ensures fair and accessible health care and improved public health and wellness.

Your Committee is concerned that the measure, as originally drafted, will increase motor vehicle insurance rates significantly.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the charges for chiropractic treatments for personal injury protection benefits under motor vehicle insurance to be tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges, permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule;
- (2) Increasing the reimbursement for chiropractic treatments from \$75 to \$100 a visit;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1686, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 26-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1638

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to adopt labor standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; three members of the Maui County Council; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Pacific Resource Partnership; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Associated Builders and Contractors, Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

Your Committee finds that the State is comprised of local communities with unique needs and challenges. Empowering the counties to adopt certain disclosure requirements provides them with the flexibility to ensure the appropriate employer responsibilities and better serve local communities. Furthermore, encouraging a more adaptable approach to labor regulations promotes economic development while maintaining a baseline for worker protections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the counties shall have the authority to:
 - (A) Require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, except for employees primarily engaged in harbor-related operations; and
 - (B) Deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider removing the exemption for harbor-related operations, as the disclosure requirement required in this measure as amended likely alleviates the concerns raised in testimony.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1638, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 27-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1611

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require law enforcement agencies and the law enforcement standards board to consult the National Decertification Index and ensure the reporting of officer misconduct to the Index;
- (2) Require the reporting of certain domestic violence records to the National Decertification Index, notwithstanding any contrary law or court order regarding the sealing of those records; and
- (3) Provide that a law enforcement officer's conviction for promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree or any substantially similar drug-related offense shall not serve as the sole reason to deny certification or employment to that officer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Hawaii Young Republicans; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that law enforcement officers are authorized to use physical force to enforce laws and should be held to the highest standards to ensure that this authority is not abused. Additionally, appropriate disciplinary actions should be taken against law enforcement officers who commit acts of misconduct. This measure ensures that prospective law enforcement officers are properly vetted for any previous officer misconduct prior to hiring and increases accountability for current law enforcement personnel.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have prohibited a law enforcement officer's conviction for promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree or any substantially similar drug-related offense from serving as the sole reason to deny certification or employment of that officer;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an effective date later than July 1, 2024. Your Committee notes that it has requested the Department of Law Enforcement to determine what effective date is feasible for the Department.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1611, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 28-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1640

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require an employer to initiate negotiations on repricing of classes within a bargaining unit within thirty days of its receipt of the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate; and
- (2) Establish that an employer's failure to initiate the negotiation within such time frame and the parties' failure to reach an agreement within ninety days of the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate or by January 31 of a year in which the collective bargaining agreement is due to expire, whichever is earlier, constitutes an impasse to which impasse procedures under existing law shall apply.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu; and Department of Human Resources of the County of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Human Resources of the County of Kaua'i.

Your Committee finds that having a reasonable timetable to negotiate repricing of classes within a bargaining unit will help to ensure that public employees are being paid competitive and fair wages. This measure will ensure that wages for public employees are competitive in the current labor market, helping to address any outstanding vacancies and prevent high turnover for these positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that impasse procedures shall not apply if the impasse occurs within one hundred eighty days after a collective bargaining agreement has been reached between the employer and the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1640, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 29-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2176

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Office of Artificial Intelligence Safety and Regulation to regulate the development, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence technologies in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company;

and Chamber of Progress. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of the Attorney General; TechNet; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the rapid evolution and technical intricacies of artificial intelligence technologies makes regulation and oversight difficult to project and accomplish. Your Committee further finds that establishing an Office of Artificial Intelligence Safety and Regulation may be premature at this time, but that the issue should be further examined.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have established an Office of Artificial Intelligence Safety and Regulation;
- (2) Establishing an Artificial Intelligence Working Group to develop acceptable use policies and guidelines for the regulation, development, deployment, and use of artificial technologies in the State;
- (3) Changing the purpose of the appropriation to be for the Artificial Intelligence Working Group;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2176, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2176, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 30-24 Education on H.B. No. 2620

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are less than \$100,000 from the electronic procurement system requirement; and
- (2) Require at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are between \$15,000 to less than \$100,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; and Hawai'i Public Health Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is mandated to provide at least thirty percent locally sourced foods to Hawaii's public schools by 2030. Your Committee further finds that adjusting the Department of Education's small purchase procurement capacity will provide an additional tool to procure fresh products from local farmers and ranchers and assist the Department in fulfilling its mandate to provide locally sourced foods for Hawaii's public schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2620, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 31-24 Education on H.B. No. 2774

The purpose of this measure is to establish a separate timeline and benchmarks for the Department of Education to increase the percentage of local agricultural products purchased by the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony supporting the intent of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that supporting local agriculture and strengthening local food systems can improve the resilience of the State's economy, environment, culture, and public health. To provide support for local farmers and guarantee that revenue derived from local produce remains in the State and feeds local people, Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, was enacted, which established a programmatic goal for the Department of Education to provide a minimum of thirty percent locally sourced food in Hawaii public school meals by 2030. In addition, the enactments of Act 176, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, and Act 144, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, established benchmarks ensuring a certain percentage of produce that is purchased by the Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Defense, and University of Hawaii System is locally grown.

Your Committee further finds that the existing goals set different standards for various state departments. Specifically, the programmatic goal for the Department of Education to locally source at least thirty percent of food served in public schools by 2030 is higher than other state departments. Your Committee believes that the benchmark goals for certain departments should be assessed on a more frequent basis than the Department of Education. This measure will resolve some of the discrepancies between the locally sourced food benchmarks for the Department of Education and those of other state entities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2774, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 32-24 Education on H.B. No. 2403

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Hawaii Affairs; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and CARES.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide proportional funding to charter schools based on their student enrollment. Your Committee notes that, even though the overall enrollment for the Department of Education has gone up from the 2023 to 2024 school year, the growth rate for public charter schools has grown even faster at four percent higher than projected. One factor that explains the sudden increased public charter school enrollment is the growing need for temporary school options in Lahaina because of the destruction incurred by the devastating wildfires. Although there is an increase in charter school enrollment, the amount of funding for charter schools is less than what is required. This measure seeks to make an emergency appropriation to provide funds to the Department of Education to cover its funding requirements for charter schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$6,600,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2403, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2403, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 33-24 Education on H.B. No. 2402

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to cover the Department's food service operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide meal service for its students and staff, with over twenty thousand school breakfasts and eighty thousand school lunches provided on a daily basis to students and staff across Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education has accumulated a deficit of over \$20,000,000 for its food service operations, which is largely due to inflationary cost increases. Although students and staff must pay for their meals, Title I students are provided meals free of charge. Students are also not denied a meal due to a lack of payment, all of which has contributed to this accumulated deficit. Your Committee believes that making an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education will provide the resources needed to ensure continued school food service operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$20,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2402, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2402, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 34-24 Education on H.B. No. 2043

The purpose of this measure is to establish a harm to students registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; State Public Charter School Commission; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Hawaii Council of Private Schools; Kamehameha Schools; CARES; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development and Executive Office on Early Learning. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that increasing the ability of public and private preschools and K-12 educational institutions to communicate and provide vital information to consider in rendering employment and volunteer decisions for individuals who may have inflicted harm to a student is critically important to maintaining safe and healthy learning environments for the State's students.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the testimony of the Department of the Attorney General and the proposed amendments suggested by the Department.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education is not required to provide representation for an accused party that does not belong to a bargaining unit and who is not entitled to representation pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement;
- (2) Providing the Department of Human Resources Development with access to the harm to students registry;

- (3) Adding the Director of the Executive Office on Early Learning, or the Director's designee, to the temporary panel to determine removal of a person's name from the harm to students registry;
- (4) Inserting language that includes all public prekindergarten programs and schools under the Executive Office on Early Learning under the requirements of this measure;
- (5) Inserting language appropriating an unspecified amount of funds to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position within the Department of Education to manage the harm to students registry and carry out any other requirements of this measure;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 35-24 Education on H.B. No. 1969

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Shade and Fruit Tree Program in the Department of Education; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Shade and Fruit Tree Program and for an arborist position to support the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kauai Climate Action Coalition; 350Hawaii.org; Trees for Honolulu's Future; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that hotter temperatures induced by climate change affect a student's ability to play, gather, and learn outside while attending school. Your Committee further finds that one strategy to reduce the effect of hotter temperatures on students in the State's public schools is to increase the tree canopy on school campuses, which will not only provide shade and heat reduction, but also will absorb storm water, clean the air, beautify campuses, and help reach county and state environmental goals. This measure will help grow native trees that will provide comfortable shade in public school campuses throughout Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the Shade and Fruit Tree Program as the Shade Tree Program and deleting all references to fruit trees;
- (2) Allowing, rather than requiring, native shade trees to be planted or shared amongst all Department of Education schools;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1969, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 36-24 Education on H.B. No. 1654

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Qualified Internship Grant Program to provide grants to businesses and organizations that provide qualified interns with work-based learning experiences through a qualified internship program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the establishment and implementation of the Qualified Internship Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; HawaiiKidsCAN; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Watanabe Floral, Inc.; Barzman Consulting; West Kauai Business Professional Association; Isei Consulting, LLC; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Education; and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that students should have an opportunity to participate in a high-quality work-based learning experience before they graduate from high school. Your Committee further finds that offering additional resources for employers will incentivize companies to offer work-based learning opportunities and increase capacity to host student interns will greatly increase work-based learning experience opportunities. However, many employers, especially small- to medium-sized companies, may lack the resources necessary to hire and retain student interns and youth will be unable to gain invaluable work experience before entering the workforce. This measure will encourage more employers to offer paid internships for students by offering financial incentives through the awarding of grants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring businesses and employers participating in the Qualified Internship Grant Program to compensate qualified interns no less than the state minimum wage established pursuant to section 382-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Requiring qualified internship programs to comply with the child labor provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, title 29 United States Code 212(c), the federal Fair Labor Standards Act regulations at title 29 Code of Federal Regulations part 570, and chapter 390, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including obtaining the appropriate work permit certification;
- (3) Inserting language establishing standards for the distribution of the funds appropriated in this measure as grants under the Qualified Internship Grant Program;

- (4) Amending the definition of "qualified intern" to mean an individual who is at least sixteen years of age and enrolled in a public school;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1654, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kapela, Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 37-24 Education on H.B. No. 1653

The purpose of this measure is to provide automatic step increases in teacher and educational officer salaries who have satisfactorily completed a certain amount of service and complied with certain requirements, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Youth Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Office of Collective Bargaining. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the recruitment and retention of qualified teachers is essential to the success of the State's public education system. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii continues to face a chronic teacher shortage in special education positions, hard-to-staff geographic locations, and Hawaiian language immersion programs. Your Committee believes that applying salary differentials for teachers in these areas will help to incentivize qualified teachers to fill these vacancies and reduce associated labor shortages.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1653, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 38-24 Education on H.B. No. 1649

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Nationally Certified School Psychologist Incentive Program within the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employee Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; National Association of School Psychologists; Hui for Excellence in Education Coalition; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Hawaii Young Republicans; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that school psychologists are integral to meeting students' mental, emotional, and social needs and helping students succeed in the school environment. The National Association of School Psychologists recommends a ratio of one school psychologist to every five hundred students; however, many school psychologists in the State have more than fifteen hundred students.

Your Committee further finds that the establishment of a Nationally Certified School Psychologist Incentive Program will help the State address the critical shortage of accredited school psychologists in public schools and provide students with access to professionals who engage in high quality, evidence-based practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1649, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1649, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 39-24 Education on H.B. No. 1648

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the recommended criteria for the licensure of school psychologists in the State;
- (2) Amend the composition of the Board of Psychology to include two school psychologists; and
- (3) Require all persons practicing under the title of "school psychologist" in the State to obtain a school psychologist license with the Board of Psychology by July 1, 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; National Association of School Psychologists; Hawaii Government Employee Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hui for Excellence in Education Coalition; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Psychology; and Hawai'i Psychological Association.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is the only state without a pathway to licensure for school psychologists. Your Committee recognizes that school psychologists are essential in helping students succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally by providing direct educational and mental health services for children and youth. As there is no statutorily established criteria for licensure for school psychologists, the State cannot ensure that functioning school psychologists are properly qualified and can deliver appropriate services.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by several state departments, professional groups, and specialist groups on how to best establish a pathway for licensure for school psychologists and recognizes that further discussion is warranted.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting language that:

- (1) Creates a School Psychologists Working Group within the Department of Education to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation to the Legislature on an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2025;
- (2) Updates the purpose section to reflect the new contents;
- (3) Changes the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Makes technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1648, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1648, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 40-24 Education on H.B. No. 1614

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the bonus for all teachers who achieve and maintain national board certification to \$15,000; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the bonus increase.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that teachers are the most important component facilitating student learning. Your Committee further finds that, according to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, research shows that students of board-certified teachers learn more than their peers who are taught by teachers who are not board certified. The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification is the highest professional distinction available in education for teachers. Your Committee believes that continuing to incentivize teachers to obtain and maintain this certification requires adjusting the bonus for board certification to account for increases in the State's cost of living.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1614, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1614, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 41-24 Education on H.B. No. 1537

The purpose of this measure is to propose amendments to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to:

- (1) Repeal the counties exclusive authority to tax real property; and
- (2) Authorize the Legislature to statutorily establish a surcharge on residential investment property valued at \$3,000,000 or greater to increase funding for public education for all students of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Parents for Public Schools of Hawai'i Board; Aloha United Way; CARES; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that article X, section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires the State to provide a system of public education. Hawaii is unique compared to the other states because the State, rather than a county of local level jurisdiction, is responsible for public education. This results in funding for public education in Hawaii being primarily sourced from the general revenues of the State.

Your Committee further finds that public education in Hawaii is not adequately funded. This inadequate funding of the State's public school system has played a role in driving many families in Hawaii to enroll their children in private schools, resulting in Hawaii having one of the highest rates of private school enrollment in the nation. Your Committee believes that a surcharge on certain residential investment property would provide additional funding for the State to better meet its educational responsibilities and prepare all students to meet the social and economic demands of the twenty-first century.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the questions, concerns, and legal issues raised by the Hawaii Supreme Court over S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (2018), which proposed amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a surcharge to increase funding for public education. Your Committee recognizes that the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidated the ballot question proposed by S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 1, H.D. 1 (2018), finding that as written, it did not comply with statutory requirements that the language and meaning of a ballot question on a proposed constitutional amendment be clear and not misleading.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1537, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1537, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 42-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1981

The purpose of this measure is to specify that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations shall be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that disbursing a percentage of all revenue collected for traffic violations to the county that enforced the violation will greatly assist the counties in ensuring the State's roads and highways remain safe and unobstructed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1981, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1981, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 43-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1932

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Transportation to acquire any real, personal, or mixed property for immediate or future use; own, hold, improve, rehabilitate, sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property acquired; and acquire by condemnation real property for immediate or future use;
- (2) Amend the definition of "public lands" to exclude lands to which the Department of Transportation holds title; and
- (3) Authorize the Department of Transportation to directly acquire any real property for its purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Signature Aviation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Na Iwi Kupuna and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Board of Land and Natural Resources possesses the exclusive responsibility for acquiring real property in the State, with certain exceptions. Your Committee further finds that because the Board of Land and Natural Resources is the title holder, they must be involved in the review and approval of leases for property operated solely by the Department of Transportation, such as the State's airports. This process often leads to delays and inefficiencies in the Department of Transportation's administration of the State's airports and harbors. Your Committee believes that allowing the Department of Transportation to acquire and manage real property on its own behalf will streamline many of the administrative processes related to the management and improvement of the State's transportation network and enable the Department to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and sustainable transportation system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have permitted the Department of Transportation to acquire lands through condemnation that were already devoted to public use;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1932, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 44-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1997

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish a discounted rate by tariff for water carriers that engage in the interisland transport of hydrogen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawaii; Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from 350Hawaii.org. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division of Consumer Advocacy; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Young Brothers, LLC; and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that energy generated from hydrogen can play an important role in the State's targeted goal of sequestering more atmospheric carbon and greenhouse gasses than the State produces by 2045. Your Committee further finds that incentivizing the development of a hydrogen industry in Hawaii will enable a greater diversity of the types of renewable energy available to consumers in Hawaii. Your Committee believes that discounting rates for the interisland transportation of hydrogen, as proposed by this measure, will further support the State's goal of a clean energy economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that the interisland transportation of hydrogen be limited to renewable hydrogen;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 45-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2673

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of privately-owned roadways that are open to the public; and
- (2) Require fuel tax revenues to be used for the reconstruction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of privately-owned roadways that are open to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Pu‘u‘ā Community and Road Association; GaiaYoga Gardens; Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there are numerous privately-owned roadways that are open to the public with varying degrees of maintenance, repair, and general upkeep. The maintenance of these roadways falls on private individuals or groups of private individuals regardless of how often the roadway is utilized by the public. This measure would greatly assist the counties in ensuring the roadways remain safe and traversable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that details its public purpose;
- (2) Inserting language clarifying that the use of county surcharge revenues for privately-owned roads is in addition to any other required uses of county surcharge revenues;
- (3) Including flood mitigation of roadways as an allowable use for the maintenance of privately-owned roadways that are open to the public;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2673, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 46-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1912

The purpose of this measure is to establish an additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the population and issues facing the City and County of Honolulu have significantly increased since the last District Court judge was authorized over forty years ago. Authorizing an additional District Court judge will allow the District Court to better manage court dockets, be more responsive to the needs of the community, increase capacity in the rural courts, and develop or expand specialized court calendars.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1912 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 47-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1593

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to print and mail a physical copy of the digital voter information guide to any voter upon request.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections; Hawaii Young Republicans; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.

Your Committee finds that Act 115, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, required the Office of Elections to prepare a digital voter information guide; post the guide on its website in compliance with certain accessibility standards and at all public libraries; and mail each ballot with a notice that states a voter information guide may be found on its website. Your Committee however notes that some voters may have technological, physical, or other limitations that prevent them from accessing the digital voter information guide, either online at the Office of Elections website or in person at public libraries. This measure will enable these individuals to request that a physical copy of the digital voter information guide be mailed to their address.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$552,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1593, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1593, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 48-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1609

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to file an application with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization;
- (2) Require the Office of Elections and each county that administers elections to use the information and services made available by the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., to verify their voter registration rolls; and
- (3) Require the Office of Elections to request an appropriation from the Legislature, before fiscal year 2025-2026, for the State's annual membership dues to the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections and Hawaii Young Republicans. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the County Clerk of the County of Kaua'i.

Your Committee finds that the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., also known as ERIC, is a nonprofit organization that uses secure data-matching tools to help member states improve the accuracy of their voter registration rolls. With nearly half of the United States participating in ERIC, your Committee believes that Hawaii would benefit greatly from the information and services provided by ERIC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Codifying the requirements for the Office of Elections and counties in the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Delaying the deadline for the Office of Elections to apply to the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., to June 30, 2025;
- (3) Clarifying that the requirement for the Office of Elections to request the annual membership dues for the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., is an annual requirement;
- (4) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$125,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1609, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1609, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 49-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1952

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that medical cannabis dispensaries may purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from other dispensaries without any showing that such purchase is:
 - (A) Necessary for a qualifying patient's continuous access; or
 - (B) For medical, scientific, or other legitimate purposes;
- (2) Specify that the Department of Health adopt rules no later than nine months after a medical cannabis product is permitted to be manufactured and distributed by statute; and
- (3) Authorize medical cannabis dispensaries to distribute medical cannabis products if the Department of Health does not adopt rules.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Cure Oahu; Noa Botanicals, LLC; Green Aloha Ltd.; Pono Life Maui; Hawaiian Ethos; Big Island Grown Dispensaries; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that, despite recent legislative attempts to allow the wholesale of medical cannabis between medical cannabis dispensaries, wholesale currently occurs on an emergency basis with an under thirty days request and approval process, or on a proof of need basis requiring over thirty days request and approval process. Your Committees further find that the existing rules also provide the Department of Health with full discretion to reject requests with no specific timeline to respond. This limited approach impairs dispensaries' ability to do future planning, share manufacturing capabilities, or specialize in equipment or products without facing significant risk of potential wholesale request rejections. Wholesale expands patient access to a variety of formulations, products, and strains without sacrificing safety and consistency, and should be more widely supported. This measure provides greater flexibility to dispensaries to purchase cannabis and medical cannabis products from other dispensaries to ensure patient access and mitigate the effects of business fluctuations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized dispensaries to distribute medical cannabis products if the Department of Health does not adopt rules;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1952, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1952, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Homelessness.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Perruso, Woodson).

SCRep. 50-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients; and
- (2) Clarify that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients subject to certain restrictions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation; Aloha Green Holdings Inc.; Aloha Green Ltd.; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that allowing primary caregivers to grow medical cannabis for qualifying patients ensures that qualifying patients who are too ill to grow their own supply have access to medical cannabis apart from the medical cannabis dispensary system. This measure would permanently authorize primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2443, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Homelessness.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Perruso, Woodson).

SCRep. 51-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2444

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for permits to process hemp biomass or prepare a manufactured hemp product.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that Act 263, Session Laws of 2023, which extended the repeal date for the hemp processors chapter to July 1, 2027, also amended the minimum application requirements for hemp processor permits to require that applicants provide either a hemp producer license issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration or consent to a criminal history record check pursuant to state law. This measure is necessary to authorize the Department of Health to conduct these criminal history record checks for the duration of the hemp processor program.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the criminal history record checks are to be conducted on individual applicants or individuals acting on behalf of applying entities for hemp processor permits;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2444, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Perruso, Woodson).

SCRep. 52-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2199

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" to the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board";
- (2) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations;
- (3) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system; and
- (4) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative; IATSE Local 665; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that state workforce development boards across the country assist their respective governors by reviewing statewide policies and programs and making recommendations to align workforce, education, training, and employment funding programs in a manner that supports a comprehensive and streamlined workforce development system. By conforming Hawaii's workforce development board statutes with the conflict of interest and other provisions found in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and other federal regulations, this measure works toward the development and continuous improvement of the workforce development system in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2199, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 53-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1944

The purpose of this measure is to authorize certain types of radiographical coverage and specialist consultations without a treatment plan within the context of workers' compensation coverage for employees with cervical and lumbar spinal injuries, or suspected cervical and lumbar spinal injuries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Insurers Council; Premier Medical Group Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that for cervical and lumbar spinal injuries, it is critical that an individual receive an accurate diagnosis for effective treatment planning. Radiographic imaging plays a pivotal role in identifying the extent and nature of injuries to the spine, while comprehensive consultations facilitate a holistic understanding of the injury to enable a better pathway for rehabilitation and recovery. This measure ensures that injured workers suffering from serious injuries to the cervical or lumbar spine receive timely and appropriate care, which promotes better outcomes and a smoother return to work.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1944, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 54-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1533

The purpose of this measure is to increase the amount of death benefits paid by the Department of Human Services to cover the cremation and disposition costs for a deceased person who was eligible for medical or financial assistance at the time of the person's death and whose body is unclaimed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Funeral and Cemetery Association, Inc.; Mililani Memorial Park and Mortuary; and Dodo Mortuary, Inc., and Crematory. Your Committee received comments of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the State's mortuaries and cemeteries handle cremation, transportation, storage, and final disposition of a deceased person who was eligible for medical or financial assistance at the time of the person's death and whose body is unclaimed. Your Committee further finds that the current reimbursement rate of \$800 has remained unchanged for decades, with mortuaries and cemeteries covering all additional costs. As the costs of fuel, labor, and materials continue to rise, the industry can no longer sustain offering this service at the current fee, with some mortuaries opting out of taking unclaimed remains. Increasing the reimbursement rate for cemeteries and mortuaries who dispose of unclaimed human remains on behalf of the State would help offset the costs to the funeral service industry.

Your Committee notes that in fiscal year 2023, the Department of Human Services paid a total amount of \$277,600 for this type of death benefit. If the benefit amount is doubled, the estimated increase in appropriations would be \$277,600.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1533, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 55-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2535

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to develop and implement procedures to subsidize child care classrooms in licensed infant and toddler child care centers or group child care centers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Aloha United Way; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hui for Excellence in Education; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Kama'āina Kids; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that many families in Hawaii struggle to afford child care. Your Committee further finds that many child care centers are faced with disruptions in services when their operating costs are funded by tuition because their revenues are dependent on volatile enrollment figures rather than consistent funding. The Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program proposed by this measure is a direct contracting model that will help streamline the process for families seeking child care assistance, reduce administrative burdens for providers, and ensure state funds are directed toward quality child care service providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the date by which the Department of Human Services must establish and implement the Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to July 1, 2025;
- (2) Specifying that the Department of Human Services shall contract directly with child care center providers that serve children six weeks to five years old and families who are eligible for federally funded child care subsidies;
- (3) Amending the length of the contracts with child care center providers to a minimum of twelve months, with an option to extend for the length of the pilot program;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for staff to administer the Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program. Your Committee also notes the request from the Department of Human Services that this measure take effect on July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2535, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2535, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 56-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2224

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) A long-term care master plan that incorporates certain essential components of long-term care services; and
- (2) A long-term care planner position within the Executive Office on Aging to oversee the development and implementation of the long-term care master plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging, AARP Hawai'i, and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the number of people living past the age of eighty continues to grow in the State. Your Committee also finds that the costs of institutional care have escalated beyond the financial means of most seniors and that most of the State's seniors prefer to live at home rather than in an institution. Establishing a long-term care master plan is therefore urgent to ensure a framework is in place to make quality long-term care services as accessible, efficient, and effective as possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating the preamble;
- (2) Changing the appropriation for the long-term care master plan to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Executive Office on Aging to establish a comprehensive long-term care master plan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2224, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 57-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1771

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership to continue to improve the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; Hawai'i County Office of Aging; AARP Hawai'i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership was established in 2003 to improve the health status of older adults by empowering residents to make healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its inception, the Healthy Aging Partnership has continued to demonstrate its success as an evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention program. Your Committee further finds that for the past two decades, such programs have shown positive results in improving the lives of Hawaii's kupuna and reducing health care costs. However, without continued funding, the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership may be forced to end. Appropriating funds to continue the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership will ensure the Executive Office on Aging can continue to offer important and effective public health interventions to the State's kupuna.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$600,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1771, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 58-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1687

The purpose of this measure is to require full retail crediting, whereby energy exported to the electrical grid past a participating customer-generator's point of common coupling from photovoltaic solar systems paired with battery storage as a part of a utility-controlled grid would be credited at the full retail rate of electricity for the relevant time period.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Clean the Pacific; Recycle Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Kauai Chapter; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Photonworks Engineering; Inception Financial LLC; PV Tech; SunPower Corporation; Meyer Burger Americas; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Alternate Energy Inc.; Greenpeace Hawaii; Solar Help Hawaii; Green Power Projects LLC; Sunnova Energy International, Inc.; LegaSea Energy; Elcco Electric; Sunrun; Independent Energy; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; Sunspare Energy, LLC; The Solaray Corporation dba Inter-Island Solar Supply; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has become a global leader in the installation of customer-sited distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar and battery energy storage. Your Committee further finds that distributed energy resources offer a cost-effective option for building resiliency and reliable power systems. Your Committee believes that this measure incentivizes customer investments in resiliency by requiring retail crediting for energy exports enrolled in grid services programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the statutory placement of the retail crediting provisions to a more appropriate chapter-chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to the Public Utilities Commission;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1687, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1687, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 59-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1970

The purpose of this measure is to require solar conduit- and electrical panel-readiness for certain new residential construction offered for sale at fair market value and electric vehicle-readiness when an electrical panel and parking area are installed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Clean the Pacific; Recycle Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Kauai Chapter; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaiian Electric; Greenpeace Hawaii; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from NAIOP Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office and Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State must facilitate the installation of infrastructure for photovoltaic systems and electric vehicles in order to meet its goal of transitioning completely to renewable energy by 2045. Your Committee further finds that it is more cost-efficient to include this infrastructure during the construction of new homes rather than as retrofits after construction has been completed. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by requiring solar conduit- and electrical panel-readiness for certain new residential construction and electrical vehicle-readiness when an electrical panel and parking area are installed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1970, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1970, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Kahaloa). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 60-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1993

The purpose of this measure is to allow for the establishment of additional regional centers for the redemption of refillable beverage containers and repeal certain exemptions for beverage dealers from the requirement to operate redemption centers.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that expanding consumer access to redemption centers for deposit beverage containers and refillable beverage containers is essential to reducing litter and maintaining the environmental health of the State. By repealing all of the existing statutory exemptions for beverage dealers, this measure would significantly increase consumer access to redemption centers; however, your Committee recognizes that this may also pose significant financial and logistical hardships for beverage dealers within a short period of time. Your Committee therefore finds that amendments are necessary to alleviate some of these concerns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting provisions requiring the Department of Health to establish a reverse vending machine pilot program to use funds from the Deposit Beverage Container Deposit Special Fund to provide grants to deploy reverse vending machines in the State;
- (2) Reinstating the exemptions for beverage dealers that are located in rural areas, that subcontract for a certified redemption center to be operated on their premises, and that sell deposit beverage containers only via vending machines;
- (3) Reinstating the exemption for beverage dealers that pertains to the square foot size of the business but changes the maximum square footage to an unspecified number;
- (4) Reinstating the requirement for dealers who are not redemption centers to post a sign with information for the closest redemption center locations;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that under this measure, as amended, some beverage dealers would still lose their existing exemption from the requirement to operate a redemption center. Your Committee has heard the concerns regarding the need for a phase-in period for beverage dealers who will lose their exemption and respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to determine an appropriate phase-in period.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1993, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1993, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 61-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2100

The purpose of this measure is to require the Public Utilities Commission to expand the Electric Vehicle Charging System Rebate Program to include rebates for the installation of certain electric vehicle-ready parking stalls for new construction of affordable housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Hawaii State Energy Office; Blue Planet Foundation; Wild Kids; Clean the Pacific; Recycle Hawaii; Surfrider Foundation, Kauai Chapter; Ulupono Initiative; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaiian Electric; Hawai'i Energy; Greenpeace Hawaii; NAOIP Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the State's decarbonization and emissions-reduction goals necessitate the rapid transition to zero-emission vehicles that utilize local, renewable energy sources. Your Committee further finds that there is a lack of adequate vehicle charging infrastructure in the State, especially reliable options to charge at home. This measure would offer financial incentives for the installation of electric vehicle-ready parking stalls in new affordable housing to facilitate more widespread adoption of electric vehicles beyond the early adopters, who largely reside in single-family unit dwellings, and more equitable participation in the net-negative carbon economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2100, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2100, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 62-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2517

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to establish an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes for land or improvements that produce or store renewable energy sold to an electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Clearway Energy; and Longroad Energy.

Your Committee finds that electric utilities in the State are required to achieve a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard by December 31, 2045. Your Committee further finds that counties could assist in the transition to renewable energy through in-lieu-of-property-tax programs; however, counties lack the statutory authority to do so. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need and greatly reduces development risks and costs for renewable energy projects by allowing counties to enact ordinances establishing these programs in lieu of property tax assessments that may default to considerations of highest and best use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July, 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2517, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2517, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 63-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2616

The purpose of this measure is to create a funding program that incentivizes electric vehicle charging systems and infrastructure development, increase the amount of petroleum tax to be deposited into the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount, and allow funds from the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount to be expended for the funding program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Hawaii State Energy Office; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaiian Electric; Hawai'i Energy; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; NAIOP Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of the Attorney General; Public Utilities Commission; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the use of fossil fuels is the State's primary contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Your Committee further finds that electric vehicles provide a viable alternative to vehicles that run on fossil fuels; however, existing electric vehicle charging infrastructure is insufficient to meet the State's needs. This measure addresses this need by creating a funding program that incentivizes the development of electric vehicle charging systems and infrastructure and allowing funds from the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount to be expended for the funding program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recognizes that this measure will need to include an appropriation out of the Electric Vehicle Charging System Subaccount and more details about the funding program, such as how funding would be awarded and in what amounts, and notes that some of these details require an estimate of the revenue that would be generated by the increase in state environmental response, energy, and food security tax proposed by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2616, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2616, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 64-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2685

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) The Solar Hui Program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest into a Solar Hui Investment Fund, which will provide loans to low- and moderate-income households to install solar energy systems; and
- (2) The Solar Hui Program Fund Manager to manage the Solar Hui Investment Fund and market the Solar Hui Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Blue Planet Foundation; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the State has committed to aggressive carbon reduction goals, including a goal to be carbon-negative by 2045. Your Committee further finds that many multi-family residential households are unable to access solar energy systems due in part to the high costs of installing such systems. Your Committee believes that the Solar Hui Program proposed by this measure provides an opportunity for accelerated and more equitable clean energy adoption by allowing multi-family residential property owners to co-invest in the installation of solar systems for low- and moderate-income households.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition for "energy services agreement";
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "solar energy system" to also mean "energy project" and to include energy storage systems;
- (3) Changing the financing vehicle and type of financial assistance that may be provided through the Solar Hui Investment Fund from low-interest loans and repayment of those loans to energy services agreements and income derived from those agreements, respectively;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2685, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 65-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 2246

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the awarding and administration of certain cultural grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the mission of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is to promote, perpetuate, and preserve culture and the arts in the State. Despite this mission, your Committee notes that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts does not have the explicit statutory authority to award and administer cultural grants that perpetuate the uniqueness of the native Hawaiian culture and community. Your Committee believes that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is a more appropriate agency to award and administer such cultural grants, as this function is better aligned with the Foundation's mission and the Foundation has the necessary expertise and has been administering grants since its inception in 1965.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a standing selection committee within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to review and award cultural grants;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation for an unspecified amount for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) grant administrator positions;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2246, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Holt, Kong, Lamosao). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 66-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 2735

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to a steering committee to assist the Chief Tourism Officer;
- (2) Rename the President and Chief Executive Officer as the Chief Tourism Officer and make the Chief Tourism Officer head of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (3) Repeal certain powers of the former Board of Directors and the Hawaii Tourism Authority; and

(4) Transfer certain functions relating to cultural grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that while the perception of the managing agency of the State's top economic driver has grown more critical through the years, your Committee acknowledges the work and success of the Hawaii Tourism Authority. Your Committee also finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority has a study in progress examining various models of tourism governance to potentially replicate in the State. While your Committee agrees that more needs to be done to manage tourism in the State, overhauling the Hawaii Tourism Authority may be premature at this time.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that would have:
 - (A) Changed the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to a steering committee;
 - (B) Renamed the President and Chief Executive Officer as the Chief Tourism Officer; and
 - (C) Repealed certain powers of the Board of Directors and Hawaii Tourism Authority, except for language repealing the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions;
- (2) Revising the purpose section to reflect its amended purpose;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2735, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2735, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kong, Lamosao). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 67-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1578

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "motor carrier vehicle" to exclude chassis used to transport shipping containers.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which deletes the contents of this measure and inserts language that:

- (1) Permits a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection; and
- (2) Makes an out-of-state registration for a shipping container chassis valid in the State until its expiration in the other state or for one year after a vehicle safety inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed H.D. 1 from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; Young Brothers, LLC; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that shipping container chassis play a vital role in the flow of commerce in Hawaii by ensuring containers, and the goods within them, can be delivered to the State. Your Committee further finds that due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping containers are frequently moved from port to port and often contain out-of-state license plates and registrations. Your Committee believes that allowing shipping container chassis that are registered out-of-state to obtain a safety check will reduce delays in the delivery of goods while still ensuring the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending the measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1578, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 68-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2071

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that any photo red light imaging detector system's clear and unobstructed recorded image of a motor vehicle license plate shall be prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is the motor vehicle for which the license plate was issued; and
- (2) Require the State, the county, or the State's or county's third party contractor to implement a process to record the date on which the summons or citation was submitted to the post office, which shall be prima facie evidence of the date the summons or citation was submitted to the post office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will enhance the State's ability to prosecute persons who run red lights by ensuring that a clear, unobstructed image of a motor vehicle's license plate is accepted as prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle it is attached to is the motor vehicle to which the license plate was issued.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2071, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 69-24 Education on H.B. No. 1650

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Education to invite:

- (1) The exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher representative to the Board; and
- (2) The exclusive representative for bargaining unit (6) to appoint a nonvoting public school administrator to the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education currently consists of nine voting members, none of whom are required to be a public school teacher or public school administrator. Your Committee further finds that the appointment of a public school teacher and public school administrator as nonvoting members to the Board will provide the Board with firsthand experience and expertise on the educational and professional climate in Hawaii's public schools, impact of education policies on teacher recruitment and retention, and resources needed to deliver a quality learning experience for all of the State's children.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 70-24 Education on H.B. No. 1651

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that educational workers shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions or perform tasks that could imminently endanger the worker's health or safety;
- (2) Require the Department of Education to take certain actions regarding the reporting and handling of harassment of educational workers; and
- (3) Establish the misdemeanor offense of harassment of an educational worker.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawaii Government Employee's Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawaii Young Republicans; CARES; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of Department of Education employees' in providing quality education to all children, regardless of their diverse background. Your Committee finds, however, that educational workers in the public schools are often subjected to harassment. Your Committee believes that parents and guardians of students have the right to share their concerns, but that these concerns must be shared within the constructs of the law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Rather than using the term "unsafe or hazardous conditions", clarifying that an educational worker shall not be required to work under conditions or perform while being subjected to harassment as provided in this measure;
- (2) Clarifying that the Department of Education is required to:
 - (A) Conduct a formal investigation of all incidents of harassment submitted to the Department by an educational worker; and
 - (B) Report to the proper law enforcement authority within forty-eight hours all incidents of harassment submitted to the Department by an educational worker where the incident of harassment involves a potential threat of physical harm to the educational worker or another person;
- (3) Deleting the requirement that the Department of Education assist an educational worker in obtaining representation from the Department of the Attorney General;
- (4) Amending the offense of harassment of an educational worker to require a relationship between the harassment and the victim's position as an educational worker;
- (5) Requiring charter schools to take actions similar to the Department of Education regarding the reporting and handling of harassment of educational workers at their schools;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1651, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1651, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 71-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2514

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; CARES; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that there is a severe shortage of qualified teachers in the State. Your Committee believes that major contributing factors to this shortage are the high cost of living in the State and lack of affordable housing. According to the Department of Education's employment report for the 2020-2021 school year, roughly fifty-seven percent of teachers who resigned cited the high cost of housing as the primary reason for leaving the State. Your Committee believes that this measure is an important step in attracting and retaining teachers.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation regarding programs and resources under the Corporation being subject to federal Fair Housing laws and the potential for the housing occupancy preferences proposed by this measure to violate these laws. Your Committee also finds that the Department of Education currently has the statutory authority and a revolving fund established specifically for a teachers' housing program. As such, your Committee believes the voucher program under this measure would be better placed under the responsibility of the Department of Education rather than Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the agency responsible for the Teacher Housing Assistance Program from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to the Department of Education;
- (2) Expanding the authorized uses of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund to include the Teacher Housing Assistance Program;
- (3) Changing the means of financing for the program from general funds to the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2514, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2514, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 72-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2642

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Modify the notice requirements when terminating a rental agreement on or after November 1, 2024;
- (2) Require landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation;
- (3) Require landlords to provide specific information to tenants; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Judiciary Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Department of Human Services; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Children's Action Networks Speaks!; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that many people in the State continue to face challenges paying their rent due to the ever-increasing costs of housing. In an effort to reduce evictions and facilitate mediation, the Legislature enacted Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 57), which modified notice requirements for residential summary possession proceedings, mandated pre-filing mediation, and made funding available for pre-filing mediation services and rent relief. Your Committee believes that Act 57 was successful in avoiding evictions, thereby keeping people in homes and ensuring landlords receive their rent payments. Despite its success, Act 57 ended on August 6, 2022. Your Committee believes the success of Act 57 merits the continuation of a similar eviction mediation program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that if either the tenant or landlord schedules mediation, both parties shall participate;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2642, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 73-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1838

The purpose of this measure is to allow counties to enact a zoning ordinance to amortize or phase out nonconforming single-family transient vacation rental units over a reasonable period of time.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Keep It Kailua; Lāhainā Strong; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawaii Financial Services; Hawai'i YIMBY; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Rental By Owner Awareness Association; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Kihei Oasis Vacation Rental; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Airbnb.

Your Committee finds that certain transient vacation rental units are permitted to operate in the State through zoning laws adopted in each county. Your Committee further finds that other transient vacation rental units continue operating only by virtue of their status as legal, nonconforming uses that have been grandfathered in. This measure will address this legal loophole by allowing the counties to amortize or phase out permitted, nonconforming, or otherwise allowed short-term rentals in any zoning classification.

Your Committee notes the potential constitutional concerns brought up in testimony regarding this measure and respectfully asks your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to examine the merits of this claim.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "transient vacation rental unit";

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1838, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 74-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2216

The purpose of this measure is to increase the cap on state supplemental payments for certain long-term care facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; AARP Hawai'i; Providing Healthy Homecare for Hawaii; Oahu Filipino Community Council; Adult Foster Home Association of Hawaii; Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii; United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; Community Homecare Association of Hawaii; Alliance of Professional Primary Care Administrators; Association of Residential Care Administrators; The Primary Care Providers of Hawaii; Thelma Ortal Adult Foster Home; Wilson Adult Foster Home; CMC Kafamilya Adult Foster Home; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 1000 Home Health Care Operators; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has more than sixteen hundred community care foster family homes, adult residential care homes, and developmental disabilities domiciliary homes. These home and community-based facilities are an integral part of the State's long-term care system, as they are cost-effective, high quality, and support people's preferences to age in a home-like setting. Your Committee further finds, however, that community caregivers have not seen an increase in the state supplemental payment in the last fifteen years. Increasing the state supplemental payment rate will help these dedicated caregivers cope with the rising cost of living and continue to provide care for Hawaii's elderly and disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2216, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 75-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1772

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that fall-related injuries disproportionately affect the elderly, and injuries from falling take an emotional, financial, and physical toll on the elderly individual and their family. Your Committee further finds that many falls are preventable. Educating the public about fall prevention is a key component in the State's public health campaign to reduce injuries, health care costs, stress, and anxiety amongst Hawaii's elder population.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1772, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 76-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2539

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase funding of Medicaid in-home services; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Services to obtain maximum federal matching funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; AARP; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that most Hawaii residents would prefer to age in their homes. However, caring for a person who is frail and dependent can be challenging and overwhelming for family caregivers without additional help. In-home service providers who assist family caregivers can mean the difference between an individual remaining at home versus being placed in an institutional facility. Your Committee further finds that increasing the funding for Medicaid in-home services will ensure that in-home service providers can continue to offer care and support to the State's elderly and disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement for the Department of Human Services to pursue all funding sources, including private grants, as federal Medicaid rules prohibit most private grants as a funding source for certain Medicaid services;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$9,860,000. Your Committee notes that this amount would generate a federal funds match of approximately \$13,940,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2539, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2539, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 77-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2087

The purpose of this measure is to reduce wait times for seniors by establishing a pilot program within the Executive Office on Aging to create dedicated priority lanes, priority online scheduling, or priority phone lines for persons sixty-five years of age or older seeking access to public services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Public Health Association, Hawaii Federation of Republican Women, and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee finds that there has been a rapid increase in the State's senior population. This population often faces unique challenges when accessing services, including mobility issues, hearing impairments, and limited technological proficiency. Your Committee further finds that seniors are disproportionately impacted by long wait times for services, possibly delaying their access to essential care. This measure establishes a pilot program intended to help the State's kupuna access public services in a more efficient manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the name of the pilot program and authorizing the Executive Office on Aging to enter into memorandums of agreement with counties and other state agencies to implement the pilot program;
- (2) Requiring the Executive Office on Aging to work with certain state and county government offices to create more user-friendly services for kupuna;
- (3) Requiring the Executive Office on Aging to provide relevant information about the pilot program to the Auditor by September 1, 2026;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2087, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2087, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 78-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1773

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop training materials related to the recognition and signs of Alzheimer's disease and related types of dementia; and
- (2) Law enforcement officers to review these training materials for at least one hour per year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Executive Office on Aging; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Alzheimer's Association; AARP Hawai'i; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that six in ten people with dementia will wander at some point. When individuals with dementia wander and become lost, they may show signs of anxiety, fear, or hostility, which can all escalate to aggressive behaviors. Your Committee therefore finds that dementia training for law enforcement officers is critical to meet the growing prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia and decrease potential harm for those who struggle with dementia.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Law Enforcement prefers House Bill No. 2250 to this measure, which combines dementia training with crisis intervention training for all law enforcement officers statewide. However, since House Bill No. 2250 has not yet been scheduled for a hearing, your Committee believes this measure should continue to move forward in the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1773, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1773, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 79-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2722

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who is adjudicated for an offense committed while the person was a minor under the age of eighteen or against the person's parent or guardian;
- (2) Limit court-ordered community service for a minor to no more than seventy-two hours; and
- (3) Repeal the statewide curfew for minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law; ACLU, Hawai'i; Community Alliance on Prisons; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that charging fees, fines, and court costs to youth is harmful to young people and their families. Your Committee believes that because assessing fines in juvenile justice proceedings is not an evidence-based practice for rehabilitating youth, Hawaii should reform its assessment of fees and fines for mistakes made in a person's youth.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a minor found guilty of various driver licensing violations may be ordered to perform community service at the discretion of the Family Court;
- (2) Clarifying that removing the responsibility of any financial reimbursement from a minor or the minor's parent or guardian does not preclude a court from ordering restitution to a victim, as applicable;
- (3) Amending sentencing provisions for minors for an act constituting graffiti by requiring the court to provide a minor with the option to participate in the Judiciary's Accountability Program;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2722, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 80-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1913

The purpose of this measure is to increase the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court proceedings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; Department of Human Services; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that court-appointed guardians ad litem perform a critical role in a wide range of family court cases, including representing the best interest of children in child protective cases or child custody matters and representing persons in involuntary hospitalization and assisted community treatment proceedings. The subjects of these proceedings are the most vulnerable members of the community who are frequently unable to advocate for themselves or meaningfully participate in court proceedings.

Your Committee further finds that court-appointed attorneys play a similar role in family court cases. These court-appointed attorneys provide constitutionally-mandated representation to individuals whose parental rights are at stake in child protective cases and to minors who have been charged with law violations.

The work court-appointed guardians ad litem and counsel perform can be quite complex and is extremely important. It requires expertise and experience. This measure will help attract and retain highly competent individuals to serve as court-appointed guardians ad litem and counsel in family court cases.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1913, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1913, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 81-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1914

The purpose of this measure is to increase the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; and Hudson Law.

Your Committee finds that most indigent criminal defendants have a right to representation by competent counsel appointed by the court. Usually, these defendants are represented by the Office of the Public Defender. However, in the event of a conflict, the defendant has a right to the appointment of private defense counsel.

Your Committee further finds that the existing rate of pay has not been adjusted in almost twenty years. This measure will adjust the rate of compensation to attract competent individuals to serve as appointed counsel for these defendants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1914, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1914, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 82-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1608

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) deputy public defender positions within the Office of the Public Defender, with one position being assigned to the family court section.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that every criminal defendant has the right to counsel and right to effective assistance of counsel. In the State's criminal justice system, the Office of the Public Defender is tasked with providing legal representation for indigent criminal defendants. To ensure that staff of the Office of the Public Defender provide representation in compliance with those rights, this measure appropriates funds for further positions and ensures that the Office of the Public Defender is adequately staffed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$303,720.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1608, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 83-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2570

The purpose of this measure is to require attorneys applying for a pro hac vice appearance in the State's courts to provide:

- (1) Evidence of the applicant's and local counsel's Hawaii business registrations;
- (2) The applicant's and local counsel's Hawaii general excise tax license numbers;
- (3) An affirmation that both the applicant and local counsel will pay all state income tax due for Hawaii business activities; and
- (4) All other information or documentation required by the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants; Niwao & Roberts, CPAs, a P.C.; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that pro hac vice is the practice whereby an attorney who has not been admitted to practice in a particular jurisdiction is allowed to participate in proceedings in that jurisdiction. In Hawaii, the pro hac vice appearance of counsel is authorized pursuant to rules adopted by the Hawaii Supreme Court. Your Committee believes that these rules should be updated to ensure that attorneys engaging in the pro hac vice process are aware of their state tax obligations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2570, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 84-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2359

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Identify and address any remaining obstacles to digital equity in all areas of Hawaii; and
- (2) Establish the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants and create an environment in which all individuals and communities in the State have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in society, democracy, and the economy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Executive Office on Aging; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; a member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Broadband Hui; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; and KHopeacetic Digital Communications & Marketing. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Charter Communications.

Your Committee finds that digital equity in every community across the State is essential to the well-being and economic reality of the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that this measure will enhance digital equity in the State, which will strengthen Hawaii's overall economic development and education, health care, and emergency services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2359, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 85-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2113

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Pharmacist Workforce Assessment Fee and Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to fund and support activities of the College of Pharmacy in strengthening pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Pharmacists Association; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; KTA Super Stores; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Board of Pharmacy; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that with further resources, the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy can proactively address issues of Hawaii's current health care crisis and leverage pharmacists across the health care spectrum to recruit and retain highly qualified pharmacists to practice in the State, create a plan for an innovative pharmacy practice model, and serve as the resource for the pharmacy profession as the medical system shifts to a value and team-based care model where pharmacy will play in integral role in patient outcomes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2113, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2113, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 86-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1577

The purpose of this measure is to authorize tow operators to charge additional reasonable amounts for overturned vehicles.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Consumer Protection.

Your Committee finds that overturned vehicles can pose an additional challenge for towing companies and that these companies should be allowed to charge an additional amount as compensation. However, your Committee also finds that consumers should not be surprised with an unknown additional charge when faced with a situation where their vehicle has overturned.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an undefined maximum amount that may be charged by a tow company for the towing of an overturned vehicle, rather than leaving the determination of what constitutes a reasonable amount to be charged up to each tow company;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, if it chooses to deliberate on this measure, to solicit additional stakeholder input in considering what is a reasonable maximum amount that may be charged by a tow company for the towing of an overturned vehicle.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 87-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1976

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Office of Elections for the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee to carry out its mandate; and
- (2) Require the Office of Elections to annually request funding for the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Statewide Voters with Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee is to ensure equal and independent access to voter registration, casting of ballots, and all other Office of Elections services. This measure will enable the Advisory Committee to carry out its mandate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Codifying the requirement that the Office of Elections annually request funding for the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee in the Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$10,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1976, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1976, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 88-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1911

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the supplemental appropriations made by this measure will assist the Judiciary in its efforts to fulfill its constitutional, statutory, and public service duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1911, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Evslin, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 89-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1865

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Career Criminal Prosecution Unit was created because a disproportionate amount of serious crimes are committed against the public by a relatively small number of individuals who are multiple and repeat felony offenders. This measure will help support the prosecution of these career criminals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$747,267 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1865, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1865, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 90-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1917

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for collective bargaining cost items for Judiciary employees and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that unions representing public employees in the State have been pursuing claims for temporary hazard pay for work performed by government employees during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the hazard pay provisions of the respective collective bargaining agreements. This measure is intended to provide appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for temporary hazard pay for employees in bargaining units 1 and 10 and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,097,301 for bargaining unit 1 and its excluded counterparts; and \$612,621 for bargaining unit 10 and its excluded counterparts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1917, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 91-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1968

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated; and
- (2) Allow a court to order the personnel of a legal entity against whom a claim is brought to undergo training on trauma-informed response to allegations of sexual abuse.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Rainbow Family 808; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Association for Justice; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that survivors of childhood sexual abuse often do not divulge the truth of their abuse until adulthood, with some survivors delaying disclosure for fifty years or more. This measure will provide victims of childhood sexual abuse a better opportunity to seek justice.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the time period under which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated based on when the sexual abuse occurred; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1968, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 92-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1866

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for the Victim Witness Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the funding provided by this measure will help guide victims, witnesses, and surviving family members through the criminal justice system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$736,785 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1866, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1866, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 93-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2425

The purpose of this measure is to clarify:

- (1) That a confirmed report of child abuse or neglect, harm, or threatened harm will result in the perpetrator's name being maintained in the Department of Human Services central registry of reported child abuse or neglect cases; and
- (2) When a person's name may be expunged from the central registry of reported child abuse or neglect cases, and establish a process for expungement upon request.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of the Attorney General; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform.

Your Committee finds that this measure has a delayed implementation date of July 1, 2025, to allow the Department of Human Services to establish administrative rules and implement a form-based expungement process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2425, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 94-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2427

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly establish that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each program year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Hui for Excellence in Education.

Your Committee finds that the Preschool Open Doors program provides key financial assistance to enable children to attend preschool. This measure establishes a reasonable and appropriate balance between honoring key priorities in the selection of Preschool Open Doors participants to serve children with the greatest need and ensuring continuity of care to support children's development, while also expediting enrollment, ensuring efficient expenditure of funds, and maximizing the number of children served through the program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2427, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2427, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 95-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1760

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a county to establish a bond recycling program;
- (2) Allow Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a county to secure a line of credit or other instrument of indebtedness for the bond recycling program;
- (3) Require a reserve to be maintained for the unsecured portion of debt incurred for the bond recycling program and establish a reserve for Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation as a subaccount of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund; and
- (4) Require a county or issuer to submit a report to the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on the status or use of its portion of the volume cap that is being recycled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Stanford Carr Development; and CARES. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's housing crisis requires innovative solutions to ensure the State can provide enough affordable housing for residents. Your Committee further finds that jurisdictions such as New York City and California have established bond recycling programs, which are designed to preserve and recycle prior years' tax-exempt private activity bond volume cap whose proceeds are needed only for a short time, such as only during construction, and that would otherwise expire upon repayment. Bond recycling programs leverage the existing bond cap for affordable housing and can preserve and more efficiently utilize the tax-exempt bonds required for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. Your Committee also finds that adopting a similar program in Hawaii would support and expand affordable housing development in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language establishing a six-month deadline that begins on the date of a loan repayment financed by a certain issue;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1760, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 96-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1761

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects;
- (2) Exempt bonds issued by Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes, with exceptions;
- (3) Include proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts; and
- (4) Authorize regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; and Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

Your Committee finds that the cost of off-site infrastructure and lack of sufficient infrastructure are major barriers to developing affordable housing in the State. The costs of off-site infrastructure are typically paid by private housing developers, who then pass the cost on to homebuyers and renters. This measure provides an alternative financing option for regional infrastructure development and improvements, thereby allowing the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to facilitate the development of infrastructure for new affordable housing projects across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1761, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1761, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 97-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1833

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds into and out of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to provide loans or grants for mixed-income rental projects or units in mixed-income rental projects for qualifying individuals and families; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for an unspecified number of finance specialist positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation.

Your Committee finds that there is a severe lack of affordable housing in the State. Your Committee further finds that the State will require approximately fifty thousand housing units by 2025. In order for the State to meet this demand, your Committee believes that significant funding needs to be provided for the development of affordable rental units. This measure will enable the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to extend a second round of Rental Housing Revolving Fund funding to the housing development community to offer housing units to individuals and families with incomes above sixty percent and at or below one hundred percent of the area median income.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the date on which funds from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund may be used for other rental housing projects and allowable contingencies for existing awardees to June 30, 2025;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1833, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1833, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 98-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2357

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Homebuyers' Club Program under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the Homebuyers' Club Program was established in 1993, before the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development-approved nonprofit housing counseling agencies were established statewide. Your Committee further finds that these nonprofit housing counseling agencies provide homeownership counseling to first-time homebuyers more cost-effectively, thereby making this program obsolete.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2357, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2357, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 99-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2413

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the provision prohibiting qualified persons or firms from receiving direct or indirect financing for construction projects from a governmental contracting agency as a condition of prevailing wage terms;
- (2) Extend the approval and certification period in which construction or rehabilitation of certain projects can qualify for general excise tax exemptions; and
- (3) Repeal the limitation of the costs of contracting, including the annual cap on allowable general excise tax and use tax costs applicable to contracting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Pacific Resource Partnership; NAIOP; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC; Maui Chamber of Commerce; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and Stanford Carr Development, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State has been experiencing an out-migration for the past five years, with a decline of approximately 22,000 people from 2020 to 2023. The cost-burden of housing and lack of affordable housing in the State are compounded by Hawaii having the highest cost of living in the nation. This measure will optimize opportunities for developing new or refurbished rental housing in the State by expanding tax incentives to improve the economics of building rental housing, thereby creating more affordable housing to keep residents in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2413, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2413, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Todd).

SCRep. 100-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2641

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reestablish the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (2) Apply registration requirements retroactively to June 30, 2023; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Real Estate Valuation Advocacy Association; Hawaii Financial Services Association; Solidifi US Inc.; Hawaii Bankers Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Credit Union League; and Appraisal Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that appraisal management companies serve as an intermediary between lenders and appraisers, assisting lenders in obtaining appraisals by providing appraisal management services, including contracting with licensed appraisers to perform appraisal assignments, in a manner that is compliant with federal and state laws. The Legislature enacted Act 118, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, which established the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program to regulate appraisal management companies in the State. However, the program was repealed on June 30, 2023. This measure reestablishes the program, ensuring that appraisal management companies continue to be regulated in the State and that residents and lenders have more choices in the residential appraisal process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language relating to compliance with the federal Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act;
- (2) Enabling the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ necessary personnel to assist with the implementation of the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program;
- (3) Appropriating funds out of the Compliance Resolution Fund, rather than the general fund, for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 for the implementation of the Program;
- (4) Limiting implementation of the measure to only the extent it is not in conflict with any federal law;
- (5) Specifying that the Program shall commence on September 30, 2024;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2641, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Alcos).

SCRep. 101-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1645

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Human Resources Development to submit an annual report to the Legislature on vacancies in the state Executive Branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that the Executive Branch workforce is facing high vacancies, which have caused a severe workforce shortage in state government and created a reduction in the quality of government services available to the public. Comprehensive data on the State's vacancies will assist the Legislature in addressing the high number of vacancies in state government and provide context for the impact that these vacancies have on government operations and the delivery of services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Resources Development to include information and data on the vacancies of the Executive Branch as a part of its annual report to the Legislature;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1645, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1645, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 102-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1947

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reduce from ten years to five years the minimum number of years of credited service Tier 2 members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for investments into the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees; Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Employer-Union Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Your Committee finds that there is a two-tier member structure for members of the Employees' Retirement System that is based on when an individual becomes a member. "Tier 1 members" are required to have a minimum of five years of credited service to be eligible for vested benefit status, while "Tier 2 members" are required to have a minimum of ten years of credited service to be eligible for vested benefit status. Reducing the minimum number of years of credited service from ten years to five years for Tier 2 members, while having little fiscal impact, would help state and county employers with the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure would not apply to members who forfeited their service or retired before the effective date of this measure;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1947, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1947, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 103-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1946

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year pilot program, including the hiring of three full-time positions, in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for an Office of Process Improvement to conduct process and efficiency evaluations for various offices and agencies and make recommendations for process improvement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Pacific Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds that delays in the processes within state government often lead to inefficiencies in decision-making and the implementation of policies, which is critical in addressing the urgent needs of the public. Evaluating and improving existing processes will allow for a more efficient delivery of services to the public and improve the overall effectiveness of state government.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Attaching the Office of Process Improvement to the Office of the Governor, rather than the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and amending the appropriation of funds to account for this change; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1946, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1946, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 104-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2197

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require covered employers to automatically enroll covered employees into the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program unless the employee chooses to opt out; and
- (2) Clarify the definition of "covered employer" in the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; AARP Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is an imminent retirement security crisis in the State, as many individuals do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan. Individuals without a retirement plan are at significant risk of not having enough retirement income to meet basic expenses during retirement. Providing private sector employees with access to employer-sponsored retirement plans, unless they opt out, is a reliable way to promote savings needed for a secure retirement, improve employees' financial security, and reduce wealth disparity in society.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2197, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2197, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 105-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1642

The purpose of this measure is to allow an employee or the exclusive representative, if applicable, to file a complaint with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board if the employer fails to comply with certain new employee general orientation requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Your Committee finds that as state and local governments look to hire new employees, it is essential that employees are made aware of their benefits and rights as soon as possible. This measure ensures that employers are providing newly hired employees with a general orientation on the employee's benefits and rights and, if not compliant, are held accountable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including failure to provide a general orientation on benefits and rights for newly hired employees as a prohibited practice for a public employer or its designated representative under section 89-13(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1642, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 106-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1945

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for leave cash-out pilot programs for eligible Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of Health employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Budget and Finance; and Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that the rate of daily absences in high-stress state positions is growing and becoming more commonplace. In certain cases, where a lack of staffing could lead to dangerous conditions, workers are often required to stay on the job long after their shift has ended, leading to burnout and massive overtime costs for the State. Allowing employees to cash out part of their accrued vacation leave and compensatory time off is a way to incentivize good attendance and improve the overall health of certain state facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including an employee's compensatory time off to be eligible for the leave cash-out pilot program;
- (2) Clarifying that the rules for the pilot program shall be established by mutual agreement between the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the exclusive representative of any applicable collective bargaining unit;
- (3) Deleting language that would have established and appropriated funds for a leave cash-out pilot program for Department of Health employees who work at the Hawaii State Hospital;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider granting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation interim rulemaking authority for the leave cash-out pilot program until rules can be mutually agreed upon by the respective parties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1945, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 107-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to require cash or protest bonds to be returned to the initiating parties, minus administrative costs as determined by the Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, except in cases where the appeal was frivolous or made in bad faith.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc.; Healy Tibbitts Builders, Inc.; Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd.; Jas. W. Glover, Ltd.; Pacific Resource Partnership; Jayar Construction, Inc.; Ralph S. Inouye Co. Ltd.; Nordic PCL Construction, Inc.; Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.; Hensel Phelps Construction Co.; and King & Neel Pacific, Inc.

Your Committee finds that Act 224, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, required, among other things, a party protesting an agency decision to put up a one percent cash or protest bond without a cap to prevent the filing of frivolous appeals. However, the existing law does not allow for the cash or protest bond to be returned to the initiating party even when a legitimate protest is filed, unless they prevail in the administrative proceeding. This measure will prevent frivolous appeals without deterring legitimate appeals on large projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2070, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 108-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1889

The purpose of this measure is to expand workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that firefighters may be exposed to contaminants that are known or suspected to cause cancer in the course of their duties. Additionally, female firefighters may be at increased risk of breast, cervical, and uterine cancers. Therefore, this measure improves female firefighters' access to comprehensive medical coverage by expanding workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1889, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 109-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2658

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement that the Director of Human Resources Development must submit a report to the Legislature before reclassifying and abolishing vacant positions within state departments and agencies that are under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that the Director of Human Resources Development is required to submit a report to the Legislature before reclassifying and abolishing vacant positions within state departments and agencies that are under the jurisdiction of the Department. Because there are other measures moving forward that require an annual report on vacancies that request more detailed information than this original report, should those measures become enacted, the original report requirement would be redundant.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2658, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2658, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Alcos).

SCRep. 110-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2254

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow state departments to participate in temporary employee interchanges with private sector organizations, including nonprofit and for-profit organizations; and
- (2) Limit the term for a temporary employee interchange with a private sector organization to no more than four continuous months.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that it is critical for the State to recruit and retain state employees in a competitive labor market. Establishing a temporary employee interchange with private sector organizations may result in a more dynamic and interconnected workforce. This measure provides an innovative solution to ensuring that state employment vacancies can be filled in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2254, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2254, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 111-24 Education on H.B. No. 1616

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to report to the Legislature annually on the installation, repair, and maintenance of fire alarms in Hawaii's public schools; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for fire alarm repair and maintenance in public schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus.

Your Committee finds that properly functioning fire alarm systems are essential for public school safety. As facilities age, the impact of fires becomes increasingly severe. According to the Department of Education, as of 2022, the average age of public school buildings in Hawaii was seventy-two years. Furthermore, approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's two hundred fifty-seven public schools are more than one hundred years old. Your Committee believes that annual reporting on the installation, repair, and maintenance of fire alarms in public schools will ensure that the fire alarms of school facilities are regularly inspected.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to include in its report the project completion date of fire alarm systems installed and repaired at public schools in the preceding fiscal year;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$25,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1616, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1616, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 112-24 Education on H.B. No. 1652

The purpose of this measure is to establish a state income tax credit for qualified expenses incurred by teachers and other school personnel employed by the Department of Education, Hawaii State Public Library System, or as part of a Head Start Program in a school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Executive Office on Early Learning; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Department of Education; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that previous surveys conducted by the Hawaii State Teachers Association found that forty-seven percent of Hawaii's educators cited personal expenditures of between \$250 and \$500 each year on classroom supplies, with many claiming expenditures in excess of \$1,000. Your Committee further finds that in addition to spending personal funds on classroom supplies, educators also have to consider the high costs of living in Hawaii, such as healthcare and housing. This measure will help relieve the financial burden of paying for classroom and school supplies that teachers and other school personnel face by providing financial support through an income tax credit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "qualified taxpayer" to include individuals employed by a public charter school as a prekindergarten through twelfth-grade teacher, instructor, school librarian, counselor, principal, registrar, or aide;
- (2) Removing the requirement for teachers and other school personnel to be employed for at least nine hundred hours during a school year to qualify for the tax credit;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1652, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 113-24 Education on H.B. No. 1655

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to work with the Board of Education to create a public digital platform by the 2025-2026 school year that shows how schools statewide are adopting high-quality instructional materials for K-6 English language arts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN; Hawai'i State Literacy Coalition; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the materials or core curricula that districts choose for reading instruction greatly impacts student learning and teacher practice. High-quality instructional materials are aligned to the science of reading and to the respective state's standards. Your Committee believes that investing in and adopting high-quality instructional materials will give Hawaii's teachers access to quality content and quality assignments.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Education has committed to having all public schools implement a comprehensive instructional program that reflects research based instructional strategies and addresses all or nearly all of the English language arts standards. This measure will ensure the Department of Education's commitment by requiring the Department to share with the public each school's progress in adopting high-quality instructional material.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Delaying the deadline for the creation of the public digital dashboard to the 2027-2028 school year;
- (2) Requiring the public digital dashboard to show how schools statewide are adopting high-quality instructional materials for K-12, rather than K-6, English language arts;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1655, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1655, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 114-24 Education on H.B. No. 1906

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to:

- (1) Maintain and enhance its Panorama platform and Trust Circle mobile platform; or
- (2) Create one or more new platforms that provide increased support for mental health, including social-emotional health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that providing mental health and well-being support plays a critical role in addressing the diverse and complex psychological needs of students, offering important support that extends beyond traditional academic needs. Access to mental health and well-being support enables early identification and intervention for students experiencing mental health issues.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education uses two platforms to address mental health. The Panorama Education platform is used to survey students and the Trust Circle mobile platform provides broader mental health and well-being support access, reduces barriers to seeking support, and addresses the potential consequences of overlooking those who may require assistance but remain outside existing referral channels.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Education does not have a platform to gather social-emotional surveys or a centralized database that captures student data around academics, attendance, behavior, mental health, and social-emotional learning needs. This measure will provide the Department of Education with funding to enhance and sustain the Department's ability to address mental health, including social-emotional health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1906, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1906, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 115-24 Education on H.B. No. 2240

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds into and out of the Hawaii Educator Loan Program Revolving Fund for the Hawaii Educator Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Educator Loan Program (Program) was established to recruit college students to become educators and ensure that these graduates teach in Hawaii's public schools. Specifically, the Program provides loans to students and allows for those loans to be forgiven after completion of a teaching education program and moving on to teach in a position that meets the requirements of the Program.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii continues to face an increasing shortage of qualified teachers. Your Committee recognizes that the seven-year service requirement may be a deterrent to increased Program participation. Your Committee further recognizes that students and teachers who agree to teach in a public charter school are just as deserving of the loans that are provided under the Program to individuals teaching at a Department of Education school.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Hawaii Educator Loan Program to:
 - (A) Open eligibility for students and teachers who agree to teach as a full-time teacher in a public charter school;
 - (B) Decrease the service requirement for total loan forgiveness to five years; and
 - (C) Increase the percent of the total loan award to be waived annually to twenty percent;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2240, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2240, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 116-24 Education on H.B. No. 2242

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for four full-time equivalent career foundations certificate program teachers for the McKinley Community School for Adults.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; McKinley Community School for Adults; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; You Are Going Places, LLC; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 261, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 261), established the Adult Workforce Readiness Program to provide opportunities for high school students and adult education students to earn associate degrees, workforce development diplomas, and other certificates to ensure they develop skills and credentials needed to make them highly employable. Your Committee further finds that, since Act 261 was enacted, the McKinley Community School for Adults has been making great strides in successfully implementing the Workforce Readiness Program for adults and high school students. However, adult education teachers for workforce preparation programs are part-time temporary hires, which are often difficult to fill and maintain. This measure will provide funding for full-time equivalent teachers for McKinley Community School for Adults to further the success of workforce preparation programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$380,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2242, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 117-24 Education on H.B. No. 2572

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Teacher Loan Program to encourage individuals to become teachers in hard-to-fill positions at Department of Education Schools;
- (2) Allow the loans to be forgiven if the individual:
 - (A) Becomes a licensed teacher; or
 - (B) Commits to teach as a full-time teacher for seven years in a hard-to-fill position or at a school located in a rural area;
- (3) Establish a Teacher Loan Program Revolving Fund to provide loans for the Teacher Loan Program; and
- (4) Appropriate funds into and out of the Teacher Loan Program Revolving Fund for the Teacher Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the high cost of living in Hawaii is a significant issue that contributes to the State's chronic teacher shortage. Additionally, to support their students, teachers often incur higher expenses and use personal funds to purchase essential and additional classroom supplies. Your Committee further finds that, because of the high cost of living, acquiring housing is another significant obstacle for individuals to accept a position as a teacher. This measure will greatly reduce the financial burden in becoming a teacher by providing loans for individuals and allowing for the forgiveness of those loans if the individual becomes a licensed teacher in the State or commits to teach as a full-time teacher, subject to certain requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the Teacher Loan Program as the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program (Program);
- (2) Allowing teachers who have become a licensed teacher in Hawaii to be eligible for participation in the Program;
- (3) Specifying that participants in the Program are required to have obtained student loans to attend a college in the University of Hawaii System;
- (4) Clarifying that teachers who commit to teach as a full-time teacher in a public charter school and meet the requirements of the Program are eligible for participation in the Program;
- (5) Reducing the eligibility service period commitment from seven years to three years;
- (6) Amending the prioritization of eligibility for the Program to be for teachers who:
 - (A) Are teaching in, or accept a position in, a hard-to-staff area, complex, or school; or
 - (B) Accept a position at a hard-to-staff school in a different complex area in Hawaii;
- (7) Requiring that the Department of Education, rather than the Board of Education, to determine the amounts to be distributed to each recipient and the terms for repayment of funds distributed for the repayment of student loans;
- (8) Increasing the maximum amount of the award to \$50,000 per recipient and providing that the maximum allowable amount to be distributed to a recipient shall be determined by the amount borrowed for the recipient's student loans;
- (9) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2572, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2572, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 118-24 Education on H.B. No. 2759

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to maintain seventy-five health technician positions within the Department of Education for the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawaii American Nurses Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i Primary Care Association.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program (Hawaii Keiki Program) is designed to improve access to quality school-based health services for Hawaii's public school students through a partnership with the University of Hawaii at Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing. In the past three years, the Hawaii Keiki Program provided direct on-site services in over one hundred seventy-one schools, and indirect support to all Department of Education schools, complexes, and complex areas.

Your Committee further finds that health technicians, who are community health workers, medical assistants, and certified nurse assistants, are critical to the expansion of health nursing services. Under the supervision of registered nurses, health technicians support on-site health room visits; implement nursing orders; facilitate virtual nursing visits; facilitate health screening efforts; support staff, parent, and student health education; and provide health support to the school campus. Your Committee believes that maintaining the health technician positions throughout the State will support the Hawaii Keiki Program in ensuring that children enrolled in Department of Education schools will be healthy and ready to learn.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$3,400,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2759, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2759, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 119-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2148

The purpose of this measure is to establish a statute of repose for professional land surveyors by prohibiting the commencement of an action once a certain amount of time has elapsed after the completion of a contract or final payment for land surveying work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows for a legal action for surveying errors years after the surveying work has been conducted. As a result, land surveyors and surveying firms must retain records of their surveys going as far back as their file retention policies permit, in the event that a claim may arise from an alleged error or omission. In many cases, these records are from surveys conducted decades in the past, often by surveyors who have either passed away or are no longer with the surveying company and cannot therefore serve as witnesses to the quality of their own work. This measure establishes a statute of repose for surveying work to eliminate the threat of never-ending liability for surveyors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the period of time after which an action may not be commenced is to be twenty years;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2148, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2148, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 120-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2048

The purpose of this measure is to amend the composition of the board of directors of the Hawaii Property Insurance Association by:

- (1) Increasing the number of public members from three to four; and
- (2) Changing the authority of who appoints those public members from the Insurance Commissioner to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Property Insurance Association and Puna Citizens for Affordable and Sustainable Property Insurance.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Property Insurance Association serves as the market of last resort to ensure the availability of basic residential property insurance in the State. This measure provides a mechanism for more diverse representation and a broad range of perspectives by shifting the authority for making public member appointments to the Association's board of directors from the Insurance Commissioner to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2048, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2048, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 121-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2056

The purpose of this measure is to establish a State Reinsurance Exploratory Working Group to explore the feasibility of establishing a state-run reinsurance program in Hawaii to ensure affordable coverage for property owners against catastrophic events such as wildfires or flooding.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Association of REALTORS; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Reinsurance Association of America and one individual.

Your Committee finds that, as an island state, Hawaii has unique geographical and environmental challenges, including from the recent Maui wildfires, flooding, lava flows, and other natural disasters. This measure takes a proactive and strategic approach to explore methods to mitigate liabilities faced by private reinsurance companies and, in turn, ensure affordable coverage for property owners against catastrophic events, by establishing a working group to explore the feasibility of state-run insurance coverage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the membership of the State Reinsurance Exploratory Working Group;
- (2) Removing as unnecessary a reference to the State Ethics Code, as the State Ethics Commission's longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the Code;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2056, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2056, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 122-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1803

The purpose of this measure is to, for purposes of pass-through entity taxation election:

- (1) Reduce the pass-through entity level tax rate; and
- (2) Allow the tax credit to carry forward into subsequent years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from C&Y CPAs LLC; Accuity LLP; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Kapolei Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that, at the federal level, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act capped the state and local tax (SALT) deduction for individuals at \$10,000 for the 2018-2025 tax years. The limit generally applies to any SALT liability, including tax on income received from a partnership or S corporation. This limit causes the most hardship in states with higher income tax rates, which includes Hawaii.

Your Committee further finds that in 2020, the Internal Revenue Service announced in Notice 2020-75 that the \$10,000 cap on deductions claimed by pass-through entities would not apply if the state income tax was imposed directly on the entity, instead of the individual members of the entities.

In response, the State enacted Act 50, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which allowed entities to elect to be taxed at the entity level. However, Act 50 imposed a high tax rate and prevented the tax credit from carrying forward to subsequent years, which made it difficult for small businesses to benefit from Act 50 as intended. This measure will adjust the pass-through entity taxation election to reduce the burden on small businesses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to December 31, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1803, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1803, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hashem, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 123-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2192

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to appoint a limited owner of a cemetery for which no owner can be found and authorize the limited owner to file complaints for wrongful acts and install security measures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; one member of the Honolulu City Council; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Sunset Memorial Park in Pearl City, Oahu, has been neglected for years and is the subject of numerous complaints by individuals who have family members buried there. The cemetery is no longer acting under any legal ownership, as the last owners were legal entities that involuntarily dissolved several years ago. As a result, the cemetery is often the target of vandalism and desecration with thieves displacing ashes from copper urns to sell the urns, headstones taken off grave sites, and fires being set. This measure will allow for the appointment of a limited owner that will implement measures to protect the cemetery, and other similarly situated cemeteries, from wrongful acts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2192, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 124-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1565

The purpose of this measure is to relieve homeowner-developers from the burden of filing annual reports and paying the fee for developments consisting of no more than two units, in which one unit is the residence of the developer and the initial sale of the other unit has been completed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Community Associations Institute and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association.

Your Committee finds that the Condominium Property Act characterizes homeowner-developers who own two units under a condominium property regime as a developer of a condominium project. Under the Condominium Property Act, developers are required to file an annual report and pay an annual fee until all units in a development have been sold. This requirement unduly burdens homeowner-developers who permanently reside on their property and do not intend to sell their unit in the development. This measure will therefore provide relief in these specific instances from the burdensome annual filing and fee requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1565, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1565, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hashem, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 125-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1786

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit intimidating, threatening, harassing, or assaulting clerks, election officials, and election workers in the performance of their official duties;
- (2) Prohibit the sharing of personal information of clerks, election officials, and election workers with the intent to intimidate, threaten, harass, or abuse them in connection with the performance of their official duties; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to enable the Office of Elections to remove personal identifying information of clerks, election officials, and election workers from the Internet.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Young Republicans; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women; Aloha Freedom Coalition; Children's Health Defense Hawaii Chapter; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there has been an unprecedented surge in hostility and attacks on election workers in recent years. This measure is intended to deter individuals from harming elections workers, thereby providing a safer environment for workers, volunteers, and the public on election day.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have made it a misdemeanor to intimidate, threaten, harass, or assault clerks, election officials, and election workers in the performance of their official duties, and instead amending the class C felony offense of assault in the second degree to include intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to any clerk, election official, or election worker who is engaged in the performance of duty;
- (2) Deleting language that would have made the prohibition on the sharing of personal information of clerks, election officials, and election workers in addition to any other crime;
- (3) Clarifying the definition of "election worker" to include individuals designated by the clerk to provide election support services;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to ascertain the amount of funding needed for the Office of Elections to remove personal identifying information of clerks, election officials, and election workers from the Internet.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1786, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1786, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 126-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1953

The purpose of this measure is to require the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code and recommend necessary amendments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Community Alliance on Prisons. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code has been conducted every decade since the Code's enactment in 1972, with the last review conducted in 2015. Your Committee believes that it is time for another review of the Hawaii Penal Code to ensure its continued force and effectiveness.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$25,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1953, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 127-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2193

The purpose of this measure is to amend the State's Fireworks Control Law to:

- (1) Authorize officers with police powers and every county fire department officer to enter into or upon the premises of a licensee or permittee without a warrant to inspect for compliance with the Fireworks Control Law and establish penalties for hindering an officer;
- (2) Establish procedures for the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct administrative inspections of controlled premises;

- (3) Require licensees and permittees who hold, store, transport, sell, possess, or otherwise dispose of fireworks and articles pyrotechnic to keep records and maintain inventories;
- (4) Require licensees and permittees to report to the Director of Law Enforcement and appropriate county fire chief if they have reason to believe fireworks or articles pyrotechnic were stolen, embezzled, or otherwise obtained by fraud or diversion;
- (5) Authorize a law enforcement agency or county fire department to safely dispose of confiscated fireworks;
- (6) Require violators to be held liable for storage and disposal costs;
- (7) Specify that each type of prohibited firework constitutes a separate violation;
- (8) Authorize the Department of Law Enforcement, in addition to the counties, to enforce the Fireworks Control Law; and
- (9) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that in the short time the Illegal Fireworks Task Force has been operational, almost one hundred fifty thousand pounds of illegal fireworks have been confiscated. This measure addresses various weaknesses in the Fireworks Control Law as identified by the Illegal Fireworks Task Force.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Law Enforcement submitted a proposed H.D. 1 to your Committee to address several legal concerns raised by the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee encourages the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of the Attorney General to also examine potential overlap between certain provisions of this measure regarding inspections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Department of Law Enforcement which clarifies various provisions, including:
 - (A) When officers with police powers and every county fire department officer, including firefighters, may enter the premises of a licensee or permittee and the penalties for refusing or preventing entry or access;
 - (B) That the purpose of the Department of Law Enforcement's administrative inspections is to aid the county fire departments in the enforcement of their regulatory authority;
 - (C) That consent to inspections by the Director of Law Enforcement or the Director's designee are a condition to having a license or permit under the Fireworks Control Law; and
 - (D) When violations of the Fireworks Control Law constitute separate violations;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,200,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2193, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 128-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2230

The purpose of this measure is to require the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop, and each department employing law enforcement officers to implement, a structured Health Intervention Program to support law enforcement officers' physical and mental health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that law enforcement officers are exposed to various stressors that make them more vulnerable to the onset of mental health disorders. According to research, when law enforcement officers are provided with mental health support programs, there is an overall improvement in wellness. This measure would enable law enforcement officers to increase their mental health literacy and gain skills needed to manage stressors and obligations at work and in other domains of life.

Your Committee notes that this measure requires the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop the Health Intervention Program within an unspecified number of days after its effective date. The Department of Law Enforcement will work with the Law Enforcement Standards Board to determine the appropriate number of days so that this measure can be amended as it moves through the legislative process.

Your Committee encourages the Department of Law Enforcement to also work with the Office of Wellness and Resilience to move forward on their program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2230, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2230, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 129-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2231

The purpose of this measure is to establish as a goal of the State the increased representation of female law enforcement officers in the State by 2030 and require each law enforcement agency to recruit law enforcement officers from diverse backgrounds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the increased employment of women and minorities in law enforcement agencies has been linked to the use of less force and the development of greater trust by the public and those specifically impacted by crime when compared to that of male law enforcement officers. This measure will promote the increased recruitment of women and minority law enforcement officials within the State by 2030.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2231 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 130-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2234

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Judiciary to establish a Civil Legal Services Pilot Program to provide free civil legal services for certain persons who have been sentenced to probation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that legal services can be prohibitively expensive for low- and moderate-income persons. Your Committee further finds that there are several nonprofit and volunteer legal service organizations in the State, such as Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and Volunteer Legal Services of Hawaii, that provide quality legal services to these persons. This measure helps to ensure that legal services are available to persons who are sentenced to probation and need assistance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Judiciary to contract with unspecified nonprofit legal organizations in accordance with the Hawaii Public Procurement Code;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to ascertain the amount of funding needed by the Judiciary to establish the Civil Legal Services Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2234, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2234, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 131-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2457

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to pursue and obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., for all divisions and sections within the Department of Law Enforcement, not just the sheriff's division; and
- (2) Establish CALEA coordinator positions, exempt from civil service, within the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., has nationally recognized standards that are the foundation for modern-day law enforcement agencies. As the centralized state law enforcement agency in Hawaii, it is crucial for all divisions and sections within the Department of Law Enforcement to receive accreditation from Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. This measure will help the Department of Law Enforcement obtain and maintain accreditation with the ultimate goal of enhancing public safety in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2457, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 132-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to make the Hawaii Cybersecurity, Economic, Education, and Infrastructure Security Coordinator exempt from civil service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that it is necessary to establish a position within the Department of Law Enforcement to ensure coordination with Homeland Security and law enforcement efforts relating to cybersecurity, economic, education, and infrastructure within the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2461, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2461, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 133-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2622

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Law Enforcement for the State's Gun Buyback Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawaii Firearms Coalition and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that appropriating state funds for the voluntary Gun Buyback Program is an effective and efficient use of those funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$825,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2622, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2622, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Souza). Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 134-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1627

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to transfer a certain parcel of land to the County of Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; and one member of the Kaua'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that that this transfer of a parcel attached to Wilcox Elementary School is amenable to the Department of Education and County of Kauai.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1627, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1627, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 135-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1918

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the sunset date for the historic preservation tax credit to December 31, 2030; and
- (2) Incrementally increase the cap on the total tax credits from \$1,500,000 in the 2025 taxable year to \$4,000,000 in the 2030 taxable year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Land and Natural Resources and Historic Hawai'i Foundation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that extending and increasing the tax credit cap will allow property owners with historic residential properties to purchase and stay in their homes while at the same time help commercial property owners to rehabilitate and adaptively reuse underutilized commercial properties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum aggregate amounts of the historic preservation tax credit for future taxable years to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider:

- (1) The following amounts for the maximum aggregate amounts for future taxable years:

- (A) For the 2025 taxable year: \$1,500,000;
- (B) For the 2026 taxable year: \$2,000,000;
- (C) For the 2027 taxable year: \$2,500,000;
- (D) For the 2028 taxable year: \$3,000,000;
- (E) For the 2029 taxable year: \$3,500,000; and
- (F) For the 2030 taxable year: \$4,000,000; and

(2) With regard to the existing provision in the historic preservation tax credit that specifies that:

- (A) The cost be computed at the entity level; and
- (B) The distribution and share be determined pursuant to section 704(b) of the Internal Revenue Code,

whether that provision should be repealed to improve the applicability of the tax credit to certain housing projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1918, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1918, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 136-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1902

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Clarify the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan;
- (3) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively; and
- (4) Shorten the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours in a state of emergency or local state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus pandemic and 2023 Maui wildfires provided valuable lessons and opportunities to improve the State's and counties' emergency management plans and practices. Your Committee further finds that the lessons learned can be applied through the improvements to the emergency management laws and practices proposed by this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1902, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 137-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2611

The purpose of this measure is to, beginning January 1, 2025:

- (1) Statutorily establish a transaction fee for each recording by the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court for certain services;
- (2) Authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal certain administrative fees, separate from the administrative rulemaking process;
- (3) Amend the authorized uses of funds in the Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund; and
- (4) Repeal provisions that require fees for the use of microfilms of documents recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances to be established by rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from NAIOP Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Bureau of Conveyances has significantly improved the automation and integrity of the recording process, established web and digital access to parts of the Bureau's database and records, and created the portal and process for the electronic recording of documents as a result of Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009. This measure will expand the authorized uses for transaction-fee monies to address many of the evolving issues that the Bureau of Conveyances faces, particularly with the ongoing shortage of workers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether the amending of fees should be accomplished through the administrative rulemaking process pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or through the Board of Land and Natural Resources separate from that process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2611, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 138-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2473

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to operate and approve conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Earthjustice.

Your Committee finds that the federal government, in conjunction with as many as fourteen other states, has developed successful conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs. This measure would provide mechanisms to enhance the recovery and survival of threatened and endangered species and enhance conservation efforts for candidate, proposed, and indigenous species and their habitats by authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer these programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that compensatory mitigation required for prospective damages shall apply only to indigenous species and their habitats;
- (2) Clarifying that the conservation banks shall be established and operated under a conservation bank instrument;
- (3) Specifying that the Endangered Species Recovery Committee shall review and recommend to the Department all conservation banks and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs before the transfer or sale of credits;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2473, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 139-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2174

The purpose of this measure is to require the State to impose and collect a fee for search and rescue expenses that result from a person's entrance on an illegal hiking trail with notice of its closure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State and counties incur significant costs associated with the rescue of hikers who choose to go on illegal hikes and often ignore prohibitory access signs. Each rescue occurrence can cost several thousand dollars or more, and nearly one thousand rescues are made every year in the State. This measure would deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and address the high costs associated with conducting search and rescues.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a government entity of the State to submit a copy of any report or documentation of the rescue to the Department of the Attorney General;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2174, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 140-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2378

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Move the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury and delete an obsolete provision related to the deposit of funds into the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund for fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015; and
- (2) Deleting a provision requiring the deposit of a certain amount of general excise tax revenues into the State Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the state treasury maintains an investment pool consisting of participating state accounts. Funds within the state treasury are prudently managed to achieve the investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield, in priority order. The investment pool also enables the achievement of economies of scale for the effective and efficient management of funds and enhances the State's liquidity position.

Your Committee further finds that the amount of interest earned from the principal in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund and deposited to the general fund has fluctuated. This measure transfers the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury to better facilitate the achievement of state treasury investment objectives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Restoring the provision requiring the deposit of a certain amount of general excise tax revenues into the State Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2378, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2378, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 141-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2467

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset provision of Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to continue to approve rental reductions or waivers for leases that require substantial demolition costs or infrastructure improvement costs for the lessee to utilize the premises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that older long-term leases of public lands did not require the lessees to remove improvements at the expiration of the lease term. In cases of significant improvements, such as hotels, the costs for demolishing the improvements were estimated to be as high as \$10,000,000.

To address this issue, Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 222), authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve rent credits to incentivize lessees to conduct demolition work or make infrastructure improvements. Act 222 has allowed the Board to respond to market conditions in its negotiations for public land leases and incentivize development of public lands while shifting the cost burden onto the lessees who stand to benefit most directly from it. However, Act 222 is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2026. This measure repeals the sunset provision of Act 222 and makes permanent the Board's authority to provide these rental reductions or waivers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2467, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 142-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2579

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the Board of Land and Natural Resources from unilaterally amending the terms and conditions of any lease of public land being extended in the Hilo Community Economic District, except as provided in the authorizing law; and
- (2) Allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend the terms and conditions of any lease of public land in the District to reflect the most current lease form and leasing practices and policies only if the lease form and leasing practice and policies are included in the rules of the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawaii; Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii; Hawaiian Electric; and McCully Works. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 (Act 149), established a ten-year pilot project to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend leases of public lands in the Hilo Community Economic District and, to some extent, modify or eliminate certain lease restrictions, fixed rental periods and terms, and other lease provisions in order to facilitate improvement and economic opportunity in the District for lessees who commit to making substantial improvements to existing improvements or constructing new substantial improvements.

Your Committee further finds that the Board of Land and Natural Resources initially treated lease extensions in the District differently depending on the means of disposition but later determined that it could update certain leases to reflect the most current lease terms and conditions to implement Act 149. This measure seeks to resolve discrepancies that may have arisen from this change in practice and clarify the Board's authority to amend terms and conditions of any extension of public land leases in the District.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2579, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2579, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 143-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1769

The purpose of this measure is to establish a refundable tax credit for unpaid family caregivers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; County of Hawaii Office of Aging; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Alzheimer's Association; Aloha United Way; Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition; AARP Hawai'i; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that unpaid family caregivers face many physical, emotional, and financial challenges and often balance caregiving with work and other personal responsibilities. Your Committee further finds that on average, family caregivers spend twenty-six percent of their income on caregiving, with more than three out of four paying out-of-pocket for care-related expenses like equipment, transportation, and home modifications. The modest tax credit proposed by this measure will help ease the financial expenses that unpaid family caregivers incur for their loved ones on a daily basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending relevant language to clarify that the Family Caregiver Tax Credit is refundable;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the Department of Taxation's request that the tax credit under this measure apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024. This delay would provide the Department with sufficient time to make the necessary form, instruction, and computer system changes, and also educate taxpayers about the availability of the new tax credit.

Your Committee also notes the Department of Taxation's request for a third party to assist in certifying individuals as a qualified care recipient and the amount of qualified expenses incurred for purposes of the tax credit, as the Department lacks the subject matter expertise to make these determinations. The Executive Office on Aging has indicated a willingness to assist the Department of Taxation in this matter and your Committee believes this conversation should continue as this measure moves forward in the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1769, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1769, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 144-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2712

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase funding for the Department of Human Services' Med-QUEST Division reimbursement for applied behavioral analysis services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Disability and Communication Access Board; Kuhn Behavioral Consulting Services; Council of Autism Service Providers; Positive Behavior Supports Corporation; Autism Behavior Consulting Group Hawaii; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Pakolea Support Services; Behavior Analysis No Ka Oi, Inc.; Easterseals Hawaii; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; BAYADA; Sharky Hearts Behavior Support Services LLC; Malama Pono Autism Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that applied behavioral analysis is a medically necessary service for young people with autism. Your Committee further finds that Med-QUEST reimbursement rates for applied behavioral analysis have not increased since 2015. Appropriate reimbursement rates are critical to establishing adequate provider networks, as this ensures that providers are able to deliver comprehensive and individualized applied behavioral analysis services and incentivize more qualified professionals to enter the field, ultimately expanding the capacity to meet the growing demand for these services. Your Committee further finds that increasing the funding for Medicaid reimbursement rates applied behavioral analysis services will ensure that persons with autism have access to the best possible care and support.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$2,690,000, which will be matched by a corresponding \$3,810,000 increase in federal funds. Your Committee notes that this amount is a conservative estimate as it is the lowest-rate scenario from the rate study for applied behavioral analysis services commissioned by the Department.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2712, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 145-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1996

The purpose of this measure is to authorize independent generators of renewable energy to wheel the renewable energy transmitted and used to produce hydrogen, provided that any third-party electric utility whose transmission lines, distribution lines, and other facilities are utilized for retail wheeling is fairly compensated at a rate in accordance with a renewable energy tariff adopted by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; and the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Ulupono Initiative; Life of the Land; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that green hydrogen can be produced from renewable sources like solar, geothermal, and wind creating the potential for near-zero greenhouse gas emissions. Your Committee further finds that wheeling can facilitate the production of clean hydrogen by allowing hydrogen electrolyzers to access inexpensive electricity; however, the practice of retail wheeling is not authorized. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by authorizing independent generators of renewable energy to be fairly compensated for transmitting their energy using the electric utility's infrastructure, to ultimately produce hydrogen.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the term "independent renewable energy generator" needs to be defined.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1996, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1996, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 146-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2101

The purpose of this measure is to require recycling of construction and demolition debris to factor into priority offeror selections for competitive procurements of construction or demolition services by the State or any county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Procurement Office; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; and General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the recycling of construction and demolition debris can divert a significant amount of waste from landfills and offer significant environmental benefits for the State. Your Committee recognizes that there are concerns regarding how this measure incentivizes the recycling of construction debris through the procurement process. Your Committee therefore finds that amendments are necessary to alleviate some of these concerns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the requirement for recycling of construction and demolition debris to factor into priority offeror selections with the establishment of a working group to make recommendations for a more appropriate means of increasing the recycling of construction and demolition debris; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2101, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2101, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 147-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2536

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit:

- (1) State and county agencies and businesses where food and beverages are sold from purchasing, using, selling, or distributing certain disposable or single-use plastic food ware and beverage service items after January 1, 2025; and
- (2) Individuals and other businesses from distributing, selling, or otherwise providing certain disposable or single-use food ware and beverage service items after January 1, 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; PlanIt Branding; Hawaii Young Republicans; Sierra Club National Marine Team; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; CARES; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Chemistry Council; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Foodservice Packaging Institute; Island Plastic Bags; Biodegradable Products Institute; Plastics Industry Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that the impact of the increasing waste stream is detrimental to the future of Hawaii's economy and environmental integrity. Your Committee further finds that the State has a responsibility to reduce the use of plastic and non-compostable food ware and beverage containers in order to reduce pollution. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by phasing out the prohibition of the use and provision of certain single-use plastic food ware and beverage containers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the definition of and all references to "nature biodegradable bioplastic" and replacing them with the term "compostable plastics";
- (2) Deleting the prohibitions that would have applied to state and county agencies, individuals, and certain businesses;
- (3) Deleting unnecessary exemptions to the prohibitions;
- (4) Adding a definition of "compostable plastics";
- (5) Clarifying the definition of "plastic";
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes concerns raised during the hearing regarding the potential impact of this measure on existing county ordinances and regulations and believes that this issue merits further consideration as this measure moves through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2536, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2536, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 148-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1828

The purpose of this measure is to extend the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045, update the standards, and authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adjust the 2045 standard and establish interim goals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i Energy; Blue Planet Foundation; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; 350Hawaii.org; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 155, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, sets a statewide energy efficiency goal for 2030 and directs the Public Utilities Commission to establish interim goals. Your Committee further finds that the energy-efficiency portfolio standards must be extended in order to ensure that the State continues to progress toward achieving its 2045 clean energy and decarbonization goals. Your Committee believes that this measure will address this need by extending, updating, and strengthening the energy-efficiency portfolio standards to 2045 and authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to adjust the 2045 and interim standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1828, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 149-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2103

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaii Renewable Hydrogen Program and Hydrogen Investment Special Fund to include a broader focus on long duration clean energy storage and transfer responsibility for the program to the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the United States Department of Energy intends to make significant funding available to the states to support the Energy Storage Grand Challenge Roadmap, a federal program that has a goal of reducing the cost of long duration clean energy storage by ninety percent. Your Committee further finds that the State must support the continued development and storage of clean energy and remain competitive for clean energy storage federal grants. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by broadening the focus of the Hawaii Renewable Hydrogen Program and Hydrogen Investment Special Fund to encompass long duration clean energy storage and transferring responsibility for the program to the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2103, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2103, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 150-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2123

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to conduct continuous air quality testing for certain chemicals at waste management facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Energy Justice Network; Zero Waste Kauai; Lahaina Strong; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kokua na Aina; Greenpeace Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the continuous testing of air quality for certain chemicals at waste management facilities is essential to determining community exposure to health hazards from toxic emissions. However, establishing a requirement for the Department of Health to conduct continuous testing of air quality at waste management facilities places a significant financial and staffing burden on the Department. Your Committee therefore finds that amendments are necessary to alleviate some of these concerns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the requirement that the Department of Health conduct continuous air quality testing for certain chemicals at waste management facilities to a requirement that the owner or operator of any waste combustion facility or municipal solid waste landfill develop a plan to continuously monitor or sample emissions of certain contaminants;
- (2) Expanding the list of chemicals to be monitored or sampled;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Health to establish a separate list of contaminants that are applicable to municipal solid waste landfills and for which a plan for continuous monitoring or emissions sampling shall be developed;
- (4) Specifying certain contents of the plans regarding types of monitoring systems to be used, how monitoring and sampling will be conducted;
- (5) Specifying how emissions data should be reported; maintained; made accessible to the Department of Health and to the public, including at what frequency and in what form; and displayed, and how gaps in data should be reported;
- (6) Establishing deadlines for plans to be submitted to the Department of Health and for approved plans to be implemented;
- (7) Establishing a deadline for the Department of Health to adopt rules to enforce permit limits and specifying how continuous monitoring and sampling data will be determined to be reliable enough to be used for enforcement purposes;
- (8) Adding definitions for various terms;
- (9) Adding a requirement for the Department of Health to report to the Legislature;
- (10) Amending the preamble to reflect its amended purpose;
- (11) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (12) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2123, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2123, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 151-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1624

The purpose of this measure is to require insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services for policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology; Association for Clinical Oncology; Advanced Reproductive Medicine & Gynecology of Hawaii, Inc., dba: Fertility Institute of Hawaii; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Hawai'i Section; Alliance for Fertility Preservation; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that many medical treatments that treat cancer, such as chemotherapy and radiation, can significantly damage reproductive tissues and affect fertility in men and women. Your Committee further finds that fertility preservation has been considered part of the standard of care for age-eligible cancer patients for more than fifteen years, and is recognized by all relevant medical associations. However, many of these individuals are unable to afford the financial burden of fertility preservation, often leaving cancer survivors in their prime without the ability to start a family. Your Committee believes that requiring coverage of fertility preservation for patients whose diagnosis and treatment may adversely affect their fertility will reduce some of the long-term mental, emotional, and physical impacts of cancer on patients and their families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1624, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 152-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2003

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms of public buildings maintained by the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Accounting and General Services; State Council on Development Disabilities; Hawaii State Public Library System; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Ma'i Movement Hawai'i; Hawai'i Women's Coalition; PERIOD.; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Breastfeeding Hawaii; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Hawai'i Section; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that nearly forty-four percent of households in the State are struggling to make ends meet, with fifteen percent of households in the State having income below the federal poverty level. Your Committee further finds that persons who struggle to meet their basic needs are often impacted by "period poverty", which refers to the systematic lack of access to menstrual products. As menstruation lasts, on average, for forty years, the ongoing need to purchase menstrual products disproportionately impacts a menstruating person's financial resources relative to a non-menstruating person with the same income. Your Committee believes that making menstrual products widely available in public restrooms will significantly reduce the financial burden associated with menstruation, reduce health risks, and protect the dignity of all menstruating people.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to post signs identifying the location of free menstrual products in each restroom in a covered public building;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2003, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2003, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 153-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2330

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) By January 1, 2025, require the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators in certain state buildings;
- (2) Require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide trainings on the use of automated external defibrillators for certain state employees and security staff; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the installation, maintenance, and training on the use of automated external defibrillators in state buildings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Honolulu City Council; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that automated external defibrillators are an important tool in responding to emergency situations. Research has shown that for each minute that passes without defibrillation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest decreases by seven to ten percent. Ensuring that these lifesaving tools are available in certain state buildings and that properly trained state employees are able to use them will maximize survival should a life-threatening emergency occur.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a provision that exempts state buildings from the installation of automated external defibrillators where the lease specifically prohibits automated external defibrillators;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the request from the Department of Accounting and General Services for \$75,000 for the procurement, training, and installation phase for automated external defibrillators at the State Capitol and that ongoing maintenance costs may be necessary for the automated external defibrillators, as batteries for the devices need to be replaced every two to five years.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2330, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2330, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Alcos).

SCRep. 154-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2196

The purpose of this measure is to remove the requirement of a college degree for any state position, unless the degree is relevant to licensing or certification as it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Budget and Finance; and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that there are thousands of vacant positions within state government and that these vacancies negatively impact the availability and quality of services provided to the public. In order to fill these vacant positions with qualified individuals, the State may need to review and verify whether the job qualifications for these positions are relevant or necessary for the performance of the duties of the positions. This measure would increase the State's ability to fill vacant positions within state government by removing college degree requirements, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a college degree may be a requirement for employment when the state position requires specialized knowledge, skills, or subject-matter expertise relevant to the degree;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2196, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2196, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 155-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2499

The purpose of this measure is to remove the repeal and reenactment in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to maintain the authority of the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University of Hawaii's chief procurement officer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that although the University of Hawaii's procurement procedures were problematic in the past, Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, reinstated and restored full authority to the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University's chief procurement officer. Furthermore, Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, extended this authority for three years, but did not make it permanent. This measure permanently reinstates the President of the University of Hawaii as the chief procurement officer, ensuring efficiency and transparency in the procurement process for the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2499, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 156-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1934

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group to study, investigate, and recommend transformative changes to the State's existing laws relating to the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there is a pressing need to identify systemic measures that the State may adopt to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving. Your Committee believes that establishing a working group of appropriate stakeholders to study, investigate, and recommend transformative changes to the State's laws, as proposed by this measure, will ensure the State will adopt a cohesive and comprehensive approach to combating intoxicated driving.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing references to specific organizations to be invited to participate in the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group with the understanding that the Chair of the Working Group maintains the authority to invite any relevant stakeholders to participate;
- (2) Requiring the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group to consider strategies and best practices for the implementation and utilization of sobriety check points;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, if it chooses to deliberate on this measure, to consider including representatives from law enforcement agencies as members of the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1934, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1934, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 157-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2267

The purpose of this measure is to establish an automated speed enforcement program to improve the enforcement of speeding laws violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Honolulu Police Department; and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that nearly half of all traffic fatalities in Hawaii in 2021 involved speeding. Your Committee further finds that speed safety cameras are proven to deter speeding and its impact and are recommended for state and local adoption by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Highway Administration. Your Committee believes that establishing a statewide automated speed enforcement program will significantly reduce speed related traffic fatalities in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2267, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2267, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 158-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1339

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require, for fixed-term tenancies, a landlord to notify a tenant of any intent to raise the rent for any subsequent rental agreement or any intent to terminate a rental agreement ninety days or one hundred twenty days before the expiration of the original rental agreement, depending on the length on the tenancy; and
- (2) Increase the required notice period for the intent to raise rent and intent to terminate for month-to-month and week-to-week tenancies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Workers Center; Waipahu Safe Haven Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, landlords are only required to provide written notice of the intent to increase rent or terminate a month-to-month or week-to-week tenancy. Those with fixed-term leases have no notice requirement and landlords are only recommended to give notice prior to the lease expiration. While your Committee acknowledges the hardships felt by tenants with month-to-month or week-to-week leases, your Committee believes that the existing notice requirements are sufficient and fair to both parties. However, your Committee believes that there should be a notice requirement for leases that are greater than ninety days.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reducing the written notice requirements for increasing rent and termination of tenancy for rental agreements of more than ninety days duration from ninety consecutive days to sixty consecutive days;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required a written notice to increase rent or terminate a tenancy for rental agreements of more than two years duration;
- (3) Reverting to the existing statutory notice requirement about rent increases and termination of tenancies for rental agreements of month-to-month and less than month-to-month duration;
- (4) Changing the notice requirement for termination of tenancies for rental agreements with less than month-to-month duration from thirty days to fifteen days;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1339, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1339, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 159-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2328

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to acquire and renovate parcels and buildings located between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane in Honolulu, Oahu, for affordable housing purposes;
- (2) Require units to be affordable to households having an income that does not exceed an unspecified percentage of the Area Median Income; and
- (3) Exempt contracts entered into under this measure from low-bid requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that adaptive reuse of existing and underutilized buildings for housing purposes can help create more affordable housing in the State during a time when residents are being priced out of living in Hawaii. Adaptive reuse has been successful in other jurisdictions such as the District of Columbia, New York, and Pittsburgh, to quickly and sustainably repurpose existing structures to serve the evolving needs of communities. Your Committee further finds that there are three buildings between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane in Honolulu, Oahu, that can be better utilized to increase the State's stock of affordable housing. Your Committee believes that the State must examine all opportunities to invest in the creation of affordable housing, and the authority provided to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority under this measure is one way to accomplish this.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring contracts awarded under this measure to be subject to the competitive sealed proposal method under the State's Public Procurement Code;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2328, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 160-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2747

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Filmmakers Special Fund to award grants for film, media, and creative industries intellectual property development projects in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Screen Actors Guild – American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Hawaii Local; International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists, and Allied Crafts, Local 665; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and Hawaii International Film Festival.

Your Committee finds that film festivals have helped to support Hawaii filmmakers by promoting new and emerging talent in Hawaii, helping to provide careers in creative media, increasing funding sources for filmmaking, and supporting creative media collaborations through educational programs. Your Committee further finds that film festivals attract tens of thousands of viewers, generating millions of dollars for the State. Your Committee also finds that there is currently a Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund that is not being fully utilized by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. Your Committee therefore finds that repealing and transferring the funds from the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund to support the establishment and functioning of the Filmmakers Special Fund would be beneficial to Hawaii's filmmakers and the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund;
- (2) Transferring funds from the Hawaii Film and Creative Industries Development Special Fund to the Filmmakers Special Fund;
- (3) Deleting the appropriation of general revenues into the Filmmakers Special Fund;
- (4) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (5) Repealing its sunset date;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2747, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2747, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Economic Development.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

SCRep. 161-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2725

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Correction Facilities Authority as the entity responsible for all public corrections development, planning, and construction related to capital improvement projects;
- (2) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to transfer certain state lands in Kailua-Kona to the Correction Facilities Authority; and
- (3) Require the Corrections Facilities Authority to apply for a loan or grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Office of Information Practices; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of the Correction Facilities Authority will ensure that there is a state entity solely responsible for the development, planning, and construction of capital improvement projects related to corrections. Your Committee further finds that the transfer of state lands, other than public lands, to the Correction Facilities Authority will allow the Authority to develop any new correctional facilities. Your Committee recognizes the concerns raised regarding the transfer of state lands that have already been set aside by the Governor through Executive Order to the County of Hawai'i and the Hawai'i Housing and Finance Development Corporation, or that have been contractually committed to the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands. Therefore, your Committee finds that amendments are necessary to address these concerns.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement for the following parcels to be transferred to the Correction Facilities Authority:
 - (A) TMK (3) 7-4-020-004;
 - (B) TMK (3) 7-4-020-005;
 - (C) TMK (3) 7-4-020-006;
 - (D) TMK (3) 7-4-020-007;
 - (E) TMK (3) 7-4-020-016;
 - (F) TMK (3) 7-4-020-017;
 - (G) TMK (3) 7-4-020-021;
 - (H) TMK (3) 7-4-020-035;
 - (I) TMK (3) 7-4-020-036; and
 - (J) TMK (3) 7-4-020-037;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2725, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 162-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1814

The purpose of this measure is to require the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on condominium subjects, which will help the Condominium Property Regime Task Force fulfill its obligation under Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Community Associations Institute Legislative Action Committee Hawaii Chapter; Kokua Council; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established the Condominium Property Regime Task Force, which was tasked with:

- (1) Examining and evaluating issues regarding condominium property regimes governed by the Condominium Property Act;
- (2) Conducting an assessment of the alternative dispute resolution systems established by the Legislature;
- (3) Investigating whether additional duties and fiduciary responsibilities should be placed on members of the boards of directors of condominium property regimes; and
- (4) Developing any legislation necessary.

Your Committee further finds that the Condominium Property Regime Task Force needs further research to assist the Task Force in completing its objectives. Information provided by the Legislative Reference Bureau, as proposed by this measure will enable the Task Force to develop potential legislation on an informed and objective basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the deadline for the final report and the cease date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force to June 30, 2026;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1814, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1814, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 163-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2614

The purpose of this measure is to require government entities in the State that issue building permits to:

- (1) Implement, by January 1, 2025, SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real time; and
- (2) Adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; Blue Planet Foundation; Recycle Hawaii; Clean the Pacific; Ulupono Initiative; Green Party of Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; The Solaray Corporation dba Inter-Island Solar Supply; Inception Financial LLC; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Alternate Energy Inc.; Greenpeace Hawaii; Canadian Solar; Sunrun; Sunnova; Tesla; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects; and Associated Builders and Contractors, Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committees find that the building permit process can add substantial burdens to energy projects in terms of time and cost. This measure would expedite and improve the permitting process for solar photovoltaic and energy storage installations by requiring building permit-issuing government entities to implement SolarAPP+ while also providing the flexibility of implementing an alternate but functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform or a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not compatible with SolarAPP+.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2614, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 164-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2012

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove an exemption that allows owners of multiple parking facilities to electrify fewer parking spaces than required in one or more properties if they fulfill the requirement in aggregate spaces on all of their owned properties; and
- (2) Authorize counties to regulate electric vehicle charging systems for places of public accommodation with fewer than one hundred parking spaces.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaiian Electric; and Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and NAIOP Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that every county in the State has committed to one hundred percent clean energy transportation by 2045, necessitating the rapid transition to zero-emission vehicles. While Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, allows counties to enforce minimum requirements for electric vehicle charging spaces, owners of multiple parking facilities are allowed to electrify fewer parking spaces than required in one or more of their properties if the requirement for the total number of aggregate spaces is met. Your Committee further finds that this makes enforcement difficult as counties lack the capacity to determine whether a property owner is in compliance due to the fact that the property owner could be fulfilling the aggregate requirement with electric vehicle charging spaces in multiple different counties. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by removing that loophole and providing counties the clear authority to regulate electric vehicle charging systems, including maintenance requirements, in certain parking lots with fewer than one hundred stalls.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2012, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 165-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2770

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Public Utilities Commission to establish reliability standards and interconnection requirements for the Hawaii Electric System;
- (2) Establish system resilience as a metric that is monitored and considered by the Commission;
- (3) Require the Commission to collect the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge and provide that the surcharge may be transferred to the Commission for the purpose of its duties; and
- (4) Require the Commission to contract for the performance of certain of its functions with the Hawaii electricity reliability administrator.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the State must prioritize actions that ensure that the Hawaii Electric System can adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover from disruptions. Your Committee further finds that resilience is an important metric that should be monitored in order to ensure the performance and stability of the electric system. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this issue by establishing electric system resilience as a metric that is monitored and considered by the Public Utilities Commission and providing that the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge may be transferred to the Commission for the purpose of its duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating existing statute that makes the Public Utilities Commission's authority to adopt reliability standards and interconnection requirements discretionary, rather than mandatory;

- (2) Reinstating existing statute that allows, rather than requires, the Commission to require payment of the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge;
- (3) Reinstating existing statute that allows, rather than requires, the Commission to contract for the performance of its functions with the Hawaii electricity reliability administrator;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2770, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2770, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 166-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1972

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Disposal Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Product Stewardship Institute; Tesla; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii State Energy Office; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Alliance for Automotive Innovation.

Your Committee finds that the number of registered electric vehicles in the State has grown significantly and that the State has a responsibility to ensure that electric vehicle batteries are properly recycled or reused. However, your Committee recognizes that the establishment of this program may be premature and that further consideration of electric vehicle battery management practices is necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure accordingly by:

- (1) Replacing the establishment of the Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Disposal Program with the establishment of a working group to make recommendations for a more appropriate means of recycling and reusing electric vehicle batteries;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1972, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 167-24 Agriculture & Food Systems/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2638

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to contract a third-party entity to compile a report evaluating the agricultural land use potential of certain parcels of state-owned lands.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that the State needs to become self-sufficient in growing its own food, as eighty-five to ninety percent of the State's food is imported. Identifying and effectively utilizing the State's most productive agricultural lands will help the State to increase food production and meet its food and agricultural sustainability goals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying which lands are subject to the evaluation and reporting;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000, and adding cultural sites to be included in the reported parcel information.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2638, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2638, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 168-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2001

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Agriculture; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kauai Sea Farm.

Your Committee finds that as there is a pressing need to provide food for people within ecological limits, restorative aquaculture can help to restore ocean health, while also supporting economic development and food production in the local economy. Your Committee further finds, however, that the impacts of restorative aquaculture on the State are still unknown. This measure would require a feasibility study on restorative aquaculture to assess the potential benefits,

risks, and impacts of restorative aquaculture activities in the State and provide valuable information for decision-makers and stakeholders to make informed choices about whether to proceed with a restorative aquaculture initiative and how best to design and implement it.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including indigenous nearshore fish species in the study for restorative aquaculture activities;
- (2) Requiring the study to consider engagement with rural and native Hawaiian communities and nonprofits already piloting restorative aquaculture with native fish and seaweed species;
- (3) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2001, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 169-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2083

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Education to establish a recognition program to incentivize schools to submit to the Department a plan for the school to reach the local farm to school meal goal of thirty percent of food served in the school to consist of locally sourced products by 2030; and
- (2) Require public high schools under the Department of Education to provide plant-based meals as an option under the school meals program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Recycle Hawaii, Clean the Pacific; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; When We Shine Foundation; Green Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; and Ka Ohana O Na Pua.

Your Committee finds that setting a target goal of food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products is of great benefit for the health of Hawaii's students. Additionally, offering plant-based meals in public schools can also greatly increase demand for local greens and encourage students to engage in healthy nutrition. This measure promotes local farming jobs and agriculture through incentives for public schools and expanding meal options for students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying certain findings;
- (2) Adding a definition for "plant-based meal";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 170-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2136

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a pesticide inspection program to increase compliance with the proper use of restricted use pesticides by agricultural producers, ensure the continued prohibition on the use of chlorpyrifos, and inform the public of the most recent pesticide inspection results for agricultural producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Kanalani Ohana Farm; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that pesticide exposure can cause significant harm to public health and the environment. Additionally, restricted use pesticides have been deemed to have high potential to cause harm to surrounding communities, farm workers, pollinators, the environment, and other crops. This measure increases compliance with the proper use of certain pesticides and further protects the health of Hawaii's environment and people.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to include specific geospatial data information about specific restricted use pesticide application locations;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to develop an online reporting tool for restricted use pesticides;
- (3) Removing the gross income threshold in the definition of "agricultural producer";
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2136, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 171-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2138

The purpose of this measure to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish an agriculture education coordinator position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Kānalani Ohana Farm; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Green Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Local Food Coalition; Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Farmers Union United Lanai Chapter; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that to meet the State's aspirations for increased food security and self-sufficiency, the number of local farms and farmers and the amount of food produced for local markets will need to increase significantly. A primary cause of the shortage of new farmers in Hawaii during the past several decades has been the decline in support for agriculture education, resulting in insufficient interest among youth in pursuing the fields of agriculture and natural resource management. This measure supports a coordinated framework for the expansion of an educated agricultural workforce, which will increase food security, food self-sufficiency, sustainability, and resiliency for Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2138, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2138, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 172-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2140

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; East O'ahu County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that ornamental ginger is a popular plant that is commonly used in tropical landscape designs and floral arrangements. However, due to emerging diseases, commercial production of ornamental ginger in the State has been declining, and producers in the affected areas are clearing their lands, as they can no longer economically produce ornamental ginger. This measure supports the University of Hawaii in performing statewide research and prevention of pathogens affecting ornamental ginger, ensuring the production of virus-free plants and development of cultural management strategies for managing virus-infected plants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2140, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2140, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 173-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2144

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act and allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Kānalani Ohana Farm; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Master Food Preservers, Inc.; Makani Mills, LLC; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Institute for Justice; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that local food production is integral to the State's economic development and food security. Your Committee further finds that although there is great interest in small-scale homemade food operations in the State, the existing regulatory framework creates several challenges for entrepreneurs, including those who do not have access to commercial or certified kitchens. This measure would provide a valuable opportunity for local entrepreneurs to bring their homemade food products to market, fostering innovation and economic growth and increasing food security in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2144, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 174-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2146

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make state agricultural tourism requirements applicable to all counties, instead of only counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance; and
- (2) Require the Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farms implementing agricultural tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Coffee Association; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that agricultural tourism is an industry with growing nationwide appeal and is ideal in Hawaii because of the unique farms and agriculturally-based operations in the State. Expanding agricultural tourism statewide supports economic development and contributes to the State's goals of increased food security and food self-sufficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the term "bona fide agricultural activity";
- (2) Clarifying references to agricultural activities conducted on farming operations;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2146, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2146, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 175-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2613

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the application of the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee;
- (2) Enhance the penalties for the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee through the imposition of a mandatory fine for each offense; and
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds for a position within the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of labeling and packaging enforcement and inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Rancho Aloha Coffee Farm; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Hawaii Coffee Association; Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Coffee Company.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii-grown coffee is among the highest priced coffee sold anywhere in the world, largely due to the high cost of production and its reputation for outstanding quality. However, the State's coffee industry is susceptible to fraud when less expensive coffees are falsely labeled as originating from Hawaii. This measure further protects the brand integrity of the State's coffee industry by investing in enforcement of coffee labeling laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2613, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2613, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 176-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2618

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Agriculture Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that dedicated aquaculture parks would be a desirable tool in the State's strategy to grow the aquaculture industry, as successful tenants would help define industry potential and become aspirational examples to potential new operators. By requiring a feasibility study to be conducted to identify appropriate sites in the State for an aquaculture park, this measure would be an important step in furthering the aquaculture industry in the State and ensuring food security and food self-sufficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2618, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2618, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 177-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2737

The purpose of this measure is to amend the authorized activities and uses in agricultural districts to prohibit roadside stands from displaying and selling value-added products and establish a minimum percentage of agricultural products that must be produced on the property in order to be offered for sale at certain retail agricultural-based commercial operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Hui o Kamananui; and Keep the North Shore Country. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that agricultural-based commercial operations in agricultural districts allow for the display and sale of agricultural products grown in the State and value-added products that were produced using agricultural products grown in the State. However, multiple businesses claiming to be agricultural-based commercial operations are not accessory to agricultural operations on the property where they are located and essentially are operating as retail operations on agricultural lands along busy highways. Addressing this issue is critical in supporting local agriculture and ensuring that unauthorized activities in agricultural districts are deterred.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting language that requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with other state agencies, to:
 - (A) Conduct a feasibility study on the impact of roadside stands displaying and selling value-added products and the establishment of additional requirements for retail agricultural-based commercial operations; and
 - (B) Submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2737, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2737, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 178-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2758

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Facilitate the control and eradication of invasive species and pests;
- (2) Establish a Plant Nursery Licensing Program;
- (3) Require the Board of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests for control or eradication;
- (4) Impose certain limits on imports and transportation; and
- (5) Update the method by which the Department's noxious weed list is updated.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; We Are One, Inc.; Free Access Coalition; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Conservation Council for Hawai'i; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Ka Ohana O Na Pua.

Your Committee finds that invasive species collectively present one of the single greatest threats to Hawaii's economy and natural environment, its native species, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people. Impacts of invasive species have been severe, negative, and expensive and have included serious habitat degradation, extinction of native species, increased wildfire risk, increases in the cost of agriculture and livestock production, and many other impacts. Your Committee further finds that protecting Hawaii from invasive pests requires more than the mere application of chemicals to each new infestation. Necessary actions include efforts to prevent pests from entering the State and spreading within the State. This measure facilitates the control and eradication of invasive species and pests and assists the Department of Agriculture in carrying out its responsibilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2758, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2758, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 179-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1544

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add a minimum penalty of \$50 and a maximum penalty of \$60,000 per violation of the State Water Code;
- (2) Expand the types of potential violations of the State Water Code;
- (3) Make each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense;
- (4) Require the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties; and
- (5) Make the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Board of Water Supply, City and County of Honolulu; Department of Water, County of Kaua'i; and Department of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the State Water Code's penalties and fines must be amended and increased to serve as an effective deterrent to violators.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the minimum and maximum fine amounts per violation of the State Water Code to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1544, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 180-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1781

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Panaewa Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority and Department of Research & Development, County of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that certain public lands in Panaewa are underutilized. Redeveloping, renovating, or improving these public lands to provide suitable recreational, residential, educational, industrial, governmental, and commercial areas where the public can live, congregate, recreate, attend schools, and shop as part of a thoughtfully integrated experience is in the best interest of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that funds collected by the Hawaii Community Development Authority for the Panaewa Community Development District are to be deposited into the newly established special fund, notwithstanding any law to the contrary;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1781, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1781, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 181-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1922

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule imposing restrictions or requirements deemed necessary to protect wildlife; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to timely adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that it is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; ROAR; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide both the Department and Board of Land and Natural Resources with greater flexibility to make rules deemed necessary to protect certain wildlife and timely adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural-resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is needed to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1922, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 182-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1930

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of \$1,500,000 in general obligation bonds for the planning, design, and construction of a warehouse to expand the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency's ability to store and deploy life-saving supplies and equipment to all counties within the State in the event of a natural or human-caused disaster or emergency on one or more of the Hawaiian Islands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the ability to store and deploy essential supplies and equipment effectively is of paramount importance during times of crisis, particularly considering the unique geographic challenges faced by Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount of general obligation bonds authorized to be issued to an unspecified sum; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider a general obligation bond issuance amount of \$1,500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1930, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1930, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 183-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2093

The purpose of this measure is to regulate the operation of rental watercrafts in the State by:

- (1) Prohibiting the operation of rental watercraft in state parks on Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays; and
- (2) Requiring the registering and numbering of rental watercraft by January 1, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Boss Frog's Dive and Surf; Teralani Sailing Adventures; Hula Girl Sailing Charters; Splashers Ocean Adventures DBA Kona Snorkel Trips; Gemini Charters; Sail Maui; Hawaii Ocean Rafting; Malolo Charters; Hawaiian Rafting Adventures Inc.; Kaua'i Chamber; Li'i Makau Inc.; Kama'aina Kids; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that with the proliferation of rental kayaks and stand-up paddleboards statewide, it is beneficial for the residents and natural resources of Hawaii to limit commercial rentals of these items where the state park itself is the location of the watercraft activity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the prohibition on operating rental watercraft in a state park on Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays;
- (2) Modifying the scope of the registration, numbering, and related requirements for rental watercraft to those to be used by the public for transiting the navigable waters of a state park, instead of ocean recreation and coastal area, and clarifying that registration and numbering requirements may be authorized by a special use permit or administrative rules;
- (3) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish reasonable fees for initial and annual renewal registration, and including ancillary decals, for rental watercraft;
- (4) Setting a sunset date of December 31, 2029;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2093, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2093, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 184-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2626

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to create a standard lease application and programmatic environmental impact statement to further streamline the process for leasing government-owned Hawaiian fishponds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Joseph & Josephines LLC; Wahine Maoli Po'o E Ola Kakou Hawai'i; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo; The Nature Conservancy; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that traditional Hawaiian fishponds, or loko i'a, play an important role in Hawaiian cultural practices, have an ecologically important role in watersheds, are essential components of traditional food systems in Hawaii, and provide food security and community resilience. This measure will ensure that loko i'a are used for appropriate purposes by expanding certain standards an applicant must satisfy prior to being approved for a lease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its purpose section;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required the Board of Land and Natural Resources to implement a standard lease application and programmatic environmental impact statement to streamline the leasing process for government-owned Hawaiian fishponds and all its related language;
- (3) Specifying certain findings the Board of Land and Natural Resources must make for a lease of a government-owned fishpond;
- (4) Deleting the appropriation to create a standard lease application and programmatic environmental impact statement;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 185-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2724

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Kona Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Kona, Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that certain public lands in Kona on the island of Hawaii are underutilized. Redeveloping, renovating, or improving these public lands to provide suitable recreational, residential, educational, industrial, governmental, and commercial areas where the public can live, congregate, recreate, attend schools, and shop as part of a thoughtfully integrated experience is in the best interest of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that funds collected by the Hawaii Community Development Authority for the Kona Community Development District are to be deposited into the newly established special fund, notwithstanding any law to the contrary;
- (2) Deleting unnecessary language indicating the lists of at-large members of the Hawaii Community Development Authority are submitted by nominating authorities, as the nominating authorities are already indicated in other provisions of the statute;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2724, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2724, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 186-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2694

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an income tax credit to incentivize the voluntary relinquishment of private water systems; and
- (2) Require the Attorney General to commence eminent domain proceedings in certain counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; Lāhainā Strong; Green Party of Hawai'i; La'i Hauola; Save Honolulu Coalition; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will encourage responsible water management practices and promote water access equity in the County of Maui.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the tax credit must be claimed for the tax year during which the water system was relinquished by the taxpayer to the county;
- (2) Including a cap on the amount of the credits that may be claimed per water system but leaving the cap amount unspecified;
- (3) Specifying that the tax credit may not be claimed by taxpayers that have received just compensation for their privately-owned water system from the State or county through eminent domain proceedings;
- (4) Specifying that the tax credit shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2028;
- (5) Including a definition for "water system";
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2694, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2694, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 187-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1901

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "historic property" for purposes of the historic preservation program; and
- (2) Exempt state projects on state-owned buildings from State Historic Preservation Division review, unless the affected property is more than one hundred years old or on or being added to the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or National Register of Historic Places.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS and Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation; Docomomo US, Hawai'i Chapter; and NAIOP Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure balances the importance of protecting property of true historic significance with the need to carry out much-needed renovations and rehabilitation of aging properties, including state-owned buildings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct a comprehensive survey and inventory of all state-owned buildings within five years to evaluate and nominate potentially eligible buildings for listing on the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or National Register of Historic Places;
- (2) Appropriating funds for this purpose;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$400,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Department of Accounting and General Services to conduct the comprehensive survey and inventory of all state-owned buildings.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1901, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1901, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 188-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2478

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is an interstate compact agency that helps state resource management agencies and the fishing industry sustainably manage Pacific Ocean resources. This measure will facilitate improved management of state and regional marine fishery resources through increased collaboration with other Pacific states.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2478, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 189-24 Water & Land/Human Services on H.B. No. 2429

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Human Services to provide temporary emergency public assistance and recovery services beyond an emergency declaration, subject to available funds, and to establish an emergency management program within the Department.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committees find that in recent years, the Department of Human Services has responded to a series of emergencies, including the Maui wildfires, coronavirus pandemic, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, and floods, and the need for many of its emergency management activities and public assistance continues even after Governor-declared states of emergency have ended. Given the recent and anticipated needs for the Department's emergency responses, your Committees find that the Department requires a dedicated emergency management program and staff to lead recovery support for social services, improve the Department's expanded roles and responsibilities in mass care and sheltering, and collaborate with other public agencies in emergency planning and long-term recovery efforts.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the procurement exemption applies until June 30, 2029;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2429, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2429, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

Human Services: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Belatti, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 190-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2407

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require electric utilities to develop risk-based wildfire protection plans to be submitted for approval to the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (2) Authorize the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization and wildfire protection fees to avoid a disproportionate impact on a specific ratepayer or county.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Life of the Land; and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Budget and Finance; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that this measure sets forth an essential set of wildfire mitigation and prevention policies and plans along with a securitization model that has been demonstrated to be a highly effective method to finance investments to make wildfire-related improvements.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "catastrophic wildfire";
- (2) Amending the definition of "wildfire protection costs";
- (3) Specifying that the best practices discussed in the electric utility workshops, which the Public Utilities Commission may periodically convene, may be incorporated into the proposed wildfire protection plans and updates submitted to the Public Utilities Commission for approval;
- (4) Modifying various components, requirements, and procedures relating to the wildfire protection plans;
- (5) Requiring an electric utility to track and report to the Public Utilities Commission the costs that the electric utility actually incurs to develop, implement, and administer the risk-based wildfire protection plan and providing direction to the Commission when those actual costs are under, equal to, or over reasonable amounts;
- (6) Expanding the scope of the Public Utilities Commission's rules or orders pertaining to wildfire protection plans to include data governance and risk-based decision making;
- (7) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission, in exercising its duties with respect to financing orders to issue bonds to recover any wildfire protection costs, to consider whether such costs are consistent with the public interest;
- (8) Modifying an electric utility's role under a wildfire protection plan financing order;
- (9) Establishing provisions related to security interests in wildfire protection property;
- (10) Establishing provisions related to transfers of wildfire protection property;
- (11) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (12) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note that this measure needs further details in order to ensure that ratepayers are protected and the public interest is prioritized. Your Committees further note that Hawaiian Electric should be expected to make a sincere effort to find cost savings within their own company and raise financial capital through their own means as a first step.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2407, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 191-24 Water & Land/Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2700

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from a wildfire, regardless of cause.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; Public Utilities Commission; Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaua'i Chamber; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Ulupono Initiative; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that when the cause of a wildfire is uncertain or contested, costly and protracted litigation ensues. Litigation regarding wildfire damages can impose massive costs on the State, counties, utilities, landowners, and other defendants that may be alleged to have contributed to catastrophic wildfires. Such costs can overwhelm these major institutions of the community, undermining their ability to make investments needed by Hawaii. Indeed, even the possibility of litigation regarding a future catastrophic wildfire can create a cloud of uncertainty that threatens to impair the ability of these entities to attract capital on reasonable terms--capital that is vital to make investments in wildfire prevention, among other priorities. Such an outcome harms everyone.

Your Committees further find that it is in the public interest to ensure that the threat of wildfires does not make investment in Hawaii's public utilities so financially risky that it becomes too costly or impossible for them to raise capital to implement vital plans, including plans to mitigate wildfire risk, and to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service to the people of the State. Your Committees also find that it serves the public good to avoid the costs of litigation arising out of catastrophic wildfires in order to protect Hawaii's economy and encourage investment in the State.

Your Committees also note strong concerns raised in testimony that this measure could transfer the burden of financial risk for property damage to a public utility's customers through rate increases. The "opt-out" process may create consumer confusion that could limit a consumer's ability to protect their legal rights. Your Committees also recognize that this measure could negatively impact an insurer's claims to be made whole in the event of loss from wildfires. This could have the unintended consequence of reducing the number of property insurers willing to participate in the Hawaii market. At the same time, your Committees note the request from many testifiers to move this measure forward to continue to work to address these concerns through future amendments.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Making unspecified the minimum number of acres of land in Hawaii that private landowners, or whose affiliated persons or entities in the aggregate, must own in order to be eligible to participate in the Wildfire Relief Fund as a contributor;

- (2) Removing the distinction between investor-owned utilities and cooperative utilities with respect to whether their contributions may be recovered from their customers in rates and in the evaluation of the prudence of their conduct in the event a catastrophic wildfire may have been ignited by public-utility facilities;
- (3) Clarifying that the Wildfire Relief Fund is not subject to chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (4) Prohibiting a public utility from recovering its contributions from its customers in rates;
- (5) Clarifying the factors to be considered in determining the prudence of a public utility's conduct in the event a catastrophic wildfire may have been ignited by the public utility's facilities;
- (6) Modifying the procedures for hearings and appeals of determinations with respect to:
 - (A) The Wildfire Relief Fund Administrator's determination of the amount of payment due from the Wildfire Relief Fund to a property owner, property insurer, the State, or other governmental entity; or
 - (B) The Wildfire Relief Fund Board of Directors' determination of a contributor's allocation for any contribution;
- (7) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2700, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Lowen). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 192-24 Water & Land/Housing on H.B. No. 2549

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the State has a unified vision and approach toward the development and redevelopment of public lands on the island of Maui by establishing an Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to coordinate effective and efficient housing development and redevelopment of state and county lands on Maui.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and one individual.

Your Committees find that as one of the largest landowners on the island of Maui, the State must be proactive in coordinating planning and development efforts among public agencies to maximize the benefits derived from the development and redevelopment of Maui's public lands.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the cultural specialist on the Hawaii Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery a voting member;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2549, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2549, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

Housing: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 193-24 Health & Homelessness/Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2415

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to enter the State into the multistate Nurse Licensure Compact to allow nurses who are licensed by a home state to practice under a multistate licensure privilege in each party state;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2026, requires nurses who hold multistate licenses issued by a state other than Hawaii to complete demographic data surveys; and
- (3) Authorize the Board of Nursing to charge different fees for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; The Queen's Health System; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Ohana Pacific Health; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; Hawai'i-American Nurses Association; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Board of Nursing; Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committees find that the Nurse Licensure Compact creates a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state nursing boards to provide a streamlined process to allow nurses to become licensed in multiple states. Your Committees note that forty-one states and two territories have enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact thus far. Your Committees further find that adoption of the Nurse Licensure Compact by Hawaii will help address the State's severe health care provider shortage by expediting the licensure requirements for nurses licensed in other states and increasing the ability of nurses to practice across participating jurisdictions, while still maintaining quality and safety.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that health care facilities must report to the Board of Nursing that all nurses holding multistate license issued by Hawaii, rather than Washington, have completed the required demographic surveys;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2415, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kapela, Martinez).

SCRep. 194-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1778

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, including products containing menthol, and mislabeled e-liquid products that contain nicotine; and
- (2) Repeal language making the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices a statewide concern and preempting county ordinances and regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; one member of the Maui County Council; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Dental Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; American Lung Association in Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth Council; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids; Tobacco-Free Kids Action Fund; University of Hawai'i Student Health Advisory Council; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hāmākua-Kohala Health; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i State Youth Commission; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Cigar Association of America, Inc.; ABC Stores; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Reason Foundation; R Street Institute; Consumer Choice Center; Hawaii Smokers Alliance; VOLCANO; National Association of Tobacco Outlets; Consumer Advocates for Smoke-free Alternatives Association; Vape Element, LLC d.b.a BLVK E-Liquid; Vape Kings LLC; Americans for Tax Reform; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

Your Committee finds that tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in Hawaii. Of particular concern is the rising rate of tobacco use by youth across the State. According to the 2019 Hawaii State and Counties Youth Risk Behavior Surveys, 30.6 percent of public middle school students and 48.3 percent of public high school students have tried using electronic smoking devices.

Your Committee further finds that because of the significant geographic disparities in tobacco usage across the State, the counties are uniquely positioned to quickly address the health needs of their communities. Historically, Hawaii has passed forward-thinking legislation to address the high usage of tobacco products. These policies, such as raising the minimum age for the purchase of tobacco products or prohibiting smoking in public places, were first adopted by the counties before being implemented on a statewide level. However, existing law preempts any county ordinance that regulates the sale and use of tobacco products, unless that ordinance is more stringent than state law. Your Committee recognizes that there is ambiguity in the effectiveness of county ordinances that are not in conflict with existing law and in the exact nature of the authority granted to the counties to regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices in their communities.

Your Committee notes that last year the Legislature passed Act 62, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which, among other things, imposed a general excise tax on electronic smoking devices and e-liquids that is in line with similar taxes imposed on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Your Committee believes that while greater regulation of the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices should be vested in the counties, the regulation of the taxation of these products should remain a matter of statewide concern. Accordingly, your Committee believes that clarifying the respective regulatory authority of the State and counties will enable the State and counties to work collaboratively together to develop a flexible regulatory system to address the State's youth vaping epidemic.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language imposing a ban on the sale of all flavored tobacco products and mislabeled e-liquid products that contain nicotine;
- (2) Reverting to existing statutory language making the regulation of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices a matter of statewide concern, but limiting this preemption of county ordinances to solely the taxation of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices;
- (3) Authorizing the counties to adopt ordinances regulating the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices within each respective county, as long as the ordinances do not conflict and are more stringent than applicable state law;
- (4) Specifying that any county ordinance or regulation of the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices that imposes a fee or tax on the sale of these products shall be null and void;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Amato, Kobayashi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 195-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2806

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund to serve as the repository for all opioid litigation proceeds received by the State;
- (2) Establish the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Council to administer the special fund and oversee the expenditure of all opioid litigation proceeds received by the State; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the establishment of positions within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hep Free Hawai'i; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Budget and Finance; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is anticipated to receive in excess of \$156,000,000 in litigation proceeds from lawsuits made against certain entities responsible for manufacturing and distributing opioids; pharmacies that have dispensed opioids; and other related parties who have been found to be responsible for their alleged roles in contributing to the high rates of drug overdoses and other drug-related harms. Your Committee further finds that, based on the State's experience with the tobacco settlement funds from the 1990s, there is a need to establish a framework to maximize the use of proceeds from opioid litigation to address substance use disorders, overdoses, and other drug-related harms. Your Committee believes that creating a council to oversee and approve the expenditure of opioid litigation funds will ensure these funds are appropriately used to address substance use disorders in a manner that supplements, rather than preempts, state funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the funding source for positions within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health to the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund, rather than general revenues;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2806, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 196-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2750

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require mandatory registration for all clean and sober homes and equitable distribution of clean and sober homes throughout a county;
- (2) Require an applicant for a clean and sober homes certificate of registration to obtain written approval from the appropriate county showing the property is in compliance with all land use and zoning ordinances and rules; and
- (3) Prohibit the Department of Health from issuing a certificate of registration:
 - (A) If, in certain counties, no public informational meeting is held with the neighborhood board in the affected community beforehand; and
 - (B) If a certain number of registered clean and sober homes already exist within a certain mile radius in the affected community.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hahabat; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hina Mauka; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Department of the Attorney General; and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee finds that clean and sober homes provide a supportive and structure environment for individuals recovering from substance abuse or addiction. Your Committee further finds that mandatory registration of these homes may have a negative impact on the ability of existing clean and sober homes to remain in operation and dissuade new homes from opening, because of the additional burden to comply. This could reduce the number of clean and sober homes available statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have made the clean and sober homes registry by the Department of Health mandatory; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider incorporating provisions to ensure appropriate community engagement and a robust complaints process, as provided in the Model Recovery Residence Certification Act from the Legislative Analysis and Public Policy Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2750, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2750, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 197-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2728

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hui Hoomana Task Force to identify actionable priorities and financial resources to offer the State's residents universal access to affordable, high-quality health care and health insurance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Executive Office on Aging; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i County Subarea Health Planning Council; The Queen's Health System; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Association; Rainbow Family 808; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i Pacific Health; and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the State's residents deserve universal and equitable access to affordable, high-quality health care. However, in 2024, approximately 80,000 Hawaii residents are uninsured. Your Committee further finds that many of Hawaii's residents face numerous barriers to accessing health care and health insurance, including high insurance costs for individuals and employers, confusing regulatory and administrative requirements, lower provider reimbursement rates, and growing stress on the health care work force. Your Committee believes that the establishment of the Hui Hoomana Task Force will be an effective mechanism to outline processes and procedures that would move the State in the direction of universal access to equitable and affordable high quality health care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the date for the submission of the final report of the Hui Hoomana Task Force to the Legislature to no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026;
- (2) Delaying the expiration of the Hui Hoomana Task Force to July 1, 2026;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests for the State Health Planning and Development Agency to provide further information to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, regarding the application with MedQUEST for the large federal grant that is due in March 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2728, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2728, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 198-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2223

The purpose of this measure is to require, beginning January 1, 2025, health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for biomarker testing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center; Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research; ALS Association; Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.; International Cancer Advocacy Network; National Organization for Rare Disorders; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Alliance for Patient Access; American Lung Association; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; and AdvaMed. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that biomarker testing is an invaluable tool in the diagnosis, treatment, appropriate management, and ongoing monitoring of diseases or conditions. This testing allows for a more precise and personalized approach to medical care by identifying specific genetic, molecular, or biochemical markers associated with an individual's disease. This measure would advance the standard of care for individuals facing various diseases and conditions, particularly in the field of oncology where biomarker testing plays a pivotal role in personalized medicine.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations, shall provide coverage for biomarker testing services that are medically necessary;
- (2) Applying biomarker testing coverage to health plans under the State's Medicaid managed care program and requiring the Department of Human Services to seek approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by a certain date;
- (3) Specifying that the coverage proposed by this measure for Medicaid managed care health plans is contingent on the approval of the Hawaii Medicaid State Plan amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2223, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2223, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 199-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 966

The purpose of this measure is to allow manufacturers of investigational drugs or biological products to make these drugs and products available to terminally ill patients under certain conditions.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that terminally ill patients are severely restricted in terms of care options that utilize investigational drugs and biological products due to the lengthy federal approval process for such treatment. Your Committee further finds that the federal government and forty-one states have enacted "right-to-try" legislation that makes experimental drugs without Food and Drug Administration approval available to terminally ill patients with no other medication or treatment options. Your Committee believes that it is in the interest of public health to expand the care options of terminally ill patients by permitting them to use experimental drugs when they have no other treatment options available.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 966, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 966, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 200-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1830

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish provisional or associate-level licensure requirements and insurance reimbursement allowances for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists in training;
- (2) Require psychologist license applicants to possess a doctoral degree and complete certain supervised experience requirements before sitting for the licensing examination; and
- (3) Authorize insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern, in certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Health; National Association of Social Workers – Hawai‘i; Hawaiian Islands Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Hawai‘i Counselors Association; Catholic Charities Hawai‘i; Mental Health America of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Psychological Association; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Pau Hana Counseling, LLC; Dawn Baxter, LLC; Elemental Guidance, LLC; Root2Rise Counseling Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Psychology; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that there is a great demand for mental health practitioners in the State. Your Committee further finds that as part of the requirements for licensure as a marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, or psychologist, applicants must provide clinical services under the direct supervision of a licensed therapist, counselor, or psychologist. However, there are no existing state laws that allow for health insurance reimbursements for these services, which means these mental health professionals are providing these services unpaid. As a result, many of these applicants permanently leave the State to pursue the final stages of their licensure requirements in states where insurance reimbursement is permitted. This measure seeks to proactively address the current workforce shortage of mental health providers and ensure that these trained professionals remain in Hawaii and continue to provide much-needed services to their patients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the clinical supervision requirements for associate marriage and family therapists may be performed by any licensed mental health professional in good standing with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, in addition to a licensed marriage and family therapist in good standing;
- (2) Clarifying that the clinical supervision practicum requirements for associate mental health counselors may be performed by a licensed psychologist, clinical social worker, advanced practice registered nurse with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family therapist, or physician with a specialty in psychiatry, in addition to a licensed mental health counselor;
- (3) Removing the requirement that applicants for associate or provisional licenses in psychology, marriage and family therapy, and mental health counseling pass their respective licensing exams prior to applying for associate licensure;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$73,406 for the establishment of one office assistant position and \$75,000 to make appropriate updates to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's internal databases.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1830, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 201-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2436

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections; and
- (2) Require health insurance plans and health care providers to maintain confidentiality policies and practices for minor-initiated medical care and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Kumukahi Health + Wellness; Rainbow Family 808; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law has permitted minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent, independently and without their parent or guardian's involvement, to medical care and services for screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. However, preventive treatments are currently unavailable as state law requires that the minor already be infected or profess infection to be able to consent to services. This measure increases access to preventive health care and reduces the risk for the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2436, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2436, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 202-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2629

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Homeless Services Fund to provide funds for homeless services and supportive housing;

- (2) Allow counties to apply for matching funds from the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund for housing projects that are subject to a perpetual affordability requirement;
- (3) Amend the conveyance tax rates based on property values;
- (4) Repeal conveyance tax rates set separately for conveyances for which the purchasers are ineligible for a county homeowner's exemption on property tax;
- (5) Exempt from conveyance taxes certain conveyances of real property to organizations with specific affordability requirements and to certain nonprofit organizations; and
- (6) Allocate collected conveyance taxes to the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund and Homeless Services Fund and amend allocations to the Land Conservation Fund and Rental Housing Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Ku Pono Ka Leo O Ka 'Āina; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; NAIOP Hawaii; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Taxation; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State's high cost of living, particularly the high cost of housing, is fueling the State's homelessness crisis and forcing local families to move out of the State. Your Committee further finds that many cities facing similar housing shortages have increased their conveyance tax rates to fund affordable housing programs. Hawaii's conveyance tax rates have not been updated since Act 59, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, and are currently significantly lower than the rates of other high-cost areas in the country. Your Committee recognizes the concerns that the increases proposed by this measure are steep but believes that these increases would predominately impact wealthy buyers who purchase property in Hawaii primarily for investment purposes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Applying a conveyance tax of \$0.50 per \$100 for properties with a value of less than \$5,000,000, rather than to properties with a value of less than \$2,000,000;
- (2) Applying a conveyance tax of \$4.00 per \$100 for properties with a value of at least \$5,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000, rather than to properties of at least \$2,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000;
- (3) Amending the amount of the conveyance tax allocated to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to forty, rather than twenty-five, percent;
- (4) Amending the amount of the conveyance tax allocated to the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund to ten, rather than twenty-five, percent;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to provide definitions for the terms "price-restricted affordability" and "permanent affordability", as used in this measure, to your Committee on Housing, should it deliberate on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2629, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Housing.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 203-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1831

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program in the Department of Health to redirect persons experiencing a mental health crisis who are at risk for involvement with, or involved with, the criminal justice system to the appropriate health care system and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; The Queen's Health System; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; United Self-Help; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Community Alliance on Prisons; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that thousands of people in the State are arrested each year for offenses such as drinking liquor in public, loitering in public parks after hours, and camping in restricted areas such as on sidewalks or beaches. Many of these people suffer from issues relating to drugs, alcohol, or mental illness and would be better served by being diverted from the criminal justice system and into the health care system, where they can receive appropriate health care services.

Your Committee further finds behavioral health crisis centers provide significant benefits to the community, including enabling more people in crisis to get help by creating additional rapid access points for care, reducing law enforcement time dealing with people in crisis, reducing the use of already over-crowded emergency rooms, and recognizing cost savings for the community in many areas, such as reduced criminalization and reduced use of acute care facilities. Your Committee believes that the establishment and use of behavioral health crisis centers will improve the government's response to individuals suffering from serious mental illness, particularly for those who may become, or already are, involved in the criminal justice system.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that would statutorily authorize the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in every county;
- (2) Changing the appropriation for the Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$9,500,000 for the Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1831, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 204-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2451

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the examination of defendants through telehealth and appropriate funds for this purpose;
- (2) Expand the scope of the Criminal Justice Diversion Program to certain petty misdemeanants; and
- (3) Authorize the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers to provide intervention and stabilization services for persons experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder crisis and appropriate funds for this purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee finds that the use of telehealth for an examination to determine a defendant's fitness to proceed will greatly aid in the completion of these court-ordered examinations, which can in turn reduce the time that defendants spend in custody during fitness to proceed proceedings and provide defendants with faster access to mental health treatment. Your Committee further finds that authorizing the use of telehealth for these examinations will maximize the efficient use of an examiner's time and minimize travel costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language authorizing the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers and the associated appropriation;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for staff and resources to accommodate telehealth examinations of defendants;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount to the Judiciary for staff and resources to accommodate telehealth examinations of defendants;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2451, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 205-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2159

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of the Attorney General to assist in the preparation and filing of any petition for assisted community treatment and all related court proceedings, unless the petitioner declines assistance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee finds that assisted community treatment is a valuable tool for providing timely and necessary treatment for some individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Your Committee further finds that improvements are needed to the State's assisted community treatment program and other methods used by the State to treat individuals suffering from untreated mental illness. Your Committee believes that improving the State's evaluation and assessment of individuals who may become, or already are, involved in the criminal justice system to determine if these persons should be diverted to a more appropriate mental health program will ensure the State's response to these individuals is coordinated and comprehensive.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing language entitling the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender;
- (2) Inserting language providing a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent petty misdemeanor defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment;
- (3) Inserting language authorizing the courts to require certain probation violators to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2159, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 206-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1954

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Office of the Public Defender; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; NAMI Hawaii; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the Community Court Outreach Project was established in 2017 as a mobile justice system that travels to neighborhoods to resolve nonviolent offenses and provides an alternative for individuals whose personal circumstances might preclude them from appearing for court in a traditional setting. Your Committee further finds that the Community Court Outreach Project is an efficient use of resources to identify and meet the needs of

individuals experiencing homelessness. Since its inception, four hundred seventy people have participated in the project, 7,663 cases have been cleared, and 5,645 community service hours have been completed. Your Committee believes that formally codifying the Community Outreach Court Project, as proposed by this measure, will provide much needed resources and funding for the project and allow the project to serve a larger number of the homeless individuals under the jurisdiction of the courts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Supreme Court to adopt rules regarding the administration, operation, and procedures of the Community Outreach Court;
- (2) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of:

- (1) \$854,900 to the Judiciary to establish permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$96,100 each for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) court clerk positions;
 - (B) \$72,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) court bailiff position;
 - (C) \$81,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) adult client services branch judicial clerk V position; and
 - (D) \$105,500 each for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) adult client services positions;
- (2) \$250,000 to the Department of Law Enforcement for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) deputy sheriff positions to support the Community Outreach Court;
- (3) \$288,500 to the Office of the Public Defender for permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$131,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) deputy public defender;
 - (B) \$87,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) paralegal; and
 - (C) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) social worker or mental health worker, assigned to the Office of the Public Defender;
- (4) \$310,000 to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$170,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) deputy prosecuting attorney;
 - (B) \$80,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) paralegal; and
 - (C) \$60,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal assistant; and
- (5) \$40,000 to the Judiciary for the operations of the Community Outreach Court, including security, equipment, training, and other operational needs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1954, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1954, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 207-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Relax the requirements for prescribing certain controlled substances as part of gender-affirming health care services;
- (2) Expand the protections established under Act 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, to include gender-affirming health care services; and
- (3) Clarify jurisdiction under the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for cases involving children who obtain gender-affirming health care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Rainbow Family 808; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; QueerDoc; Physicians for Reproductive Health; ATA Action; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from One Impact Hawaii; Pono Records; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Information Practices; Hawaii Medical Board; Board of Nursing; Board of Psychology; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that across the nation there has been a push by certain states to restrict access to gender-affirming health care and establish overreaching provisions that would allow these states to prosecute an out-of-state provider for providing gender-affirming care to an individual who resides in that state. Your Committee finds that these laws are intended to have a chilling effect and unnecessarily reach across State lines in an attempt to extinguish gender-affirming care throughout the nation. These laws are contrary to the public policy of the State of Hawaii and should not be enforceable in any Hawaii court or be the basis for granting any legal or equitable relief in any Hawaii court. Your Committee believes that creating a framework to protect safe, quality, evidence-based health care practice, including gender-affirming health care services, reaffirms the State's commitment to protecting an individual's right to their gender identity or expression.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the prohibition against disclosure of communications or information regarding certain patient information does not include uses and disclosures that a covered entity is permitted to exclude from an accounting of disclosures under federal regulations;
- (2) Clarifying that the prohibition against providing information and expending resources in response to certain out-of-state or interstate investigations or proceedings does not include the provision of publicly available information;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2079, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 208-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2630

The purpose of this measure is to authorize, and establish a regulatory framework for, the administration of psilocybin for therapeutic use.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Clarity Project; Honolulu Psychotherapy; Mana Warrior Collective; Aloha Integrative Mental Health; Beyond Mental Health; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Psychological Association.

Your Committees find that psilocybin, colloquial known as magic mushrooms, is currently listed under federal and state law as a schedule I controlled substance - a schedule that is reserved for drugs that have a high potential for abuse and no recognized medicinal uses. Despite its scheduling, research has shown that psilocybin can be effective in treating certain mental health conditions such as addition, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and depression, including treatment-resistant depression. This measure will ensure that people who struggle with debilitating mental health conditions have access to psilocybin and are not penalized by the State for its therapeutic use.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "licensed mental health professional";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider provisions related to the registration of providers and inventory of psilocybin.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2630, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2630, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, 1 (Kobayashi). Excused, none.

SCRep. 209-24 Education on H.B. No. 2074

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of three full-time equivalent Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and ten full-time equivalent Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hui Mākua o Kapolei; Ka La'i a 'Ehu; Aha Kauleo; Ke Kula Kaiapuni O Pū'ōhala; Hui Makua O Pū'ōhala; Nā Leo Kāko'o o O'ahu; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education has experienced significant growth in the demand for Hawaiian language immersion education to be provided in Hawai'i's Kaiapuni schools. In the past decade, the Department's Kaiapuni program enrollment has grown by almost one thousand students, with 2,374 students now being educated in the medium of the Hawaiian language. In addition, there are eight new schools in the Department, bringing the total number of Kaiapuni schools to twenty-two.

Your Committee further finds that federal pandemic education funding and other state funds provided critical support for Kaiapuni program development. These funds conclude at the end of this fiscal year. Your Committee believes that additional funding is necessary to sustain existing Kaiapuni programs and help expand programs in the future.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,444,683.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2074, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 210-24 Education/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1587

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Public Access Room to establish and maintain an outreach and engagement program for primary, secondary, post-secondary, and community education and provide funding for one full-time equivalent position to assist in effectuating this requirement;
- (2) Require the Department of Education and University of Hawaii to assign appropriate staff to coordinate with the Public Access Room with respect to the outreach and engagement program;
- (3) Establish and fund two full-time equivalent permanent civic education resource teacher positions within the Department of Education; and

(4) Appropriate funds to establish one full-time equivalent position within The Public Access Room.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Commission to Promote and Advance Civic Education; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; and Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committees find that civic education prepares students to participate in the public and political lives of their communities and helps students develop critical thinking skills that are vital to the functioning of a democratic nation. Your Committees note, however, that in the 2020 general election, forty states had a higher voter turnout than Hawaii. Your Committees further find that increasing access to civic education in Hawaii's public school system will help to increase voter turnout and citizen engagement over the long term.

Your Committees also find that creating positive and focused engagement with students, educators, and citizens will promote learning about the Legislature, deeper understanding of and participation in the legislative process, and greater interaction with legislators. Your Committees believe that the Public Access Room, an office under the Legislative Reference Bureau, is well-positioned to further civic engagement between the Legislature and students in the State through educational partnerships.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Amending the appropriation to the Legislative Reference Bureau to be for the establishment of two full-time equivalent positions within the Public Access Room;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1587, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1587, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 211-24 Tourism on H.B. No. 2778

The purpose of this measure is to establish a surcharge on the transient accommodations tax for transient vacation rentals located outside a zoned resort area.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that typically, transient vacation rentals are only authorized in areas zoned for resort or hotel uses. Despite this, transient vacation rentals that are outside areas where they are authorized continue to be a problem in the State. Your Committee believes that more needs to be done to discourage transient vacation rentals outside of authorized areas by establishing a surcharge on such units.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a transient vacation rental is subject to an additional surcharge on the transient accommodations tax unless it is wholly contained within the grounds of a resort;
- (2) Deleting language that would have charged a surcharge on the transient accommodations tax equal to five percent of the fair market rental value of a resort time share unit;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2778, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2778, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, none.

SCRep. 212-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1933

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks;
- (2) Increase the annual motor vehicle registration fee and require that amount to be deposited into the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds into the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund and out of as grants-in-aid for the counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Law Enforcement; and Intoxalock. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance.

Your Committee finds that, according to the National Transportation Highway Safety Administration, sobriety checkpoints are an effective means to deter and enforce drunk driving when combined with publicity. Your Committee further finds that often law enforcement agencies incur overtime, personnel, and other increased operational expenses to conduct these sobriety checkpoints. This measure provides a mechanism to support the use of sobriety checkpoints, which are a fundamental tool in the enforcement and deterrence of intoxicated driving offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that \$1 from the annual motor vehicle registration fee shall be allocated to the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund;
- (2) Increasing the annual motor vehicle registration fee from \$46 to \$47;

- (3) Expanding the use of the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund to include the processing of persons arrested as part of sobriety checkpoints;
- (4) Removing the requirement that the counties match funds appropriated on a dollar-for-dollar basis; and
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes questions raised during testimony about the Department of Transportation's ability to expand its existing support for sobriety checkpoints using existing funding sources. Your Committee respectfully requests the Department of Transportation to provide further information to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, on whether the Department already possesses the financial capacity to increase the number of sobriety checkpoints in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1933, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1933, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 213-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2757

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to:

- (1) By January 1, 2026, establish a Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits; and
- (2) By January 1, 2027, start receiving claims and paying benefits under the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience in the Office of the Governor; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; AAUW of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pride at Work – Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Rainbow Family 808; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; African American Lawyers Association of Hawai'i; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; A Better Balance; Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus; AARP Hawai'i; The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Breastfeeding Hawaii; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Mothering Justice; Our Revolution Hawaii; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Workers Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; NFIB, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Society for Human Resource Management – Hawaii; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Tiki's Grill & Bar; and 604 Hospitality Group. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Family Values @ Work; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's working families are not adequately supported during times of caregiving and illness. While the federal Family and Medical Leave Act allows twelve weeks of unpaid leave to employees who have worked at a business that employs fifty or more employees, the majority of Hawaii's workforce cannot afford to take unpaid leave to care for a new child or attend to the needs of a family member with a serious health condition. This measure ensures that employees in Hawaii are provided family leave insurance benefits when they need to provide care for their families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the eligibility requirements for a covered individual to reflect similar requirements for individuals eligible to receive temporary disability benefits;
- (2) Including the State and counties under the definition of "employer";
- (3) Including organ donation and termination of pregnancy under the definition of "serious health condition";
- (4) Extending the start date by one year in which the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has to establish a Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits and start receiving claims and paying benefits under the Program;
- (5) Specifying that claims shall be paid to a covered individual within two weeks of the start of their family leave;
- (6) Authorizing claims to be filed up to forty-five days in advance of the family leave, if anticipation of the family leave is possible;
- (7) Adjusting the wage repayment benefit amounts;
- (8) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2757, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2757, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 214-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2720

The purpose of this measure is to establish a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Nurses' Association, OPEIU Local 50; Academic Labor United; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Hawaii State Teachers Association; University of South Florida Graduate Assistants Union; National Education Association Graduate Committee; National Education Association; Graduate Assistants United; UNITE HERE Local 5; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawai'i Workers Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that graduate student assistants are vital to the university community, performing instruction, research, and administrative work. This measure allows graduate assistants to participate in collective bargaining to provide greater employment incentives, stability, and promote higher education. However, your Committee notes that at this time, graduate assistants do not appear to be in a position to establish a bargaining unit and may need time to organize themselves before petitioning the Hawaii Labor Relations Board for a determination that they are ready.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system from collective bargaining until they petition the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and the Board determines the graduate assistants are ready to be placed in a bargaining unit;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2720, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 215-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2028

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Merge the Made in Hawai'i with Aloha branding program with the Hawai'i Made program and place both under the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Specify that the Department of the Attorney General shall be responsible for enforcement of the program;
- (3) Add the operating and overhead expenses incurred and spent within the State to the production costs when calculating whether a non-perishable product labeled "Hawai'i Made" or "Made in Hawai'i" has met the requirement that at least fifty-one percent of the wholesale value of the product is added by production within the State; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to promote and develop the "Hawaii Made" brand.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association and CARES. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Agriculture; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that merging the Made in Hawai'i with Aloha branding program with the Hawaii Made program will eliminate confusion and duplication of two agencies promoting the Made in Hawaii brand. Your Committee further finds that including the operating and overhead expenses incurred and spent within the State in any calculation in determining whether an item meets the statutory threshold to be labeled "Hawaii Made" or "Made in Hawaii" will allow substantially more businesses to have their items qualify to be labeled as "Hawaii Made" or "Made in Hawaii".

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2028, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2028, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 216-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2762

The purpose of this measure is to authorize limited casino gaming in the State by:

- (1) Granting a forty-year gaming license for a single integrated resort property on lands under the control of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs designated for commercial use on the island of Oahu, excluding lands west of Ko Olina;
- (2) Establishing the Hawaii Gaming Commission within the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for administrative purposes;
- (3) Imposing a wagering tax on gross gaming revenue;
- (4) Creating the State Gaming Fund and Casino Gaming Special Fund; and
- (5) Appropriating funds for the operations of the Hawaii Gaming Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Walk; and CARES. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of Information Practices; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the downstream economic and social benefits of integrated resort development have been demonstrated globally in diverse locations such as Macau, Singapore, the Bahamas, and many states in the United States. Your Committee further finds that gaming dollars have appreciably improved the basic health and education on reservations. The revenue generated by native gaming directly funds social and health services critical for tribal members and citizens and have offered employment opportunities that can benefit native and non-native people alike.

Your Committee additionally finds that Hawaii would realize similar economic and social benefits through operation and licensing of a single integrated resort that includes limited casino gaming on lands under the control of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee believes that limited authorization of casino gaming would help the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in its mission to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians by ensuring that the Office is the primary beneficiary of the gaming operation through a lease agreement with the licensee and through direct collection of state tax payments on gross gaming revenue.

Your Committee notes that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Native Hawaiians are entitled to twenty percent of public land trust revenues but are not currently receiving most of those revenues. Your Committee intends for this measure to serve as a funding mechanism to provide the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Native Hawaiians with their fair share of funding. This measure provides that the collection of a portion of gross gaming revenue from an integrated resort will be deposited into the Casino Gaming Special Fund and used for the purposes of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, including for the betterment of Native Hawaiians.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have exempted the construction of any integrated resort or gaming facility under the control of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs designated for commercial use from the special assessment and any special improvement district requirements regarding redevelopment;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2762, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2762, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, 2 (Quinlan, Pierick). Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 217-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2765

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow for the regulation of sports wagering by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Establish licensing requirements for sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers;
- (3) Levy the general excise tax on licensed sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers; and
- (4) Specify that accepting sports wagers are not considered games of chance or gambling.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from DraftKings and Sports Betting Alliance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that establishing a framework for a regulated, competitive sports wagering market in the State will stimulate economic growth while also protecting consumers as they engage in new ways with the sports they watch and enjoy. Your Committee intends for the revenues generated pursuant to this measure to be used for the prevention of illegal gambling, including to deter the use of illegal game rooms and online gaming, and to create a gambling mitigation program.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have levied the state general excise tax on licensed sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers;
- (2) Creating a Sports Wagering Special Fund to be administered by the Department of Law Enforcement for:
 - (A) The enforcement of any violation of gambling offenses as provided in part III of chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including the deterrence of illegal game room operations and online gambling; and
 - (B) The creation of a gambling mitigation program;
- (3) Imposing a tax on licensed sports wagering operators and sports wagering suppliers and depositing the revenues collected into the Sports Wagering Special Fund;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2765, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2765, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, 2 (Quinlan, Pierick). Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 218-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2520

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide for the expenses of the Legislature, Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Ombudsman, and Hawaii State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau; Hawai'i State Ethics Commission; Office of the Ombudsman; Office of the Auditor; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure appropriates sufficient funds to defray the necessary expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives through June 30, 2025, including session and nonsession expenses. Your Committee further finds that this measure also appropriates sufficient funds to defray the necessary expenses of the Office of the Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, and Hawaii State Ethics Commission for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2520 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kahaloa, Kobayashi, Ward).

SCRep. 219-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2373

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2373, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 220-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2374

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (2), (3), (4), (9), (13), and (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2374, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 221-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1832

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Pacific Health and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that the State is facing unprecedented vacancies in state positions. One contributing factor to the number of state job vacancies is the length of time between when a person applies for a state job to when that person receives a response. This measure allows state departments, divisions, and agencies the ability to review their own applicants for vacant positions, speeding up the review process for key positions and lessening the workload for the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that state departments, divisions, and agencies may immediately begin interviewing applicants that are determined to meet the minimum qualifications for a vacant position;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1832, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 222-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2382

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the Employees' Retirement System's eligibility requirement definitions for service-connected disability and accidental death benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that in light of recent court rulings, this measure is necessary to clarify the Legislature's intent concerning the applicability of the Employees' Retirement System service-connected disability retirement and accidental death benefits. This measure will help to curb the unintended growth in the Employees' Retirement System's unfunded liability and addresses any perceived ambiguity regarding the legislative intent of the Employees' Retirement System's service-connected disability retirement and accidental death provisions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2382, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2382, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 223-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2343

The purpose of this measure is to broaden enforcement of orders of wage payment violations to allow for certified copies of orders of wage payment violations to be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Political Action Committee.

Your Committee finds that the current means of enforcing and collecting on final orders of wage payment violations exclusively in a circuit court is inefficient and results in delayed payments to employees who are entitled to reimbursement from employers who violated wage payment laws. Additionally, allowing enforcement proceedings to be brought in a district court would improve the efficiency of the process. This measure expedites enforcement of final orders of wage payment violation and ensures employees are paid in accordance with their employers' legal obligations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2343, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 224-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2381

The purpose of this measure is to lower the Employees' Retirement System's funding period to amortize the System's total unfunded accrued liability from thirty years to twenty years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees; Save Honolua Coalition; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that due to the Employees' Retirement System's long-term investment performance, the funding period in which the Employees' Retirement System is expected to be fully funded has steadily decreased from the forecasted thirty years in fiscal year 2015-2016 to twenty-four years in fiscal year 2021-2022. This measure amends the maximum funding period to amortize the total unfunded accrued liability of the Employees' Retirement System to start at twenty-five years and lower by one year each year thereafter until reaching twenty years, strengthening the Employees' Retirement System over the long term without impacting the expected path toward full-funding or current contribution rates.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2381, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2381, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 225-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2480

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds into and out of the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor provides approximately ten thousand authentication services every year for all public and general documents that are used overseas, including powers of attorney, marriage certificates, birth certificates, divorce decrees, probated and un-probated wills, judgments, agreements, transcripts, and more. However, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is unable to accept credit card or web-based payments to authenticate documents, and those seeking an apostille or certification must pay \$1 per authentication in cash or obtain a cashier's check that most banks charge \$15 to process. This measure ensures that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor can execute its constitutional obligations and modernize its processes to best serve the public in a cost-effective and convenient manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2480, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 226-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2463

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "employee" in Hawaii's wage and hour law by repealing the definition's categorical exclusion of any employee who receives guaranteed compensation totaling \$2,000 or more a month.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the existing definition of "employee" in Hawaii's wage and hour law does not include those guaranteed a compensation of \$2,000 or more a month. Amending the definition of "employee" to delete the exclusion of these workers will provide them with the protections afforded by the minimum wage rates, overtime rates, and recordkeeping protections that exist for employees and employers covered under the State's wage and hour law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2463, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 227-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2496

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add alternative procurement methods to the types and methods of source selection; and
- (2) Allow an alternative procurement method when the federal government provides for or approves the alternative procurement method and the head of the purchasing agency makes a written determination that it is neither practicable nor advantageous to use the existing statutory procurement methods.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that improving contracting practices and promoting quality and innovation in goods and services and construction have the potential to reduce the life cycle cost of projects in the State. Adding alternative procurement methods to the types and methods of source selection provide options for unique, complex, or schedule-critical projects, which can result in substantial cost savings and other benefits to the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2496, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2496, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 228-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1964

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a child care provider subsidy and bonus program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Aloha United Way; Kama'āina Kids; American Association of University Women of Hawai'i; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hui for Excellence in Education; Holomua Collaborative; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Planning Mill Building Supply; Mana Up; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the demand for quality child care and early education exceeds the number of qualified child care and early education professionals currently available in the State. Your Committee believes that this measure would address this shortage by providing subsidies to retain the existing early child care workforce, and will sustain continued efforts to stabilize the workforce after the Department of Human Services' supplemental grant programs ends on September 30, 2024.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Human Services has suggested additional amendments for this measure to further clarify the standards for the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including licensed group child care homes as one of the licensed child care providers eligible to participate in the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program;
- (2) Amending the types of proof each applicant must provide to the Department of Human Services regarding each covered child care worker or family child care home;
- (3) Clarifying that applicants and covered child care workers are prohibited from using state funds for any other unauthorized uses prohibited by law or as determined by the Department of Human Services;
- (4) Specifying that the University of Hawaii and any entity of the University are ineligible to receive subsidies or bonuses under the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program;
- (5) Authorizing the Department of Human Services or its designee to review applicants for subsidies and bonuses;
- (6) Changing the means of financing for the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program from a general fund appropriation to an appropriation into and out of the Child Care Grant Program Special Fund;

- (7) Inserting an unspecified appropriation from general revenues for one full-time equivalent Program Specialist position to carry out the implementation and monitoring of the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program;
- (8) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Program Specialist position to implement the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program. Your Committee further notes that to increase wages by \$2 an hour for four thousand three hundred workers, the subsidy budget would be \$18,300,000.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Human Services has requested an extended effective date of January 31, 2025, or later to allow the Department sufficient time to make program and system changes and develop administrative processes and rules.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1964, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 229-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2426

The purpose of this measure is to clarify when a relative seeking to be a resource caregiver for a child is entitled to an administrative appeal for denial of a foster home license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Department of Human Services is required to provide the specific reasons for the denial and an explanation of the procedures for an administrative appeal when a relative is denied a license to be a child's resource caregiver. Your Committee further finds that this requirement has led to some confusion about when and whether a relative applying to be a potential foster replacement can request an administrative hearing to challenge any decisions regarding placement of a child in their home. Your Committee believes that this measure will alleviate this confusion by clarifying that a relative seeking to be a foster replacement for a child can appeal a denial of their application through the Department of Human Services' administrative appeals process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2426, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 230-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2713

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide additional support and resources for families receiving benefits through the State's adoption assistance and permanency assistance programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that all children in the foster care system have experienced trauma, either from abuse or neglect from their families or from the removal process. Even after a child has been placed in permanent custody through adoption or guardianship, there is still a need to provide ongoing support to their caregivers. Your Committee further finds that this measure will provide additional means to support these children and their caregivers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2713, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2713, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 231-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1776

The purpose of this measure is to increase a taxpayer's applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that may be claimed for the household and dependent care services tax credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Aloha United Way; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; AARP Hawai'i; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that child and dependent care remain one of the largest cost burdens for Hawaii families after housing. Your Committee further finds that the household and dependent care services tax credit plays a vital role in supporting working families by helping to offset the expenses associated with child care, elder care, and other dependent care services. Your Committee believes that this measure would provide financial relief for working families by amending the tax credit to increase the percentage of child and dependent care expenses for which the credit may be applied.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the calculation for the cost-of-living adjustment factor;

- (2) Amending the annual threshold amount recalculation by increasing the applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that may be claimed by taxpayers for credit purposes;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1776, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 232-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2217

The purpose of this measure is to research any rules, policies, and Medicaid State Plan amendments that are necessary to ensure that clinically appropriate treatments and services for individuals twenty-six years of age or younger with autism spectrum disorder or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder are covered under certain Medicaid programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Health; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Hawaii Autism Foundation; Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Action Group; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and one individual.

Your Committee finds that at age twenty-one, people with autism spectrum disorder or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder no longer qualify for Medicaid coverage under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Medicaid benefit. Your Committee believes that requiring the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Education to research and make recommendations on any rules, policies, amendments to the Medicaid State Plan or Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver necessary to provide an extension of treatment and services to these individuals is an important step in assisting them acclimate during the transition from school to community and work environments.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Education are to research any rules, policies, and amendments to the Medicaid State Plan or Medicaid 1915(c) Waiver and make recommendations on necessary policy actions or funding;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$150,000, which would result in a federal funds match of \$150,000 for a total of \$300,000 for the purpose of contracting with consultants with subject matter expertise.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 233-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2405

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to develop and make recommendations for a framework for peer support specialists in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Human Services; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Health Adult Mental Health Division; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Epic 'Ohana, Inc.; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawaii; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration identifies peer support as one of the six guiding principles of trauma-informed care. Your Committee further finds that the Office of Wellness and Resilience within the Office of the Governor was established to strengthen the State's systems and services, using healing-centered care principles as strategies to make Hawaii a trauma-informed state. Your Committee believes that the working group established by this measure will contribute to the development of a framework that will elevate the role of peer support specialists and enhance their ability to serve individuals in need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2405, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2405, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 234-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2181

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipient Advisory Committee to assist the Department of Human Services in strengthening the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for working families.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program help economically vulnerable households meet their basic nutritional needs without sacrificing their financial security. Your Committee additionally finds that allowing recipients of this program to give greater feedback in the facilitation of the program would be useful in helping the Department of Human Services strengthen the program for Hawaii's working families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that former recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits may be members of the advisory committee;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Human Services prefers an effective date of December 31, 2024, or later to give the Department time to develop the administrative processes needed to support the advisory council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2181, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2181, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 235-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2369

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum interest rate on Community-Based Economic Development loans to ten percent.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the Community-Based Economic Development Program (Program) stimulates business activity, creates jobs, and benefits the State's most socially and economically challenged regions and demographic groups through community-supported economic development projects. Your Committee further finds that the interest rate on Program business loans is between three and six percent. The Program uses federal funds for a part of these loans, which under federal rules require an interest rate floor according to market conditions. Your Committee notes that the federal floor could approach or overtake the Program's current maximum interest rate, making it impossible to use federal funds for these loans. This measure will increase the Program's maximum rate to ten percent to ensure the Program has the flexibility to offer low-interest loans while complying with federal requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2369, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 236-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2354

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to review legislation affecting small businesses in response to a request from a small business owner.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; and CARES.

Your Committee finds that state law does not clearly authorize the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to comment on proposed legislation in response to requests from small business owners. This measure will improve the stability of the Board and ensure that the Board's purview is clearly understood by the small business community, public agencies, business chambers, and trade organizations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2354, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 237-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2005

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Lower the threshold of one criteria for productions to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit, which is to provide evidence of reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable requirements under title 14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than actual compliance; and
- (2) Require taxpayers be given notice of and an opportunity to cure any failure to meet the requirements for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Honolulu Film Office; IATSE Local 665; Hawaii Media Inc.; Island Film Group; Motion Picture Association; CARES; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 217), enacted amendments to the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit, including new requirements regarding an employer's responsibility to withhold and remit general excise taxes for payments made to loan-out corporations for services performed in the State. An employer, or payroll services company on behalf of the employer, cannot remit amounts withheld to the Department of Taxation without a general excise tax identification number provided by the loan-out corporation. Failure of a loan-out corporation to

provide the employer or payroll services company with a general excise tax identification number can jeopardize the employer's compliance with the requirements and eligibility for the tax credit. Your Committee further finds that this measure will allow employers to make reasonable efforts to comply with and have an opportunity to rectify any compliance issues to meet the requirements for eligibility for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the requirements to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit, including provisions on notice of and opportunity to cure any failure to meet the requirements for the tax credit, are not to be interpreted as waiving any criteria required to claim the tax credit; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2005, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2005, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 238-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 1620

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the pass-through entity level tax rate and allow the nonrefundable tax credit to carry forward into subsequent years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Accuity LLP; Island Film Group; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 50, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 50), allows certain pass-through entities to elect to pay income taxes at the entity level. Act 50 was intended to help Hawaii's small businesses by allowing taxpayers to deduct Hawaii state income taxes paid on their federal income tax returns. These deductions from federal taxable income were eliminated through changes to the federal tax code in 2017, which deprived Hawaii taxpayers of significant federal tax benefits.

Your Committee further finds that under Act 50, the entity level tax is calculated by applying the eleven percent rate to the income to be distributed. The high tax rate and inability to carry the credit forward makes it difficult for many small businesses to benefit from Act 50. This measure will allow more small businesses to take advantage of the benefits that Act 50 intended to provide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1620, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1620, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 239-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 1960

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for temporary positions to support the activities of a district organization for a statewide economic development district.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; County of Kauai Office of Economic Development; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Island Economic Development Board, Inc.; Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference; Island Plastic Bags Inc.; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and Ho'onui LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that being designated as an economic development district by the United States Economic Development Administration offers opportunities to advance coordinated and locally developed goals that leverage and build upon interrelated community assets. An economic development district also advances a long-term established relationship with the United States Economic Development Administration that includes annual federal funding to support the formulation and execution of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism has initiated the designation process with the United States Economic Development Administration for an economic development district encompassing the State, and that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development was named as the district organization. Your Committee notes that a district organization must be assisted by professional staff having economic development planning and coordination qualifications to conduct the activities of the district organization. This measure will provide temporary positions, and funding for the positions, to ensure that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development has the necessary human resources to effectively conduct the activities of a district organization as provided under federal law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1960, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 240-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1529

The purpose of this measure is to allow any Island Burial Council member whose term has expired to continue in office as a holdover member until the member's reappointment to a second term is confirmed or a successor is nominated and appointed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure attempts to ensure that an Island Burial Council is able to maintain sufficient quorum to conduct business in the event that a member's term expires and the member's reappointment is delayed or a successor is not timely nominated and appointed.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a holdover member cannot hold office beyond the end of the fourth regular session of the Legislature following the expiration of the member's term of office; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1529, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 241-24 Education on H.B. No. 1657

The purpose of this measure is to require all public schools to implement universal screenings for students in kindergarten through third grade to identify students who are at risk of dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; HawaiiKidsCAN; Renaissance Learning; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Hawai'i State Literacy Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that there are insufficient early detection policies and assessment regulations in the State to address students at risk of having dyslexia. Additionally, Hawaii is one of three states that does not have dyslexia-specific laws related to student support. Your Committee notes that students who are not identified as struggling before grade three and not brought up to proficiency have significantly lower rates of success in the future, are four times more likely not to graduate from high school on time, and have higher rates of future incarceration and other negative outcomes. By identifying students at an early age who are at risk of having dyslexia and other learning disabilities this measure works to improve the likelihood of success of young students. Providing young students with scientifically based intervention methods will enable young students to achieve more in an effective and efficient manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1657, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1657, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 242-24 Education on H.B. No. 1903

The purpose of this measure is to expand access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Human Services; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Early Learning Board; Early Childhood Action Strategy; and Hui for Excellence in Education.

Your Committee finds that the Executive Office on Early Learning is currently authorized to administer a Pre-plus Program through public-private partnerships for children from families with low-incomes on Department of Education public school campuses. This measure would amend the name of the Pre-plus Program to the Early Learning Program, enhance availability, and improve operations of the Program by offering more cost-effective spaces on other public properties besides the Department of Education public school campuses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1903, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 243-24 Education on H.B. No. 1977

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the individualized education programs of blind students to include the instruction of Braille and provision of Braille instructional materials under certain circumstances;
- (2) Require the Department of Education to establish a Braille Literacy Resource Center; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education to make grants or enter into contracts with qualified entities to provide in-state Braille transcription services or to provide financial support to a qualified entity for the establishment of Braille transcription services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center; National Federation of the Blind Hawaii; Hawaii Association of the Blind; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Disability and

Communication Access Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that literacy skills are necessary for success in education, employment, and life for all members of society, including individuals who are blind. Your Committee further finds that Braille literacy skills are fundamental for individuals who are blind to learn, seek and maintain remunerative employment, and access the opportunities in life open to all regardless of disability. Your Committee believes that it is the interest of the State to make learning opportunities available to all residents. Therefore, your Committee finds it necessary to promote Braille instruction and the timely access to braille instructional materials for blind students, parents, teachers, and other school personnel.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the requirement for current and future needs reading and writing performance assessments to be made prior to determining if instruction in Braille or Braille instructional materials is not necessary for a student;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required Braille literacy instruction to be sufficient to enable a student to achieve at least grade level reading and writing proficiency expected of the student's peers of comparable ability;
- (3) Clarifying that a student's individualized education program:
 - (A) Shall provide the date of the student's next literacy assessment if an assessment is to be conducted; and
 - (B) Is not required to include the parents or the student's signed concurrence to exclude Braille literacy instruction and Braille instructional materials from the student's individualized education program until the next assessment of the student's literacy needs;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 244-24 Education on H.B. No. 2384

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the means of financing for a portion of funds appropriated for deposit into the School Facilities Special fund to an appropriation from general obligation bond revenues; and
- (2) Extend the lapse date of funds appropriated into and out of the School Facilities Special fund to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the School Facilities Authority.

Your Committee finds that, to help balance the State's financial plan, it is necessary to reduce the amount of general funds appropriated for deposit into the School Facilities Special Fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 and replace that appropriation with an appropriation from general obligation bond revenues. Your Committee further finds that extending the lapse dates on the appropriation out of the School Facilities Special Fund will allow the School Facilities Authority sufficient time to ensure pre-kindergarten facilities are available across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation and general obligation bonds authorized to be issued to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider:

- (1) An appropriation amount of \$100,000,000 to be deposited into the School Facilities Special Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024; and
- (2) Authorizing the Director of Finance to issue a general obligation bonds in the amount of \$100,000,000 and appropriating the same amount to be deposited into the School Facilities Special Fund for fiscal year 2023-2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2384, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 245-24 Education on H.B. No. 2577

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Health to require the Department of Education to report on COVID-19 potential outbreaks or other public health emergencies and other related information in a manner most appropriate to public health and safety, as determined by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement that the report be published on a weekly basis on the Department of Education's website.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the COVID-19 pandemic affected the operations of schools and required the establishment of additional processes and procedures to ensure the safety of children and prevent them from getting or spreading COVID-19. Your Committee further finds that pursuant to Act 4, Special Session

Laws of Hawaii 2021, the Department of Education is required to publish a report weekly on schools that have a student, staff member, or affiliated individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Education no longer routinely conducts COVID-19 testing on school campuses and instead uses data reported to schools by parents and legal guardians of students, making the weekly COVID-19 report an administrative burden with minimal impact. Your Committee believes that giving the Department of Health discretion in requiring the Department of Education to report on COVID-19 potential outbreaks and other public health emergencies will ensure that Hawaii can respond to health emergencies in schools while reducing the Department of Education's administrative workload.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2577, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 246-24 Education on H.B. No. 2661

The purpose of this measure is to enact the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (Interstate Compact) to reduce the barriers to teacher license portability and employment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawaii Association for Justice; and one individual.

Your Committee recognizes that there is a shortage of teachers for certain subject areas and even more commonly in rural or remote geographic areas, leading to the need for the hiring of individuals who are not certified to teach in the State. Your Committee further finds that the Interstate Compact that would be authorized by this measure may allow more licensed out-of-state teachers to be quickly considered for hiring in these areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided immunity to members, officers, the executive director, employees, and representatives of the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission from suit and liability for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability for certain acts conducted within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2661, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2661, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 247-24 Education on H.B. No. 2675

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Department of Education to provide and disseminate its procedures for dealing with bullying; and
- (2) Principals, teachers, and staff to disseminate the Department's bullying procedures to students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; CARES; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that students' safety, social-emotional health, and well-being continues to be a top priority for the Department of Education. The Department of Education is committed to fostering culturally responsive, supportive, and inclusive learning environments, which includes ongoing bullying prevention efforts. Your Committee further finds that this measure will help further prevent bullying in public schools by requiring the Department of Education to directly inform students, parents, and school staff about its bullying procedures and make these procedures available in forms visible to students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2675, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2675, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 248-24 Education on H.B. No. 2578

The purpose of this measure is to exempt prekindergarten-only public charter schools from certain statutory provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that the State Public Charter School Commission approved the first prekindergarten-only public charter school, PACT Parkway Villages Preschool, at the Commission's January 2024 general business meeting. Your Committee further finds that exempting prekindergarten-only public charter schools from the statutory provisions affecting public charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics,

enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs is necessary to prevent subjecting prekindergarten-only public charter schools to requirements that are inapplicable to them by virtue of being prekindergarten only and not serving other grade levels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2578, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2578, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 249-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2772

The purpose of this measure is to require the use of modern Hawaiian orthography, including the kahakō and ‘okina, on the state seal.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure aims to play a role in reviving the Hawaiian language and raising awareness of the proper spelling and pronunciation of Hawaiian words.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2772, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2772, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

SCRep. 250-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2736

The purpose of this measure is to adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Bulletin; Hawaii.bio Inc.; Pono Connections LLC; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that all origin theories of the shaka gesture have the shaka developing within the State. Your Committee further finds that the shaka has positive connotations as it is used to share aloha, foster connection, and be poNo. By adopting, establishing, and designating the shaka as the official gesture of the State, Hawaii can better preserve its brand association with the shaka, better secure recognition as the birthplace of the shaka, and better preserve the meaning of the shaka.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2736, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2736, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

SCRep. 251-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1861

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require license plates issued on or after January 1, 2025, to include an ‘okina in the word Hawai‘i; and
- (2) Authorize the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters in license plates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the correct spelling of Hawai‘i includes an ‘okina. This measure would ensure that the word Hawai‘i is correctly spelled on state license plates, in support of the ongoing effort to expand the use of Hawaiian diacritical marks in other areas of government and in government records.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1861, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

SCRep. 252-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to recognize and honor Malama Puuloa.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hui o Ho‘ohonua; Ali‘i Pauahi Hawaiian Civic Club; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that Keawalau o Puuloa, near present-day Honouliuli, is one of the first and oldest settlements on the island of Oahu. Puuloa was an abundant water resource with traditional Hawaiian fishponds and taro patches. Now, Puuloa's aquatic resources have been exposed and contaminated with mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls, dioxins, pesticides, microplastics, lead, and other harmful chemicals and materials. Your Committee finds it appropriate to honor Malama Puuloa with a special license plate to promote its environmentalism and perpetuation of Native Hawaiian culture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing certain references from Malama Puuloa to Hui O Ho‘ohonua to reflect the registered name of the organization operating the Malama Puuloa efforts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2715, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

SCRep. 253-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 1904

The purpose of this measure is to establish a process for school placement for children whose parent or guardian has transferred or is pending transfer from another state to a military installation in Hawaii while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense of the United States Department of Defense and Hawaii Military Affairs Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Education; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that military families who are being transferred to a military installation in the State are not allowed to register for classes and apply for specialized programs prior to physically arriving to their location. This measure addresses this issue by establishing a process for school placement for children whose parent or guardian has transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1904, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1904, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Education.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 254-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2739

The purpose of this measure is to establish within the Department of Human Services a Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program that would provide Hawaii residents with energy assistance and information to increase their homes' energy efficiency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawai'i Energy; and Renew Rebuild Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's electric rates are among the highest in the nation, at close to three times the national average. These high costs are exacerbated by Hawaii's high cost of living. A 2022 report commissioned by the Aloha United Way stated that almost half of all families in Hawaii are struggling to make ends meet, even though they are employed. Your Committee also finds that Hawaii receives federal funding to assist low-income households pay for their electricity via the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). However, LIHEAP offers limited financial assistance and does not meet the needs of Hawaii residents.

Your Committee further finds that during the Regular Session of 2022, the Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 242, S.D. 1, that requested the creation of a Hawaii Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program working group. This measure integrates and puts forth the recommendations from the working group through the establishment of the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program, which will complement the existing federal LIHEAP and reach more low-income households in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000 to establish one full-time equivalent position (1.0 FTE) and two temporary full-time equivalent positions (2.0 FTE) and to contract for services for the purposes of implementing the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program and \$10,000,000 to be deposited into and out of the Hawaii Home Energy Assistance Program Special Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2739, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2739, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 255-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2462

The purpose of this measure is to clarify who may access information stored in the electronic Prescription Accountability System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Human Services' Med-QUEST Division is required to report to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services a broad range of information regarding the use of and treatment for various different drugs. Your Committee further finds that because some of this information is only available from the Prescription Accountability System, permitting certain authorized employees to have access to the system would allow the Med-QUEST Division to support the Hawaii Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's missions of improving clinical decision-making, preventing prescription drug misuse, and improving quality of care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2462, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2462, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 256-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2183

The purpose of this measure is to establish safe harbor protection for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Imua Alliance and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. A victim service provider for survivors of sex trafficking victims in Hawaii reported seeing a three hundred percent increase in demand for services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committee further finds that victims of sex trafficking should not be criminalized for their own exploitation, and immunizing sex trafficking survivors from prosecution would help advance the delivery of social services, help end the social stigma of sexual exploitation, and empower victims to utilize the legal system to achieve justice.

Your Committee notes that there was no testimony received by your Committee from the Department of the Attorney General or Office of the Prosecuting Attorney assessing the legality of this measure. Your Committee believes this issue merits further discussion by your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, where matters concerning amendments to the Penal Code are more appropriately addressed, should it deliberate on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2183 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 257-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2428

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Child Protective Act by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "exigent circumstances" and amending the definitions of "harm" and "imminent harm";
- (2) Clarifying when the police may take a child into protective custody and when the Department of Human Services may take temporary foster custody of a child without first obtaining a court order; and
- (3) Authorizing the court to order a child to be placed into protective custody and temporary foster custody without notice or a hearing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the intent behind this measure is to prevent the unnecessary removal of children from their parents. However, your Committee notes the testimony from the Judiciary, expressing strong concerns with the language of this measure as introduced. Primarily, the Judiciary raised concerns that this measure does not require the Department of Human Services to file a court petition at the time it seeks an ex parte order from the court directing the police to remove children from their homes. The Judiciary noted that a petition is necessary during a child welfare investigation as it allows the Family Court to invoke its jurisdiction, provides critical information to the court and parties, and triggers the court's obligation to appoint counsel for indigent parents and set a hearing within two days.

Your Committee understands these concerns and recognizes that a petition must be filed if a court is asked to invoke its jurisdiction and make an extraordinary order of taking custody of a child without notice and without a hearing. Your Committee notes that the Judiciary has suggested amendments for this measure to address these concerns.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language concerning the necessity of temporary foster custody in the definition of "exigent circumstances";
- (2) Clarifying that a police officer must have reasonable cause based on certain factors to assume protective custody of a child without a court order in cases of exigent circumstances;
- (3) Amending the circumstances for the Department of Human Services to seek an order for protective custody in cases of a child who is subject to imminent harm by:
 - (A) Requiring the Department to file a petition, rather than a written application, with the court;
 - (B) Authorizing the Department to contemporaneously file an ex parte motion for immediate protective custody along with the petition and giving the court discretion to issue an order for protective custody without notice and a hearing; and
 - (C) Specifying that the applicable custody hearing will proceed after the court rules on the ex parte motion;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Human Services indicated to your Committee that it would prefer an extended effective date of July 1, 2025, to provide the Department time to develop policies and procedures and ensure all Department staff and the community receive appropriate training on the processes proposed by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2428, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 258-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1594

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit any person convicted of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant or habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant from purchasing or publicly consuming alcohol for a certain period.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Honolulu Police Department; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help deter those convicted for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant from drinking and driving by prohibiting them from purchasing or publicly consuming alcohol.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Department of the Attorney General regarding the use of the term "probation period" to describe the period of an offender's license restriction under this measure as it may be confusing in those cases where a conviction does not allow for probation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1594, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1594, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 259-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2491

The purpose of this measure is to update the special penalties related to commercial motor vehicle employer and driver out-of-service violations and railroad-highway grade crossing violations to conform with federal regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that in 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration determined that civil penalties for certain violations under chapter 286, part XIII, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to commercial driver licensing, are not in compliance with federal regulations. The specific statutes not in compliance are the civil penalties for commercial motor vehicle employers and drivers with out-of-service violations and railroad highway grade crossing violations. Your Committee further finds that, as required each year, the Department of Transportation has upwardly adjusted the civil penalties under the Civil Penalties Inflation Act of 2015.

After 2022, effective January 6, 2023, the civil penalties for these violations were again upwardly adjusted by Department. This measure will increase safety on the State's roads by ensuring that commercial motor vehicle employers and drivers are compliant with federal regulations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the civil penalty amounts to more accurately reflect the penalties provided by Appendix B of Title 49 Part 386, Code of Federal Regulations;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2491, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 260-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1539

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the penalties for repeated traffic violations, reckless driving violations, and violations of excessive speeding;
- (2) Increase the fines for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance; and
- (3) Increase motor vehicle insurance minimums to protect residents from repeat offenders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Property Casualty Insurance Association and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Insurers Council; and Turo.

Your Committee finds that required motor vehicle insurance minimum policy limits have not been raised in twenty-five years, since the enactment of Act 275, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998. While your Committee believes this measure will provide greater consumer protection and public safety for drivers and pedestrians, your Committee also recognizes concerns raised about the potential for an increase in the premiums consumers will have to pay.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the motor vehicle insurance minimums to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1539, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 261-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1935

The purpose of this measure is to lower the blood alcohol concentration threshold for the offenses of operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant and habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant from 0.08 to 0.05.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the National Transportation Safety Board; Department of Transportation; Department of Health; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; SparksInitiatives; Ukiyo Hawai'i; Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance; Smart Start LLC; Hawai'i Bicycling League; Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety; FIA Foundation; Kids and Car Safety; Liam's Life Foundation; National Safety Council; .05 Saves Lives Coalition; Trauma Foundation; Intoxalock; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that between 2012 and 2021, there were three hundred fifty-four fatalities involving a driver with a blood alcohol concentration of greater than 0.08 in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that although existing law makes it an offense to operate a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or higher, impairment begins much earlier at a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05. A driver with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 can experience lowered alertness, reduced coordination, impaired judgement, and difficulty tracking movements. Your Committee further finds that in 2019, Utah lowered its blood alcohol concentration limit to 0.05 and found a fatal crash rate reduction of 19.8 percent in the first year after the new lower rate was put into place. Your Committee believes that reducing the threshold for blood alcohol concentration will save lives and improve the safety of the State's roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that would make a person with a blood alcohol concentration between 0.05 and 0.08 eligible for a deferred acceptance of guilty plea or nolo contendere plea, under certain circumstances;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation from the State Highway Special Fund for a public education campaign to inform the public of the lower blood alcohol concentration threshold;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that there may be a need to delay the implementation of the lower blood alcohol concentration threshold to allow the public to be appropriately informed of the changes to the blood alcohol concentration threshold through a public education campaign. Therefore your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider amending this measure to delay the implementation of the lower blood alcohol concentration limit proposed by this measure by one year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1935, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1935, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, 1 (Aiu). Excused, none.

SCRep. 262-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1805

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow for the interest earned on payments under protest in the litigated claims fund to be paid in nontaxation cases if the claimant prevails; and
- (2) Establish a procedure for the disposition of monies and refiling of actions when a payment under protest suit is filed prematurely.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Taxation testified that state law currently requires any action to recover payment of taxes under protest to be commenced in the Tax Appeal Court within the thirty-day period after payment under protest. The Department of Taxation requested that this measure be amended to require that the refiling of a premature action to recover payment of taxes paid under protest also be brought within thirty days after a final agency decision is made.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider addressing the Department of Taxation's comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1805, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1805, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 263-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1806

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal language specifying that an appeal from the Tax Appeal Court be filed with the Tax Appeal Court; and
- (2) Allow an appeal from the Tax Appeal Court to be filed within thirty days of entry of a final judgment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Klein Law Group LLLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides fairness to litigants and attorneys who do not often practice before the Tax Appeal Court by allowing an appeal to be timely if it is within thirty days of either the decision appealed from or the final judgment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1806, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1806, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 264-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1845

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the amount of funds available to candidates who qualify to participate in the partial public financing program;
- (2) Adjust the minimum amount of qualifying contributions certain candidates must receive to participate in the partial public financing program; and
- (3) Increase the matching fund payments to candidates in the partial public financing program for excess qualifying contributions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure implements one of the recommendations made by the Commission to Improve Standards of Conduct established by the House of Representatives in House Resolution No. 9, Regular Session of 2022. This measure would bolster publicly-funded elections thereby expanding the reach of many small donors and relieving candidates of the need to rely on the support of special interest groups or large donors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation for staff within the Campaign Spending Commission to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that there is currently a \$1,900,000 balance in the Hawaii election campaign fund.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$200,000 for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) permanent positions to be placed within the Campaign Spending Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1845, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1845, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 265-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1942

The purpose of this measure is to permit real property assets of a dissolved corporation to escheat to the State if:

- (1) The real property assets are not transferred to a creditor, claimant, or shareholder of the corporation;
- (2) Real property taxes and any state tax liens have remained unpaid for five years; and
- (3) The State makes a showing that attempts to locate creditors, claimants, and shareholders of the dissolved corporation have been unsuccessful.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Marcus Property Management LLC and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the escheatment of real property to the State subject to the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to address the concerns raised by the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the fiscal impacts of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1942, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1942, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 266-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1596

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make the class B felony offense of delivering drug paraphernalia to persons under eighteen years of age applicable to offenders who are at least twenty-one years old;
- (2) Exempts drug paraphernalia for marijuana from certain penalties under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; and
- (3) Makes possession of less than one ounce of recreational marijuana a nonjailable violation punishable by a fine of \$25.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; ACLU of Hawai'i; Marijuana Policy Project; Last Prisoner Project; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual.

Your Committee finds that arrest for possession of small amounts of marijuana, or related paraphernalia, is one of the most common points of entry into the criminal justice system. Recognizing the push toward decriminalizing recreational marijuana across the nation, the Legislature decriminalized the possession

of three grams or less of recreational marijuana in 2019. Your Committee believes that recreational marijuana should be further decriminalized to prevent individuals in possession of small amounts of marijuana, and related paraphernalia, from entering the criminal justice system. This will ensure that funds and resources are allocated to more serious drug offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the amendment proposed by the Department of the Attorney General that would clarify that the proposed exemption for marijuana drug paraphernalia under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act does not apply to the possession of drug paraphernalia by persons twenty-one years of age or older.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1596, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1596, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 267-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 408

The purpose of this bill is to effectuate its title.

H.B. No. 408 was introduced as a short-form bill, which is sometimes referred to as a "vehicle" bill primarily used to introduce a bill containing only a general idea as to the purpose of the bill without specific details in the long form.

Your Committee has amended the bill to provide the substantive contents of the bill in long form so that a public hearing may be properly held on its substantive contents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the action to report out H.B. No. 408, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Health & Homelessness, for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 408, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 268-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2007

The purpose of this bill is to effectuate its title.

H.B. No. 2007 was introduced as a short-form bill, which is sometimes referred to as a "vehicle" bill primarily used to introduce a bill containing only a general idea as to the purpose of the bill without specific details in the long form.

Your Committee has amended the bill to provide the substantive contents of the bill in long form so that a public hearing may be properly held on its substantive contents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the action to report out H.B. No. 2007, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Housing, for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 269-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2430

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Human Services; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Department and Office of Education.

Your Committee finds that only 7.6 percent of the low-income students who get free or reduced-price school lunch during the academic year also get free lunch at summer camps, summer schools, or other summer programs through the federal Summer Food Service Program. Your Committee further finds that establishing the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program will help Hawaii's low-income families obtain food for their children over the summer and notes that the United States Department of Agriculture estimates this program would provide nearly one hundred thousand Hawaii families with increased access to nutritious meals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Services to be in compliance, rather than exempt from, the State's procurement codes when contracting with providers;
- (2) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriation amounts of \$53,500 to be expended by the Department of Education and \$2,050,000 to be expended by the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2430, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 270-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 1670

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate mobile treatment clinics that provide services throughout the night.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Primary Care Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that due to advances in technology, health care professionals are able to provide needed services in the community to underserved populations. For those experiencing homelessness or other marginalized individuals, a trip to the emergency room to treat ailments or illnesses can turn into a serious financial burden. As these costs go unpaid it has a tendency to raise insurance premium rates and treatment costs for everyone over time. Your Committee therefore believes that the funding of mobile clinics would enable health care professionals to go directly to patients and treat injuries and illnesses at an earlier stage to prevent them from getting worse and more costly to address.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the purpose of the appropriation to enable the Department of Human Services to contract with qualified organizations;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1670, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1670, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 271-24 Human Services/Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2227

The purpose of this measure is to expand the existing state exemption for United States Department of Defense-certified child care providers to those operating off federal property.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committees find that the Department of Defense's Family Child Care Program is a military child care certification process that enhances the quality of life and economic security of child care providers and military families seeking qualified child care options. Your Committees additionally find that while there is an urgent need for qualified child care options, civilian and military families frequently encounter waitlists and capacity issues for family child care. Your Committees believe that this measure can help mitigate these delays by expanding the existing exemption for child care providers already certified by the United States Department of Defense to those providers operating off federal property.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a child care facility with clients who are not children of enlisted families or who receive child subsidies from the Department of Human Services to have memorandums of understanding with the Department regarding the operation of the facility;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Corrections, Military, & Veterans that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2227, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Human Services: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Belatti, Nishimoto).

Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 272-24 Human Services/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2325

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued implementation of the Return-to-Home Pilot Program to provide eligible homeless individuals with assistance in reuniting with family and relatives in their home state.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Human Services; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that many homeless individuals thrive when access to familiar support groups and loving family members is readily available. Your Committees further find that the three-year Return-to-Home Pilot Program that assists individuals in being reunited with family in their home state has successfully reunited homeless individuals from the continental United States with their families. Your Committees recognize that additional funds are needed to continue this program.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2325, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2325, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Human Services: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 273-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1921

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health for mobile vaccination services for homebound individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Executive Office on Aging; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that vaccines are a critical intervention that dramatically decreases the health impacts of diseases that affect the general population. During the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic, federal funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency allowed for the deployment of mobile vaccination units to populations who had limited access to health care facilities or pharmacies. This measure further supports community vaccination efforts and will ensure that more people have access to vaccines that can reduce the severity of illness and the transmission of disease.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the appropriation for mobile vaccination services is for populations with reduced access to vaccines;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$122,256 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Program Specialist IV position and \$1,350,000 for the mobile vaccination services contract.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1921, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1921, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 274-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2775

The purpose of this measure is to establish a communication and optimal resolution process through which patients and their families, health care providers, and health care facilities can engage in open communication about how an adverse care health incident occurred, how a future incident will be prevented, and what compensation, if any, will be offered to the patient or their family.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that a communication and optimal resolution, or CANDOR, process is a voluntary framework for health care providers and health care facilities to offer compassionate, honest, timely, and thorough responses to patients who experience an adverse health care incident. By participating in this process, patients and their families are able to engage in open discussions with the health care providers and health care facilities involved in the incident, helping patients and their families understand why the incident occurred and what is being done to prevent similar issues in the future. This measure would establish a CANDOR process through which patients and their families, health care providers, and health care facilities can engage in open communication about how an adverse care health incident occurred, how it will be prevented in the future, and what compensation, if any, will be offered to the patient or their family.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2775, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2775, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 275-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1588

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the Labor Education Advisory Council shall be advisory to the President of the University of Hawaii on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research; and
- (2) Require written responses addressing the Council's advice and adoption of resolutions by the President and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; UNITE HERE Local 5; Labor Education Advisory Council; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the Center for Labor Education and Research at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus, was established to serve the public and labor community across the State by, among other things, providing labor-related education to the public and advising and assisting in the development and implementation of labor studies degree programs in the University of Hawaii System. This measure would expand the advisory capacity of the Labor Education Advisory Council and ensure that its advice and recommendations on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research are received by the President of the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1588, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 276-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1908

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal payroll day for public officers and employees by requiring them to be paid pursuant to a predicted payroll schedule, rather than an after-the-fact payroll schedule;
- (2) Provide that the predicted payroll schedule shall not be subject to negotiation under chapter 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to establish six full-time equivalent positions to perform tasks related to payroll processing and to cover the costs of converting to a predicted payroll schedule.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that public employees are paid on a payroll lag schedule, a practice that was established over twenty-five years ago as a way to eliminate the recovery of overpayments made to public employees, among other issues. However, the advancements in banking procedures and the creation of the Hawaii Information Portal address many of those concerns related to payroll. This measure would require public employees to be paid pursuant to a predicted payroll schedule, ensuring that employees are paid expediently and without excessive delay.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1908, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1908, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 277-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1644

The purpose of this measure is to include overtime in the definition of "compensation" for members of the Employees' Retirement System hired after July 1, 2012, when an employee has been directed by their supervisor or an appropriate authority to work more than their normal hours of service to perform specific duties and tasks related to an active emergency proclamation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Employees' Retirement System; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that over the past few years, many public employees have been directed to support the public during times of emergency. Unfortunately, for newer public employees who were hired after July 1, 2012, overtime is not currently included in their pension calculation. This measure includes this type of overtime in the definition of "compensation" so that it will ultimately be used in an employee's pension calculation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the scope of overtime considered as compensation when performing duties and tasks due to a natural disaster under an active emergency proclamation to those that serve the immediate well-being of the public;
- (2) Specifying that overtime worked prior to July 1, 2024, shall not be included in pension calculations;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1644, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1644, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 278-24 Labor & Government Operations/Education on H.B. No. 2400

The purpose of this measure is to require that licensed teachers have their license revoked by the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board if the teacher resigned or retired during the pendency of any investigation into allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of a student.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Your Committees find that some teachers facing serious allegations, such as sexual harassment of a student, exploit the existing education system by resigning or retiring before they can be formally terminated after a completed investigation. This practice not only obstructs the pursuit of justice but also allows these teachers to potentially continue their careers in other states or at private schools without any consequences. This measure requires that teachers who have resigned or retired in lieu of termination during the pendency of a severe investigation have their teaching license revoked, which promotes accountability within the education system and protects students from potential harm.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2400, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

Education: Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Marten, Martinez, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 279-24 Labor & Government Operations/Education on H.B. No. 2401

The purpose of this measure is to allow newly graduated high school students to be eligible for workers' compensation coverage during the summer following their high school graduation while participating in Department of Education-sponsored work-based learning programs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committees find that the Department of Education provides opportunities for structured work-based learning opportunities for high school students. However, once students graduate from high school, they are no longer considered a student, and thus, are not covered for workers' compensation while they are participating in a worked-based learning opportunity during the summer following graduation. This measure ensures that newly graduated former students are eligible for workers' compensation coverage during the summer following their high school graduation while participating in worked-based learning programs sponsored by the Department of Education.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2401, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

Education: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Marten, Martinez, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 280-24 Labor & Government Operations/Education on H.B. No. 2258

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the rights, powers, functions, duties, resources, and individual budget of the Department of Education relating to workers' compensation for its employees from the Department of Education to the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Premier Medical Group Hawaii and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committees find that Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, transferred the control of certain functions of executive branch agencies that pertained to education personnel and facilities, including responsibility over the workers' compensation claims of its employees, to the Department of Education. However, your Committees further find that those functions may be more efficiently performed by the Department of Human Resources Development. This measure transfers the rights, powers, functions, duties, resources, and individual budget of the Department of Education relating to workers' compensation for its employees to the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2258, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2258, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

Education: Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 5 (Marten, Martinez, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 281-24 Labor & Government Operations/Education on H.B. No. 1827

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to:

- (1) Support the Public High School Health Care Workforce Certificate Program; and
- (2) Renovate and equip certain public high school classrooms to be used for health care training.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Education; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that addressing growing shortages in the State's health care workforce is in the public interest and a key priority for the State. The Public High School Health Care Workforce Certificate Program is designed to equip high school graduates to fill entry-level health care positions that pay a living wage and offer opportunities for career advancement. This measure supports health care training for the State's public high school students, helping to meet Hawaii's long-term health care workforce needs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1827, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

Education: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Marten, Martinez, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 282-24 Education on H.B. No. 2222

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Staggered School Start Times Task Force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program throughout the state public school system.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Information Practices; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that staggered school start times may improve students' academic and extracurricular performance and overall health. However, other issues that may complicate the implementation of staggered start times should be considered, including the impacts for sports and other afterschool activities, issues related to transporting students to and from schools, and financial considerations. Your Committee believes that a task force to study and evaluate the use of staggered school start times and its associated issues is warranted to enhance the State's ability to establish an educational system that produces the best learning environment for the State's K-12 students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have exempted the Staggered School Start Times Task Force from chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which establishes requirements for public agency meetings;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2222, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2222, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 283-24 Education on H.B. No. 1631

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the School Facilities Authority to work with the Department of Education to prioritize projects for the construction of educator workforce housing for teachers and staff employed by the Department of Education;
- (2) Require the School Facilities Authority to include in its annual report to the Legislature its planned actions to increase educator workforce housing; and
- (3) Require the Department of Education to collaborate with certain state and county agencies to submit a preliminary report to the Legislature on the status of lands designated to be transferred to the Department of Education pursuant to Act 307, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; School Facilities Authority; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative; Holomua Collaborative; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Hawaiian Host Group; Aio; HPM Building Supply; Mana Up; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committee finds that the State continues to struggle from a shortage of licensed teachers. Your Committee further finds that the provision of affordable housing for teachers in Hawaii is a critical component in the recruitment and retention of teachers in Hawaii's public schools.

Your Committee notes that the lands to be transferred to the Department of Education pursuant to Act 307, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, contain lands that are or were previously under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources or the counties of Kauai and Maui. Your Committee believes that development of these lands is crucial for the construction of facilities that will support not only public schools, but can also provide educator workforce housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1631, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 284-24 Education on H.B. No. 1656

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to assist individuals in obtaining a commercial driver's license for the purpose of becoming school bus drivers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there is a nationwide shortage of bus drivers. This shortage has affected Hawaii by causing route cancellations and other disruptions in transportation options for students attending K-12 schools throughout the State. Your Committee notes that while around three thousand three hundred students in Hawaii depend on Department of Education funded school buses to commute to and from school, one hundred fifty out of seven hundred positions for school bus drivers were left vacant in September 2022, negatively impacting student attendance rates. Your Committee recognizes the need for funding to hire additional school bus drivers to transport more students to and from schools and believes that using funds to incentivize obtaining a commercial driver's license will encourage more people to obtain the license.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1656, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1656, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 285-24 Education on H.B. No. 1767

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services if certain conditions are met.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Kamehameha Schools; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the availability of school bus services is essential to student attendance, particularly for families who live in rural and remote areas, as well as students who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. Currently, there is a nationwide shortage of school bus drivers. This shortage is forcing the suspension or partial suspension of school bus services across the State.

Your Committee further finds that, to address the shortage of school bus drivers in Hawaii, the Governor issued an emergency proclamation in August 2023 to allow the Department of Transportation to grant exemptions for the use of vehicles other than school buses to transport students. Specifically, this and subsequent related emergency proclamations allow for the transport of students using vehicles other than school vehicles by drivers possessing a commercial driver's license with an endorsement authorizing the driving of vehicles carrying passengers. Your Committee believes that making this exemption permanent will help alleviate the lack of school bus drivers in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing that the use of vehicles other than school vehicles for the transportation of students shall meet any applicable state and federal safety regulations;
- (2) Appropriating an unspecified amount of funds to the Department of Education for the purchase of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1767, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 286-24 Education on H.B. No. 1775

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in a Department school beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; North Shore Nutrition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; IATSE Local 665; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Parents for Public Schools of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that student success demands a nourished body. Without a proper meal, students may face cases of chronic hunger, leading to poor performance in school. This measure will provide universal free school breakfasts and lunches to all students to ensure each student's wellness through receiving at least two meals in school.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Directing the appropriation amount to the Department of Education's School Food Services Branch for the total plate costs associated with providing universal free school breakfasts and lunches in Department of Education schools as required by this measure after federal funding has been accounted; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1775, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 287-24 Education on H.B. No. 2535

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to develop and implement procedures to subsidize child care classrooms in licensed infant and toddler child care centers or group child care centers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hui for Excellence in Education; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children; Aloha United Way; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that in the first quarter of fiscal year 2022-2023, more than fifteen thousand families received Child Care Connection Hawaii subsidies to help them afford child care services. Your Committee further finds that when the operating costs for child care centers are funded by tuition fees, these providers can face disruption and possible closure because of the variable nature of enrollment figures. This measure assists Hawaii's families by establishing a pilot program to ensure a stable source of funding for qualified infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2535, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 288-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2485

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal an obsolete fee for a certified copy of a tax clearance;
- (2) Add a penalty for failure to comply with reporting requirements under general excise tax law and transient accommodations tax law for collection of rent by a third party; and
- (3) Raise the unfair competition penalty under general excise tax law to adjust for inflation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the updated fees for tax clearances and the updated penalty for unfair competition will improve tax administration and efficiency for the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2485, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 289-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 1812

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Restrict the use of solitary confinement in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain exceptions;
- (2) Prohibit the use of solitary confinement and require the use of appropriate alternatives for committed persons who are members of a vulnerable population;
- (3) Require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Department) to develop written policies and procedures regarding solitary confinement by July 1, 2025;
- (4) Require the Department to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in solitary confinement and develop a plan for committed persons currently in solitary confinement by April 1, 2025; and
- (5) Require the Department to submit a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawaii; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Community Alliance on Prisons; ACLU Hawai'i; CARES; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that solitary confinement is a severe form of punishment that is closely associated with long-lasting psychological harm and poor post-release outcomes. Your Committee further finds that there are insufficient restrictions and policies and procedures on the use of solitary confinement in the State. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by restricting certain solitary confinement practices and requiring the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop policies and procedures for solitary confinement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1812, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1812, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ichiyama, Takayama).

SCRep. 290-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2241

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services performed by the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol provides critical emergency response and recovery services to the State. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has provided these services for years with state funding for operational expenses, however, this funding ceased with the COVID-19 pandemic. Your Committee recognizes that as a result of this lack of funding, the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has been operating at a \$10,000 per year deficit. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by appropriating funds to the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the testimony provided by the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol regarding amendments to section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2241, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2241, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ichiyama, Takayama).

SCRep. 291-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2483

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to search criminal histories and fingerprint records of volunteers and contracted and subcontracted service providers of the State's correctional facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and CARES.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Department) does not have the statutory authority to conduct criminal history record checks on volunteers and contracted and subcontracted service providers of the State's correctional facilities. Your Committee further finds that the ability to conduct criminal history record checks on volunteers and contracted and subcontracted service providers is essential to ensuring that the State's correctional facilities are staffed with qualified individuals. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by authorizing the Department to conduct criminal history record checks on volunteers and contracted and subcontracted service providers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2483, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 292-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 1956

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Business Revitalization Task Force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaiian Telcom; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Watanabe Floral, Inc.; Hawaii Credit Union League; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Ho'onui LLC; Island Plastic Bags, Inc.; and CARES.

Your Committee finds that although new business formations have grown by thirty-seven percent in the State since the beginning of 2020, this rate is well below the national average and among the bottom ten nationally. Your Committee further finds that tax rates are a factor in business investment decisions, often affecting the movement of individuals. This measure establishes a task force to determine methods and develop and recommend legislation to improve the State's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including by mitigating regulatory and tax burdens.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Business Revitalization Task Force's membership;
- (2) Requiring the Task Force to meet no less than quarterly;
- (3) Changing the deadline for submission of the Task Force's report to the Legislature to forty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Chair of the Task Force, should this measure be enacted and once the Task Force is established, to contract with an outside entity to administer the Task Force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1956, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1956, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 293-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 1959

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the fields of aerospace and aeronautics have played a pivotal role in expanding and diversifying the national economy by forging new inroads to scientific discovery, advancing national engineering and manufacturing expertise, pioneering innovations in communications and computer technologies, enhancing surveillance of our home planet, and enabling a better understanding of weather systems and climate change. Your Committee further finds that the State's strategic near-equatorial location, geography, resident expertise in a broad range of aerospace- and aeronautic-related technologies, and long-standing ties with space-faring nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region are vital assets and capabilities.

Your Committee notes, however, that the establishment of an Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program may be premature, as the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation is currently assessing what the costs may be for such a program. Your Committee believes that providing funding for the establishment of a position to assist the Corporation's aerospace coordinator instead is more prudent at this time.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have established and appropriated funds for the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program;

- (2) Appropriating funds for the establishment of one full-time equivalent position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist the Corporation's aerospace coordinator;
- (3) Updating the purpose section to reflect the amended contents;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1959, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1959, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 294-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 1957

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Narrow the qualifying criteria for the tax credit for research activities to applicants who are small businesses registered in the State;
- (2) Increase the maximum amount of tax credit for research activities that can be certified per year; and
- (3) Extend the sunset date of the tax credit for research activities for an additional five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Oceanit; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Nalu Scientific, LLC; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and Ho'ouui LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that research activities have been shown to be effective in stimulating regional or state technology, research, and development sectors. Your Committee further finds that for the past two years, the existing maximum amount of \$5,000,000 for the tax credit for research activities was reached almost as soon as the online applications were opened on March 1 of each year. This measure will increase the maximum amount of the tax credit for research activities while narrowing the qualifying criteria for the tax credit to small businesses to allow for more research and development companies to qualify for the credit and benefit small businesses in the research sector.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1957, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

SCRep. 295-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2555

The purpose of this measure is to amend the child protective Act by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "aggravated circumstances" to include when a parent has committed family violence; and
- (2) Add a requirement for a primary aggressor assessment in service plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that child abuse is a concerning issue in Hawaii. According to Friends of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu, the State Judiciary's Children's Justice Centers, and partner agencies, there were 2,114 cases of child abuse in Hawaii in 2022, an increase of three hundred thirty-two cases from 2020. Your Committee further finds that this statistic does not reflect the full issue of the child abuse problem in Hawaii, as child abuse often goes unreported due to a multitude of factors. This measure aims to amend the Child Protective Act to better protect Hawaii's children.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the amendment to the definition of "aggravated circumstances" and instead amending the definition of "harm" under the Child Protective Act;
- (2) Requiring an evaluation or assessment of certain family members in the family home in cases of alleged or confirmed domestic violence, rather than requiring an evaluation or assessment of the parents to include a primary aggressor assessment in cases of family violence; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2555, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2555, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 296-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1674

The purpose of this measure is to authorize candidates and their candidate committees to donate residual campaign funds to the general fund of the State or real property tax general fund of any county of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee finds that allowing candidates to donate their residual campaign funds to the state general fund and county real property tax general funds will help support governmental services that benefit their communities and constituents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1674, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1674, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 297-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1774

The purpose of this measure is to establish a silver alert program within the Department of Law Enforcement to alert the public of missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Human Services; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Alzheimer's Association; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Kokua Council; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans; Oahu Search and Rescue; Autism Speaks; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis; Papa Ola Lokahi; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that silver alerts, which are used in thirty-seven other states, are vital tools that provide time-sensitive information to the public about vulnerable persons who have gone missing.

Your Committee further finds that in 2021, the Legislature lowered the age at which enhanced penalties apply for crimes against seniors to sixty years of age. Your Committee believes that this measure should conform to those changes to ensure that missing seniors who are as young as sixty years old qualify under the silver alert program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Lowering the age for which a silver alert may be issued to sixty years old;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "developmentally disabled"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$250,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1774, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1774, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 298-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2058

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define what constitutes a dangerous dog; and
- (2) Establish requirements and penalties for owners of dangerous dogs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawaiian Humane Society; Aloha Animal Advocates; Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain; Hawai'i Animal Welfare Association; Americans for Democratic Action; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; American Kennel Club; Pacific Pet Alliance; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there have been growing concerns surrounding dangerous dog attacks across the State. This measure would establish statewide requirements and penalties, including felony penalties, for the owners of dangerous dogs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing the owner of a dog declared to be a dangerous dog to initiate a contested case regarding the declaration;
- (2) Establishing requirements for the leash and muzzle that must be used with a dangerous dog;
- (3) Requiring the animal control authority to provide owners of dangerous dogs with signs for placement on the owner's premises;
- (4) Amending the provisions related to the impoundment of a dangerous dog;
- (5) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2058, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ichiyama).

SCRep. 299-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2199

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" to the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board";
- (2) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies;
- (3) Amend provisions related to the selection of the Chairperson, duties, and powers of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board; and
- (4) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; IATSE Local 665; and Hawai'i Workforce Funders Collaborative. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Workforce Development Council.

Your Committee finds that while the Legislature conformed the composition and duties of the Workforce Development Council with the new governance structure established by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 through Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, the conflict of interest provisions in the federal law for state and local workforce development boards were not incorporated into state law. This measure will codify in state law the federal provisions governing conflicts of interest for members of state and local workforce development boards and the renaming of the Council.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 300-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2340

The purpose of this measure is to satisfy several claims against the State, its officers, or its employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General testified that it has advised its client agencies on how to avoid claims such as those included in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating:
 - (A) \$70,468.07 in general funds for a judgment in the case of Smith and Wesson v. Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General; and
 - (B) \$60,000.00 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Kevin A. Lifofoi v. State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2340, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 301-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2486

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Taxation to serve administrative subpoenas outside the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the number of taxpayers who engage in business in the State, and who are therefore subject to state taxes, but who do not have a physical presence in the State or do not maintain a location for service of process in the State, has increased in recent years. Despite the Department of Taxation's authority to conduct an audit or investigation into any delinquent tax, the Department has encountered challenges with serving administrative subpoenas on out-of-state taxpayers who engage in business in the State. This measure will allow the Department to serve an administrative subpoena within and outside the State and serve as a key tool in helping the Department enforce tax laws and hold out-of-state taxpayers accountable for meeting their tax obligations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2486, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 302-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2488

The purpose of this measure is to amend the minimum qualifications for the Chairperson of the Taxation Board of Review.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the current licensing requirements to serve as Chairperson of the Taxation Board of Review do not necessarily reflect whether a person has the knowledge or experience to serve as the Chairperson. The current requirements have also proven an obstacle to attracting candidates who would otherwise have the knowledge or experience to serve as the Chairperson. Attorneys or accounting professionals who have retired from their profession or who have been employed in positions that have not required them to maintain an active license would not be able to qualify to serve as the Chairperson under existing law. This measure will allow an attorney or accounting professional with experience in state taxes to serve as the Chairperson to ensure that the Chairperson has experience in state taxes and allow a wider pool of potential candidates to apply for the position.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2488, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 303-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2621

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Task Force on Ethical Policing to evaluate the efficacy and impact of weed and seed programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; and Kapalama Neighborhood Security Walk. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the ACLU Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that concerns exist regarding the efficacy of weed and seed programs compared to other data-driven crime reduction strategies. This measure requires the Task Force on Ethical Policing to evaluate weed and seed programs effect on crime rates; arrest rates, including the rates for persons of color, low-income persons, and unsheltered persons; sentencing; law enforcement presence; and public perception.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a representative from an organization involved with the communities affected by weed and seed programs to the Task Force on Ethical Policing;
- (2) Requiring the Task Force on Ethical Policing to use crime, arrest, prosecution, and policing data from the onset of weed and seed programs in Hawaii to evaluate the efficacy and impact of the programs;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2621, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2621, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Holt). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 304-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2292

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment and hiring of an unspecified number of Project Manager III positions for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that the State's dire housing needs are well-established and there are scores of projects in planning, design, and development to address those needs. Your Committee further finds that many large-scale projects will require an expert with the necessary skills and knowledge, as many projects will include complex development, construction, finance, and management strategies. This measure will further the State's mission to increase the development of affordable housing by hiring an individual capable of supporting the Corporation's extensive development plans.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the appropriation is for the establishment and hiring of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) project management III position; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2292, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2292, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 305-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2431

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the position of Housing Policy and Program Coordinator in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority;
- (2) Clarify that the employment of certain positions and the adjustment of their salaries are authorized by the Executive Director of Hawaii Public Housing Authority and not the Board of Directors; and
- (3) Repeal the wage ceiling requirement for positions in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the federal government created numerous rule changes through the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act and Fair Housing Act. In addition, there is the pending implementation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate to assist in improving low-income public housing quality and the health and safety of tenants. Your Committee believes that these new and future policy and program changes will need to be effectively and efficiently researched, coordinated, implemented, and monitored by an expert, such as a Housing Policy and Program Coordinator.

Your Committee notes the concern raised during the public hearing on this measure expressing reservations of having positions that are exempt from civil service protections. The goal of civil service is to protect state employees and ensure that appointments are based on merit and ability determined through a competitive process. Your Committee acknowledges that there may be situations where a position exempt from civil service requirements is more beneficial due to the specific nature of the work. However, your Committee respectfully asks your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether an exemption from civil service requirements is necessary for the positions under this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2431, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2431, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 306-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1963

The purpose of this measure is to expand the facilities or services that are exempt from certificate of need requirements to include hospice homes and other hospice facilities, dialysis centers, substance abuse facilities, psychiatric facilities, and certain bed change services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Kaua'i Hospice; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Kōkua Mau; Hawai'i Care Choices; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Queen's Health System; Hawai'i Pacific Health; and U.S. Renal Care.

Your Committee finds that the certificate of need process facilitates transparency, accountability, and the opportunity for dialogue between providers seeking to expand services in the health care marketplace through independent agency review. This measure is intended to improve access and remove barriers to health care services by expanding the types of facilities and services that would be exempt from the certificate of need process. Your Committee further finds that certain types of health care facilities may not need to undergo a certificate of need review; however, it remains important for certain other health care facilities to comply with the certificate of need process.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the total number of hospital bed changes from ten to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Removing hospice homes and other hospice facilities and dialysis centers from the types of facilities exempt from a certificate of need;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1963, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1963, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 307-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2253

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) All law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on-duty;
- (2) The Department of Health to establish education and training projects on drug overdose response and treatment for law enforcement personnel; and
- (3) All restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an available inventory of naloxone.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that the timely administration of an opioid antagonist when a person is experiencing an opioid-related overdose saves lives. Your Committee further finds that if opioid antagonists are on hand during an emergency at restaurants and hotels, employees of those establishments will be able to act quickly to prevent an opioid-related death.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring:
 - (A) All law enforcement officers to carry opioid antagonists while on duty;
 - (B) The Department of Health to establish education and training projects; and
 - (C) The Department of Health to require all hotel establishments and restaurants maintain an available inventory of an opioid antagonist;
- (2) Requiring funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by a law enforcement officer employed by a county to come from that county's general revenues or share of any opioid litigation proceeds;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2253, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 308-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2492

The purpose of this measure is to comply with new federal regulations for commercial driver's licenses when the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse prohibits a driver from operating a commercial vehicle due to alcohol and drug violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that beginning on November 18, 2024, all states must request information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Association's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse and if a State receives notification that the applicant is prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle, the State must not issue, renew, or upgrade the commercial learner's permit or must downgrade the commercial driver's license pursuant to title 49 Code of Federal Regulations section 383.73(q).

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2492, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 309-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2493

The purpose of this measure is to create two new commercial driver's license restrictions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from AOA Lakeview Sands and one individual.

Your Committee finds that due to a lack of highway infrastructure on Lanai and Molokai, applicants from Lanai and Molokai are unable to demonstrate specific on-road driving skills needed for a commercial driver's license. As a result, these applicants must travel to Maui to conduct a road test, leading to increased out-of-pocket costs for these applicants. This measure will provide an option for those individuals to conduct a road test on Lanai or Molokai and provide clarity for commercial driver's license restrictions by the counties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2493, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 310-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2116

The purpose of this measure is to require the Examiner of Drivers of a county to conduct the testing of an applicant for a driver's license to demonstrate the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in English or in certain other languages at the request of the applicant.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee believes that requiring county Examiners of Drivers to conduct the testing of driver's license applicants' ability to demonstrate the exercise of ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in the applicant's preferred language will promote greater road safety across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2116, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2116, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 311-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1562

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add forfeiture of a vehicle as a maximum penalty on a third conviction for operating a motor vehicle without a license within a five-year period; and
- (2) Provide that if the defendant is not the registered owner of the vehicle used to commit the third offense, the owner of that vehicle shall be responsible for certain costs and fines.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Honolulu Police Department; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing laws, drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked continue to operate their vehicles on public roads, even after being ticketed by police. This measure seeks to prevent habitual offenders from contributing to an ongoing risk to community safety by impounding the offender's vehicle if the offender is convicted of a third offense of driving without a license.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Designating this measure as "Sara's Law" in honor of Sara Yara, who was killed by a habitual unlicensed driver;
- (2) Deleting language that, in cases where the defendant was not the registered owner of a vehicle used to commit a third offense, would make the registered owner responsible for certain costs and fines;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1562, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1562, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 312-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2446

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Examiner of Drivers of a county to suspend the driver's license of a person using a parking permit issued to a deceased person who was deceased when the permit was issued to obtain parking privileges;
- (2) Remit fifty percent of a fine for violation of using a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation; and
- (3) Authorize each county to enact ordinances to enforce the design and construction requirements relating accessible parking spaces, including the establishment of penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a lack of enforcement for violations of state and federal requirements to provide reserved parking spaces for persons with disabilities. Your Committee further finds that there is an ongoing issue of misuse of disabled parking permits. As a result, persons with disabilities are often unable to find parking that will allow them to safely exit their vehicle.

Your Committee also finds that the counties are uniquely suited to enforce all aspects of state and federal requirements for parking for persons with disabilities, including ensuring a place of public accommodation has an adequate number of designated stalls and that a disabled parking permit is being appropriately used by the person to whom it was issued. Your Committee believes that remitting a portion of any fines collected to the county that issues a citation for a violation of a state or federal regulation regarding parking spaces for persons with disabilities will encourage enforcement of these regulations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2446, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 313-24 Education on H.B. No. 2082

The purpose of this measure is to establish comprehensive standards for the Department of Education related to school bus services to ensure reasonable accommodation, equitable access, timely communication, and accountability.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education provides bus services in neighborhoods across Hawaii to ensure broad access to educational opportunities for the State's students. Your Committee further finds that, due to the continuing shortage of qualified school bus drivers in Hawaii, student bus transportation services have been completely or partially suspended at ten Oahu's high schools and four schools on Kauai in the 2023-2024 school year. Of the sixty-one bus routes on Oahu and seventeen bus routes on Kauai that were cancelled, only one route on Oahu and nine routes on Kauai have been restored. Additionally, high school bus routes on Maui and Hawaii island have been modified due to the bus driver shortages.

Your Committee believes that while the Department of Education is in the process of restoring school bus transportation services, comprehensive standards must be developed for the Department to determine when school bus services may be reduced or modified and to notify affected communities of the decisions made to ensure that these decisions are made with the utmost consideration for equity for students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Revising the comprehensive standards to require the Department of Education to:

- (A) Conduct an equity assessment before making any decisions related to school bus service reductions or modifications and promptly notify families affected by cases of unscheduled service modifications due to unforeseen circumstances with an explanation for the change in service and any available alternative transportation options;
 - (B) Implement a communication and outreach plan for scheduled bus service changes to notify affected communities and stakeholders of any planned changes to school bus services; and
 - (C) In cases where school bus service must be reduced, ensure that affected communities and stakeholders are aware of the process to appeal decisions regarding school bus service modifications;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
 - (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2082, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2082, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Quinlan).

SCRep. 314-24 Education/Transportation on H.B. No. 2280

The purpose of this measure is to require Department of Education school bus contracts to include provisions that require contractors to prioritize the use of motor vehicles that do not require those drivers to hold a commercial driver's license.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committees find that there is a shortage of school bus drivers in Hawaii, contributing to the suspension or cancelation of bus transportation services across the State. Your Committees further find that many school buses transport few students, making standard size school buses unnecessary. Your Committees note that drivers of standard size school buses are required to hold commercial driver's licenses, while those that drive motor vehicles that do not fall within the definition of a commercial motor vehicle, including passenger vans carrying less than sixteen people, do not. Your Committees believe that requiring Department of Education school bus contracts to include consideration for the use of smaller vehicles for certain routes will alleviate the shortage of school bus drivers and ultimately the lack of student transportation services.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Education school bus contracts shall require contractors to consider the use of smaller vehicles that do not require drivers to hold a commercial driver's license for routes with low ridership or specific geographical limitations, as determined by the Department;
- (2) Requiring that the smaller vehicles used by the contractor shall meet all relevant safety standards and the contractor shall ensure the safety and well-being of all passengers;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2280, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2280, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

Transportation: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Miyake, Onishi, Matsumoto).

SCRep. 315-24 Education/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1837

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Department of Education to grant public access to emergency action plans that do not pose a security risk to students, staff, or guests of school campuses;
- (2) Each Department of Education school to have a comprehensive school evacuation communication plan for use during emergencies; and
- (3) The Department of Education to collaborate with the Department of Transportation to assess all Department of Education school campuses to determine if there are sufficient emergency evacuation routes for each campus.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; one member of the Maui County Council; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Office of Language Access.

Your Committees find that this measure adopts a recommendation of the House of Representatives Schools Working Group, which was established following the Maui wildfires in August 2023 with the task of evaluating strategies utilized to accommodate displaced students and staff to return to school. Your Committees further finds that, although the fires did not occur while students were on campus, the physical devastation and loss of life resulting from the wildfires reveals the urgency of ensuring that each of the State's public schools are prepared to manage future emergencies. Your Committees believe that proactive planning is essential in implementing school safety protocols.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that each school's evacuation communication plan shall include cultural awareness and responsiveness to language access needs of the community;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation to the Department of Education for the creation of emergency action plans and establishment and implementation of a comprehensive evacuation communication plan for each Department of Education school;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1837, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1837, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kapela, Martinez).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 316-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1592

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum annual amount of conveyance tax revenues allocated to the Land Conservation Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Hawaii Life; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that the Land Conservation Fund supports the acquisition of interests or rights in land having value as a resource to the State. This measure ensures that there is adequate funding for the Land Conservation Fund and the Legacy Land Conservation Program to protect valuable lands and resources for future generations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum annual amount of conveyance tax revenues to be allocated into the Land Conservation Fund to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the Department of Land and Natural Resources' request for this measure to take effect upon its approval, which would allow the change to apply from fiscal year 2023-2024.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider inserting an amount of \$10,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1592, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1592, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 317-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1581

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a native plant nurseries and seed bank initiative program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that the interim Wildfire Prevention Working Group was specifically tasked with identifying the causes of wildfires and preventive action that may be taken to reduce the risk of wildfires throughout the State and preparing recommendations for appropriate legislative action. This measure adopts a recommendation of the Wildfire Prevention Working Group to increase support for native plant nurseries and seed bank initiatives to provide inventory for watershed restoration projects and projects that restore ecosystems to natural fire patterns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to appropriate \$500,000, as follows:

- (1) \$100,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for a Statewide Native Plant Material Collection Coordinator to identify statewide need for collections, nurseries, and storage capacity; develop the Hawai'i Native Plant Materials Initiative; implement wild seed collections for habitat restoration projects in collaboration with partners; and provide progress reports. The coordinator will be responsible for statewide project administration and obtaining funding, developing appropriate protocols for sustainability in collecting, and public outreach;
- (2) \$100,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for a Maui Nui Native Plant Material Collection Lead, who will function as the field team leader for the collection team on Maui Nui. The lead will manage staff, procurement, logistics, reporting, and communications;
- (3) \$150,000 for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for the Native Plant Material Collection Team, a two-person team on Maui Nui, who will conduct fieldwork at the direction of the Native Plant Material Collection Lead to assess populations, collect plant material, submit herbarium vouchers, and transfer propagules to the Seed Conservation Assistants for processing;
- (4) \$75,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for a Seed Conservation Assistant, who will receive foundational seed collections, prepare each accession for research or storage, and transfer the collections to the Maui seed bank of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for storage; and
- (5) \$75,000 for equipment for transportation (off-road vehicles) and seed processing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1581, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1581, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 318-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1835

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Distribution Management Advisory Board within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop and advise on the statewide distribution management plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that prioritizing an efficient and transparent distribution management system is a critical aspect of the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency's operations during emergency situations. This measure will ensure that critical resources are efficiently allocated during times of crisis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1835, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1835, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 319-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1841

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Fire Council; Maui Fire Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Resources Legacy Fund; Trust for Public Land; The Nature Conservancy; KUPU; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the interim Wildfire Prevention Working Group was specifically tasked with identifying the causes of wildfires and preventative action that may be taken to reduce the risk of wildfires throughout the State and preparing recommendations for appropriate legislative action. This measure adopts a recommendation of the Wildfire Prevention Working Group to maintain and update wildfire-specific equipment and wildfire-suppression infrastructure statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider a total amount of \$7,425,000 for operating expenses; \$13,549,000 for equipment; \$706,464 for positions; and \$9,231,640 for capital improvement projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1841, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1841, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 320-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1900

The purpose of this measure is to improve the State's understanding of the complex hydrologic systems in Hawaii and provide additional resources for the Hawaii mesonet.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that there is a significant need for increased and improved hydrologic data collection across the State. Recent studies have shown that in Hawaii, annual rainfall has declined since the late 1980s and air temperatures have increased since the 1950s. These trends affect the availability of water as well as the demand for water in the future. The continuation and expansion of hydrologic monitoring are necessary to advance the State's monitoring of the impacts of climate change and to better manage the ground and surface waters across the Hawaiian Islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$475,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025, which includes \$125,000 for stream gauges, \$250,000 for operations and maintenance, and \$100,000 for monitoring wells.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1900, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1900, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 321-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1955

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the use of the Special Land and Development Fund to eradicate or mitigate invasive species and install and maintain safety improvements on certain lands; and

(2) Appropriate funds out of the Special Land and Development Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the prevalence of invasive species in the State continues to be a problem that has a negative impact on Hawaii's fragile ecosystem, environment, and lands. Your Committee believes that more funding should go toward the eradication or mitigation of invasive species to protect the State's unique environment and natural resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1955, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1955, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 322-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2703

The purpose of this measure is to improve the administration and operations of the Commission on Water Resource Management by:

- (1) Replacing the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management with the position of Executive Officer, to be appointed and managed by the Commission;
- (2) Authorizing the Commission on Water Resource Management to retain independent legal counsel;
- (3) Making the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources an ex officio member of the Commission on Water Resource Management and providing that the Commission must elect a chairperson from among its non ex officio members; and
- (4) Requiring the Commission on Water Resource Management and Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish procedures and safeguards to avoid conflicts of interest.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure would better enable the members and staff of the Commission on Water Resource Management to implement the State Water Code in the public interest.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Executive Officer of the Commission on Water Resource Management shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Commission;
- (2) Requiring the Commission on Water Resource Management to develop and document annual goals and performance measures for the Executive Officer that authorize the Commission to annually evaluate the Executive Officer's work to ensure compliance by the Commission with statutory and constitutional requirements and achievement of its statutory and constitutional purposes;
- (3) Requiring the Commission on Water Resource Management to evaluate and document the evaluation of the Executive Officer's performance annually, or more frequently upon the request of at least four members of the Commission, based on annual goals, performance measures, and other relevant criteria;
- (4) Changing its effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2703, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2703, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 323-24 Water & Land/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1924

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to establish a two-year program to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and one member of the Honolulu City Council. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that the wildfire forecast system proposed by this measure will forecast the risks of wildfire statewide to enhance public safety, preparedness, and risk mitigation, including improving the preparedness of firefighters and enabling residents to take proactive fire mitigation measures for their homes and plan for evacuations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1924, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1924, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Takayama, Souza).

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 324-24 Water & Land/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1949

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; one member of the Honolulu City Council; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that the information provided through wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps would benefit public health and safety.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1949, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1949, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Takayama, Souza).

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 325-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2662

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a two-year Recreation and Education Upward Mobility Pilot Program for youth tenants in public housing; and
- (2) Permit the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to contract with outside parties to implement the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's youth represents our future and investing in this population benefits not only the youth but the community as well. Your Committee further finds that sports positively impact the mental, emotional, social, and physical health of children and teens. Education on financial literacy, job skills training, and college preparation also help youth to understand what it takes to gain and maintain employment to be able to financially support themselves. Your Committee therefore finds that this measure will empower youth tenants in public housing by encouraging them to be physically active and enabling them to learn valuable work skills and financial education to prepare them for success in life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Recreation and Education Upward Mobility Pilot Program to be in compliance with, rather than exempt from, the State's public procurement laws; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority requested an appropriation amount of \$500,000 to implement the Recreation and Education Upward Mobility Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2662, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2662, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 326-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2186

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to develop a safe parking program allowing unsheltered persons who sleep in their vehicles to park overnight on state lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Partners in Care; ACLU of Hawai'i; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that there is a need to innovate and expand options for unsheltered persons to access services and housing. Exploring options for a safe parking program as part of an overall strategy to develop long-term housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, is one such option the State can consider.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Human Services to include in its report to the legislature any recommended amendments to the existing statute that regulates uses of parked vehicles on public property between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

- (2) Adding a blank appropriation for the planning and development of the Safe Parking Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2186, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2186, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 327-24 Human Services/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2309

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Homeless Triage Center Program within the Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions in the Department of Human Services that focuses on serving homeless individuals with substance abuse issues or mental illness.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Partners in Care; and two individuals.

Your Committees find that in 2022, Hawaii was ranked fourth in the nation for highest rates of homelessness. Your Committees further find that triage is recognized as an evidence-based practice to end the cycle of homelessness. However, the State has a serious lack of triage services for homeless persons and others who struggle with mental illness or substance abuse. Your Committees find that this measure helps expand clinical and community-based facilities for behavioral and mental health treatments, which will in turn save on health care costs and allow law enforcement officers and emergency room departments to focus resources on other priorities in the community.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the management of the Homeless Triage Center Program from the Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions within the Department of Human Services to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division within the Department of Health;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2309, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2309, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Human Services: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).
Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 328-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1777

The purpose of this measure is to authorize dental hygienists under the general supervision of a licensed dentist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply preventive dental sealants in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Education; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; Board of Dentistry; Hawaii Dental Service; Hawaii Dental Association; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; petition with numerous individuals; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the application of dental sealants to molars is one of the most effective practices in preventing tooth decay among children. Your Committee further finds that providing dental sealants through school-based oral health programs is a cost-effective strategy to reach low-income children, who are typically at a higher risk of developing tooth decay. This measure is intended to align the State's dental practices with those used in most other states by authorizing dental hygienists to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply preventive dental sealants in conjunction with a licensed dentist in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1777, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1777, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 329-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2042

The purpose of this measure is to provide funding for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to contract for the provision of youth mental health and wellness services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Disability and Communication Access Board; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; YMCA of Honolulu; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the health and mental wellness of the State's youth. Your Committee further finds that the best approach to youth mental wellness is community-based, which meets youth where they are. Your Committee believes that providing additional funding to allow the Department of Human Services to contract for the provision of community-based child and adolescent mental health services that promote resilience and wellness will provide the State's children and adolescents with the tools they need to take care of their mental health and well-being in the face of adversity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$900,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2042, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 330-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2261

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "historic property" to remove the qualification that the property must be over fifty years old and instead require the property to be listed on the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places or built before August 21, 1959; and
- (2) Broaden exclusions from historic review for certain types of proposed projects on existing privately-owned single-family detached dwelling units or townhouses.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; NAIOP; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i YIMBY; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that despite the State's housing crisis, existing law requires that any building, object, district, area, or site that is over fifty years old go through a historic preservation review, which has created a backlog for the development of housing. Your Committees acknowledge that a historic preservation review is intended to protect places of historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural significance; however, your Committees believe that the fifty-year threshold is overly broad and applies to too many buildings that are not historically significant but are deemed historic based on age alone. This measure will streamline the development of certain single-family detached dwelling units or townhouses by reducing the burden of historic preservation review requirements while still protecting the State's truly historic properties.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2261, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2261, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, M. Mizuno).

SCRep. 331-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1988

The purpose of this measure is to expand the housing powers of the counties to include planning, development, construction, financing, and providing housing projects, including low- and moderate-income housing and mixed-use developments.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and AARP Hawai'i.

Your Committees find that existing law authorizes the counties to have and exercise the same housing powers as Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, but only for the purposes of developing, constructing, and providing low- and moderate-income housing. However, to address the housing crisis in the State, your Committees believe that these powers should be expanded further to ensure that the counties can utilize all powers necessary to develop more affordable housing.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the counties' authorization to include refinancing and mixed-income projects;
- (2) Specifying that income-restricted housing units may be made available to households with higher incomes if there is an insufficient number of individuals who meet the income qualification requirements for a low- and moderate-income housing project;
- (3) Defining "mixed-income project";
- (4) Deleting the unnecessary savings clause;
- (5) Specifying that this measure applies to bond proceeds expended by a county after December 31, 2023;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1988, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1988, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, M. Mizuno).

SCRep. 332-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the conveyance tax rate for certain properties;
- (2) Exempt conveyances of certain real property from the conveyance tax; and
- (3) Allocate ten percent of the conveyance tax collections to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund for purposes of funding infrastructure programs in transit-oriented development areas.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Community Development Authority; County of Hawai'i Planning Department; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Stanford Carr Development, LLC; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; and seven individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from NAIOP; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra.

Your Committees find that Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, among other things, required a study to identify and assess alternative financing, project delivery, and cost recovery mechanisms to recapture the State's upfront investment in transit-oriented development infrastructure. The study identified the need for regular and predictable revenue sources to help finance regional public infrastructure to facilitate transit-oriented development. This measure is a result of the study, which recommended increasing the conveyance tax for certain properties with the revenues to be allocated to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to help build infrastructure intended for the State's housing inventory.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing new conveyance tax rates for multifamily residential property and inserting a definition for "multifamily residential property";
- (2) Repealing the dollar cap amounts of conveyance taxes paid into the Land Conservation Fund and Rental Housing Revolving Fund;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the possibility of changing the current conveyance tax to a marginal tax, as this matter is outside the purview of your Committees.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2364, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2364, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, M. Mizuno).

SCRep. 333-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1576

The purpose of this measure is to allow vehicle owners to display the front number plate on the inside of the front windshield as an alternative means to display this number plate to the front of the vehicle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that allowing vehicle owners to display the front number plate on the inside of the front windshield has the potential to reduce theft and increase aesthetic options for vehicle owners. In addition, the front plate will still be visible for purposes of vehicle identification.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1576, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1576, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 334-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1579

The purpose of this measure is to lower the minimum light transmittance levels permitted on car window glazing materials from thirty-five percent to twenty-five percent.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from T&T Tinting Specialists, Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation and Honolulu Police Department.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, trucks, minivans, vans, and buses do not have restrictions on how dark the window tinting on their side and rear windows may be. However, glazing on the side and rear windows of other types of vehicles, like sedans, must allow a light transmittance of thirty-five percent. Your Committee further finds that window tinting can have a measurable impact on reducing heat trapped in a car's interior, allowing vehicle owners to adopt a passive means of addressing increasing global temperatures.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee notes the concerns regarding the inconsistent application of federal guidelines on window glazing for certain types of motor vehicles and requests the Department of Transportation to provide more clarity to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs as to the discrepancies in other state jurisdictions that are not in compliance with the federal guidelines.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1579, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1579, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 335-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1531

The purpose of this measure is to mandate the suspension of the driver's license of a driver or registered owner of a vehicle for operating a motor vehicle without a motor vehicle insurance policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the suspension of a driver's license of the driver or registered owner of a vehicle that is in operation without a valid insurance policy will help reduce the risk of accidents and injury by deterring drivers from operating vehicles without a valid insurance policy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1531, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1531, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 336-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1936

The purpose of this measure is to require, with certain exceptions, that the securing of mooring lines of vessels requiring tug assistance to the State's commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a stevedoring company.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Longshore & Warehouse Union; Laborer's International Union Local 368; Plumbers & Fitters UA Local 675; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Island Plastic Bags; Hawaii Shippers' Council; Hawaiian Cement; Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Par Hawaii; Hawai'i Cost of Living Coalition; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Island Energy; American Marine Corporation; Aloha Petroleum LLC; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i Gas; and Building Industry Association Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that, due to the State's geographic isolation from the rest of the world, ninety-eight percent of all goods coming into Hawaii are processed by the State's harbor system. Your Committee further finds as there is no viable alternative to ocean shipping for transporting the enormous volume of goods that enter Hawaii, damage to a commercial port could quickly cause food insecurity in the State and limit the State's access to medical supplies and other critical goods.

Your Committee recognizes that, in commercial shipping, tugs are used to tow larger vessels into the harbor, and the vessels are then secured to the bulkhead with mooring lines. In most cases, the mooring lines are secured by certified longshore linespersons. However, presently in Hawaii, out-of-state companies are not required to utilize trained local longshore linespersons, or stevedores, to secure their operational vessels to the State's commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, bulkheads, and landings. This measure purports to address safety issues related to cases where mooring lines are not secured by certified longshore linespersons. Your Committee notes however, that the Department of Transportation did not submit any testimony on this measure. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests the Department of Transportation to submit testimony regarding this measure to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure.

Your Committee also notes that this measure does not make clear which state agency or certification body would be responsible for certifying and recertifying employees of water carriers of property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1936, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 337-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2112

The purpose of this measure is to require moped operators to carry an insurance policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Style Rentals & Sales; Moped Doctors Inc.; Mopeds Direct Inc; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that in 2023, there were at least four hundred seventeen crashes involving mopeds, the majority of which involved crashes with another motor vehicle. Your Committee further finds that moped owners are not currently required to purchase insurance for their mopeds. Your Committee believes that while there is value in requiring moped owners to insure their vehicles, there is a concern that this will increase costs for those who otherwise cannot afford a car and rely on mopeds as their primary means of transportation.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised during testimony by the Insurance Commissioner that there may not be an insurance carrier in the State who sells moped insurance. Your Committee therefore respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure,

to amend this measure to grant the Insurance Commissioner the authority to suspend the requirement that moped owners purchase insurance if no insurance carriers in the State offer this type of insurance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2112, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2112, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Evslin, Matsumoto). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 338-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2065

The purpose of this measure is to amend the appropriation for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Noise Traffic Pilot Program of the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that excessive noise is a quality of life issue and there is technology available to detect vehicle noise emissions. Act 63, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established a pilot program on Oahu to use noise detection traffic cameras to address excessive traffic noise. This measure ensures that the pilot program is sufficiently funded for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2065, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2065, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Kila). Excused, none.

SCRep. 339-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2526

The purpose of this measure is to increase penalties for certain offenses relating to the operation of a vehicle without a license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ward Village Moms and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a need for a more delineated level of punishment for persons convicted of operating a vehicle without a license, particularly for habitual offenders. Your Committee specifically notes the concerns raised in testimony that current practice appears to allow unlicensed drivers to drive away after being pulled over by law enforcement. This pattern of conduct by law enforcement continues to put the safety of the public at risk.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2526, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 340-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2270

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force to develop and explore alternative routes into and out of the Waianae Coast, including through Kolekole pass and opening Waianae Coast emergency access road.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Kolekole Pass on the westside of Oahu is currently in disrepair and not equipped for traffic. The pass is operated under agreement with the United States military and access is limited to use by emergency vehicles or as a civilian evacuation route. Your Committee further finds that the westside of Oahu has limited access roads and would greatly benefit from alternative routes of travel. Your Committee believes that repairing, maintaining, and reconstructing the Kolekole Pass for two-way traffic will improve public safety as the Pass can serve as a means of providing emergency evacuation for Waianae Coast residents in cases of wildfire or other disasters and may ease traffic congestion in the area.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing as unnecessary a reference to the State Ethics Code, as the State Ethics Commission's longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the Code; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2270, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2270, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 341-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2015

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to identify an emergency egress route other than Komo Mai drive from Pacific Palisades or, if no other route can be found, determine the feasibility of constructing an alternate emergency egress route.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and ten individuals.

Your Committee finds that establishing an emergency egress route other than Komo Mai drive from Pacific Palisades would increase public safety in the case of a natural disaster or other occurrence.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2015, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2015, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 342-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2175

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Transportation to develop a community-based long-range transportation plan for coastal erosion along Kamehameha Highway in Kaaawa and Hauula.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Transportation; Ko'olaupia Hawaiian Civic Club; Ka'a'awa Community Association; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that as the challenges posed by climate change and coastal erosion continue to escalate, the State must find ways to preserve access to rural communities along the State's coastlines. For certain communities on east Oahu, preserving the integrity of vital transportation infrastructure is important to maintain uninterrupted access to goods, services, and emergency assistance. This measure ensures that community members and organizations are involved in the development of a community-based long-range transportation plan to address coastal erosion and road conditions in impacted rural communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the community of Punaluu in the development of the community-based long-range transportation plan;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2175, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2175, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 343-24 Higher Education & Technology/Education on H.B. No. 1534

The purpose of this measure is to establish a teacher apprenticeship program to support, recruit, develop, and retain teachers for Hawaii's public schools.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i; P-20 Partnerships for Education; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; and University of Hawaii at Manoa College of Education.

Your Committees find that the lack of apprenticeship programs to assist teachers in obtaining the necessary licenses and gaining workforce experience contributes to poor teacher retention, a dearth of diversity, and insufficient recruitment of local teachers in public schools in the State. Your Committees further find that the establishment of a structured teacher apprenticeship program will boost retention, diversity, and recruitment among the State's public school teachers.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to replace the language in the current measure with language that renames the Hawaii Teacher Apprenticeship Program as a Hawaii Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program and ensures the Program is in compliance with and, approved by, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and in accordance with federal regulations;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of:

- (1) \$75,000 for mentor stipends to be distributed by the Hawaii Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program;
- (2) \$105,900 to establish a business manager officer position for the Program; and
- (3) \$114,000 to establish an institutional analyst EO II position for the Program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education & Technology and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1534, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1534, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Quinlan, Todd).

Education: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 344-24 Higher Education & Technology/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2504

The purpose of this measure is to increase the cigarette tax and allocate the increased amount to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation; University of Hawai'i System; Department of Health; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Adventist Health Castle; and five individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Cigar Association of

America; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Smoker Alliance; and four individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that a certain amount of cigarette tax revenue that is currently allocated to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund is specifically pledged toward debt service payments for revenue bonds that were sold to construct the University of Hawaii Cancer Center in 2010 and related research operations. This measure will ensure the payment for debt service for the revenue bonds and the continued availability of resources for Cancer Center operations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committees note that your Committee on Higher Education & Technology believes that the cigarette tax rate should be further increased than provided for in this measure.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education & Technology and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2504, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Quinlan, Todd).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 345-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1779

The purpose of this measure is to establish a three-year summer tuition pilot program for University of Hawaii community colleges to offset the costs of aligning the resident tuition rates for the summer semester with the resident tuition rates that are established for the spring and fall semesters at the community colleges.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that this measure will make summer school more accessible and affordable for community college students.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1779, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1779, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 346-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1535

The purpose of this measure is to expand the Hawaii Promise Program to provide scholarships for the unmet needs of qualified undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, University of Hawaii at Hilo, and University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and appropriate funds to establish and implement the expanded program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and University of Hawaii Professional Assembly.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase the number of students who enroll and earn degrees, particularly those from underrepresented regions and populations, to prepare them for success in the workforce and their communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1535, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1535, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 347-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1677

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the requirement that the general fund budget appropriations to the University of Hawaii be no less than three times and no greater than five times the amount of regular tuition and related fee revenues estimated for that fiscal year;
- (2) Specify that the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund may be used to pay for salaries in part or in full for positions authorized by the Legislature and funded through general revenues; and
- (3) Exempt the University of Hawaii from certain statutory provisions relating to liability for fringe benefits reimbursements for contributions made by State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii system. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii and the State share responsibility to cover the expenses for public higher education in Hawaii. Existing law requires the State to appropriate general funds to the University in an amount that is not less than three times and not greater than five times the amount of regular tuition and fees revenues estimated for that fiscal year. However, a conservative analysis of general funds appropriations and regular tuition and

fees revenue makes it clear that this statutory provision has been violated since at least 2010. Your Committee finds that because the impact of higher education is largely positive for the State and its future this measure is necessary to formalize a fairer approach to cost-sharing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1677, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1677, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 348-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2498

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to grant the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus to individuals who have graduated from a Hawaii high school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i P-20; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will simplify the residency determination for the State's high school graduates to enroll in postsecondary education and training at the University of Hawai'i by considering soon-to-be and recent graduates of local high schools to be residents for tuition purposes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2498, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 349-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2502

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset provision in Act 38, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, as amended by Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interests and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities it sponsors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the commercialization of intellectual property created by basic and applied research at the University of Hawaii greatly benefits the State by diversifying employment opportunities, creating a more robust innovation sector, introducing better performing products, and providing a potential economic return on the public resources committed to the University. This measure would allow the University of Hawaii to support its various activities and initiatives to develop and commercialize the intellectual property created by university faculty, staff, or alumni, resulting in a more diverse workforce and dynamic economy in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2502, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2502, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 350-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1676

The purpose of this measure is the appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii to fulfill the requirements of Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii and Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Your Committee finds that there continues to be a need for teachers, counselors, and administrators in the State of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that Act 141, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 141), required the University of Hawaii to establish K-12 expanded teaching cohort programs in each county for students who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in education. However, no funding for this mandate was provided. Your Committee believes that this measure would help the University of Hawaii fully implement the mandate of Act 141.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1676, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1676, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 351-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2633

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to Leeward Community College Waianae Moku to support and assist students who are twenty-four years old or younger and ineligible to apply for federal financial assistance through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid application because they are unable to access their parents' tax information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Leeward Community College Wai'anāe Moku; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that a significant number of students who are twenty-four years old or younger are ineligible for federal financial aid because they lack access to their parents' tax information because their parents are homeless or incarcerated or for other reasons. These students are then often forced to drop out of college and can end up with an outstanding balance on their student accounts, which prevents them from continuing their education or causes them to take out loans, which often wind up in the collections process. Furthermore, being in arrears regarding tuition poses a barrier to these students' eligibility for financial aid in the future.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2633, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2633, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 352-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2177

The purpose of this measure is to increase the availability of free menstrual products being available at all University of Hawaii campuses, including community colleges and education centers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Hawai'i State Council on Developmental Disabilities; a member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i State Youth Commission; Pan Pacific Association; Zen Den Midwifery; Midwives Alliance of Hawai'i; Breastfeeding Hawai'i; American Association of University Women; Hawai'i Women's Coalition; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Ma'i Movement Hawai'i; PERIOD Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that a lack of access to menstrual products is a barrier to education. This measure will help to alleviate academic disruptions for individuals who experience period poverty.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2177, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2177, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 353-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2684

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii at Hilo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u Iki; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the bilingual work of the College of Hawaiian Language and Imiloa Astronomy Center is especially important to the State because the State's two official languages are Hawaiian and English. Your Committee further finds that establishing an Institute for Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo would allow the Imiloa Astronomy Center's year-round scheduling flexibility to extend to the College of Hawaiian Language and would give the Center and College greater opportunities to develop Hawaiian-language proficiency and Hawaiian-language-medium early education sites and programs. Your Committee believes that this measure would also be crucial to the development of a Hawaiian-language-medium early education pathway, reduce the State's significant shortage of Hawaiian-language-medium education teachers, expand the reach of the College of Hawaiian Language and Imiloa Astronomy Center, and serve as a model for language education for other indigenous and marginalized groups.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2684, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 354-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2503

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the June 30, 2024, sunset date in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the continuation of the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii is the sole system of public higher education within the State and as such is a central contributor to the diversification of Hawaii's economy. To stay competitive, the University must promote research and innovation which is made possible via the support of

federal funds and external sponsors. The Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program plays an essential role in supporting the University in its endeavors to produce strong, comprehensive, and competitive university level research.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2503, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 355-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2501

The purpose of this measure repeal the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawaii students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee finds that this measure would reduce the administrative burden of creating a report that is no longer necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2501, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2501, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 356-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1795

The purpose of this measure is to create a working group to evaluate possibilities for making community college free for Hawaii residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that providing free community college to Hawaii residents would increase Hawaii's rate of college-bound students, especially for students and families who are socioeconomically disadvantaged. This measure will explore and evaluate possible ways of making community college free.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1795, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1795, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 357-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2683

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date for the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna; 'Aha Pūnana Leo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure is aligned with the Early Learning Board's Road Map, which among other things, recommends the permanent exemption of the Hawaiian Language College's laboratory programs and all Hawaiian medium learning environments from non-applicable standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2683, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 358-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1615

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all existing University of Hawaii employees to be provided training on federal laws and University policies regarding sex discrimination and sexual misconduct by December 31, 2024; and

- (2) Appropriate funds out of the general revenues of the State, rather than the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund, for fiscal year 2024-2025 for operating expenses and to establish positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Every Voice Hawai'i; AAUW of Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, thirteen percent of all college students experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation. Your Committee further finds that among undergraduate students, 26.4 percent of females and 6.8 percent of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation. This measure will help to provide a safer learning environment at all University of Hawaii campuses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that campus safety at the University of Hawaii is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Clarifying that the amnesty provisions of section 304A-120, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are applicable only to students and the student conduct code;
- (3) Adding a definition for "student reporting party";
- (4) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1615, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1615, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Matayoshi). Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Marten).

SCRep. 359-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2777

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources for the establishment of two extension agent positions to support the 4-H Youth Development Program and intergenerational programming in Kona, Hawaii, and Lihue, Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Hawai'i 4-H Alumni Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that 4-H is a positive youth development organization that exists to improve young people's lives through an intentional, prosocial approach that engages youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peers and families, and to enhance their strengths, provides opportunities, and furnish support to build on their leadership skills. This measure will increase staffing to support the 4-H program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$200,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2777, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2777, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 360-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2500

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund;
- (2) Authorize the University of Hawaii to establish accounts under the Revolving Fund to facilitate the administration of the Revolving Fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii System;
- (3) Repeal the Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo; and
- (4) Transfer remaining funds in the Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the Conference Center Revolving Fund and Community College Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo currently support conference center programs conducted at only the University of Hawaii at Hilo and community colleges, respectively. The authorization of a single revolving fund to support conference center programs across all campuses within the University of Hawaii System would standardize fiscal management of these programs. This measure would establish one revolving fund for conference center programs and allow the University of Hawaii to establish accounts within the revolving fund to facilitate the administration of the revolving fund among its various campuses and operating units.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2500, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2500, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 361-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1826

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for temporary positions to support the statewide expansion of the University of Hawaii Windward Community College's mental health-related programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Health; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help to increase the State's overall capacity to address the mental health challenges and needs of Hawaii's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding an appropriation in an unspecified amount for the establishment of a scholarship program, the granting of scholarships, and other necessary administrative costs;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$211,350 for the following:

- (1) \$75,000 each for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) personnel;
- (2) \$60,150 for scholarships to allow fifty students to take nine credits each and pay student fees for the academic year; and
- (3) \$1,200 for inter-island travel to support the growth of the program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1826, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1826, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 362-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1526

The purpose of this measure is to extend the deadline for a county's legislative body to take action on an affordable housing project's application from forty-five days to ninety days.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Affordable Housing Connections LLC and NAIOP. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires the counties' legislative bodies to act on an affordable housing project within forty-five days after the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation has submitted a preliminary plan and specifications for the project to the legislative body. Your Committee believes that while housing is a critical need, providing the public and counties with sufficient time to review proposals and engage in the legislative process, as proposed under this measure, will ensure the quality of housing projects being developed for Hawaii's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of days a county's legislative body has to take action on an affordable housing project to sixty days; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1526, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1526, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 363-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1762

The purpose of this measure is to require any government agency that exercises its authority to develop low- or moderate-income housing projects to process any housing project that meets certain development requirements and rules and without imposition of stricter income requirements of a county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Building Industry Association Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the highest costs of living in the nation and the lack of affordable housing options puts a heavy burden on lower-income households. Your Committee further finds that income restriction requirements for affordable housing developments enables low- and moderate-income individuals to purchase or rent a home. Despite this, some counties have established stricter income restrictions than the State, prohibiting certain residents from either purchasing or renting a home. Your Committee believes that the income restrictions established at the state level should be followed by all counties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a county's legislative body is prohibited from approving an affordable housing project with modifications that impose stricter income requirements than the State, rather than requiring any government agency to process any housing projects that meet certain requirements;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1762, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1762, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 364-24 Housing on H.B. No. 1763

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits be issued pursuant to a priority system;
- (2) Amend the priority criteria for which funds in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund are to be used; and
- (3) Require the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to add new criteria and point allocations to the Qualified Allocation Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Affordable Housing Connections LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the limited supply of affordable housing continues to be a major issue for the State. Your Committee believes that it is important for the State to incentivize developers to help address and increase the affordable housing inventory. Your Committee further finds that the State must preserve and increase Low-Income Housing Tax Credit properties, as many of these properties' terms are approaching expiration. This measure will expand financing options to increase affordable housing in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that priority be given to projects that are state- or county-owned land for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Rental Housing Revolving Fund loans or grants;
- (2) Deleting projects in which the State or a county is an equity partner from the priority list for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and Rental Housing Revolving Fund funding;
- (3) Specifying that certain projects must have been awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in order to receive funding from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and establishing an order of priority for these projects;
- (4) Allowing projects conveying ownership of a finished project to the counties to receive points for the Qualified Allocation Plan;
- (5) Expanding the qualifications to receive a certain amount of points for the Qualified Allocation Plan to include an applicant demonstrating a record of project readiness;
- (6) Clarifying additional points the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation may allocate to applicants;
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1763, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 365-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2091

The purpose of this measure is to repeal school impact fees and transfer unencumbered balances to the School Facilities Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the School Facilities Authority; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; EAH Housing; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Centre Urban Real Estate; NAIOP; and Housing Hawai'i's Future. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that school impact fees were established by Act 245, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, to address the impact of new residential developments on the surrounding community and the potential increase of students in that community. Your Committee notes that between 2007 and 2018, the Department of Education collected slightly more than \$5,300,000, far under the \$80,000,000 or more needed to build even one new school. Rather than being used to help support impacted schools, school impact fees have only added additional costs to housing developments, which in some cases resulted in a project becoming financially untenable. Your Committee believes that the State must reduce the cost of housing to address the housing crisis and develop more affordable housing for Hawaii's residents. Your Committee acknowledges the importance of supporting schools in the State through school impact fees, but your Committee also believes this should not be at the expense of increasing the cost of housing development.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating school impact fees;
- (2) Expanding the exemptions from the school impact fee to include the development of certain housing developments with income restrictions and additional or accessory dwelling units;
- (3) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2091, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2091, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 366-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2432

The purpose of this measure is to clarify certain powers and responsibilities of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority regarding certain housing projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee finds that concentrating public housing for extremely low-income families in dense urban areas has shown to be an ineffective use of scarce affordable housing resources. Your Committee further finds that a shift has been made to instead create financially viable and socially stable mixed-income housing by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Your Committee believes that mixed-income and mixed-finance redevelopment is an attractive option that will contribute to the economic and social diversity and stability of the overall community in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2432, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2432, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 367-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2787

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum amount of deductible contributions for individual housing accounts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that as the cost of housing increases, the State must continue to assist residents in finding methods of increasing options for homeownership. Saving for a down payment on a home loan continues to be a barrier for many Hawaii residents, as there are limited numbers of programs available to assist in this endeavor. This measure increases the contribution levels and maximum account levels individuals or married couples can contribute to their individual housing accounts under the State's Individual Housing Account Program to better reflect current housing prices and further encourage prospective first-time homeowners to save for a down payment and closing costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2787, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2787, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 368-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2790

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to reinstate the Hula Mae Single Family Loans Program through the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that many residents have difficulty achieving homeownership in Hawaii because of the lack of affordable housing and the high cost of living. Your Committee notes that the cost of living is so high in the State that many moderate- to low-income individuals experience difficulties even saving up for a down payment on a home. Your Committee believes that the State must continue to assist residents in finding methods of increasing pathways to homeownership, such as the Hula Mae Single Family Loan Program that was once run by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2790, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 369-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 1735

The purpose of this measure is to expand programming and training for the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program under the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Office of the Public Defender; Hawaii Federation of Republican Women; Institute of Human Services; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State has high rates of recidivism, with fifty-four percent of offenders committing repeat offenses. Your Committee further finds that offering educational and vocational programs to offenders reduces rates of recidivism. This measure addresses this need by requiring the Department

of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop additional educational and vocational programs designed to reduce recidivism and promote successful reentry into the community within the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1735, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1735, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 370-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2225

The purpose of this measure is to establish provisions governing any person who receives compensation for advising or assisting any individual with veterans benefits.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which added language holding persons receiving compensation for assisting an individual with regard to any veterans benefits matter to the same ethical standards as an attorney is held to under the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct and allowing the division of fees between attorneys under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed H.D. 1 from Veterans of Foreign Wars. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the proposed H.D. 1 from the Veterans Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting, LLC; National Association of Veteran Rights; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that individuals providing services to veterans with regard to any veterans benefits matter should be governed by provisions that ensure transparency and fairness. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this concern by establishing provisions for ethical standards, transparency, advertising requirements, and penalties for individuals providing services with regard to any veterans benefits matter.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the prohibition on receiving compensation for advising or assisting individuals with regard to veterans benefits matters;
- (2) Adding an additional disclosure requirement for the estimated cost of services;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2225, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2225, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 371-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2702

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for equipment and one full-time equivalent position with the Department of Transportation to conduct improvements to Hana Highway.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; one member of the Maui County Council; Valley Isle Excursions; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hana Highway in East Maui is one of the State's most utilized roadways with tourists and residents traversing the highway daily. The road's popularity makes it difficult to conduct maintenance and improvements without closing off sections of the road for periods at a time. This measure will provide necessary funding to conduct needed improvements to Hana Highway.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2702, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2702, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 372-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2380

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation out of the Mass Transit Special Fund that will allow the Department of Budget and Finance to disburse funds in the Mass Transit Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Mass Transit Special Fund received revenues totaling \$405,454,763, which was \$27,879,763 above the Special Fund's ceiling appropriated by Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, as amended by Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022. Additionally, \$95,877,228 was carried over from the Mass Transit Special Fund's ending cash balance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. As a result, the Department of Budget and Finance was unable to disburse all the available funds in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and carried over \$123,756,991 into Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Your Committee further finds that based on estimated revenues of \$410,240,000 for the Mass Transit Special Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and the carryover of the ending cash balance from Fiscal Year 2022-2023, the Department anticipates there will again be a shortfall in the Special Fund's ceiling for

the Mass Transit Special Fund. This measure will provide an emergency appropriation to allow the Department to disburse the funds in the Mass Transit Special Fund.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2380, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 373-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2490

The purpose of this measure is to increase the caps for the total contract value of any one capital advancement contract (CAC) and the total aggregate value of CACs in a fiscal year entered into by the Department of Transportation with private parties for harbor improvements and add reporting requirements for the department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; and Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee finds that the existing caps for CACs limits the scope and type of work, as well as the number of projects that can be completed. An increase in these caps will expedite and fast-track additional projects and prioritize public improvements to state commercial harbor facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2490, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 374-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1856

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to impose restrictions on the manner of use of certain streets, highways, thoroughfares, or roadways.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i State Association of Counties; Waipio Taro Farmers Association; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the counties have received ownership of various streets, highways, thoroughfares, and roadways that were not originally constructed to meet rigorous safety standards and therefore lack the necessary safety standards now required for unregulated use. Despite efforts undertaken by the counties to uphold the safety of these streets, highways, thoroughfares, and roadways, these efforts cannot wholly mitigate the inherent risks posed by their non-standard designs. This measure will authorize counties to impose restrictions on the manner of use of streets, highways, thoroughfares, or roadways that are known to be hazardous or may have a negative impact on sensitive areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1856, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1856, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 375-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1638

The purpose of this measure is to give the counties the authority to:

- (1) Require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, except for employees primarily engaged in harbor-related operations; and
- (2) Deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; two members of the Maui County Council; two members of the Honolulu City Council; Pacific Resource Partnership; and Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there have been recent reports of labor abuse at certain construction projects in the State with workers being subjected to unsafe conditions, wage theft, and being denied required benefits. Your Committee believes that the authority given to the counties in this measure will help stop unscrupulous actors more efficiently, thereby ensuring workers in the State are working under just and fair conditions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 376-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1881

The purpose of this measure is to update the maximum administrative fines allowed for violations of chapters relating to standards of conduct and lobbyists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that in recent years, instances of ethical violations underscore the need for a more robust deterrent to dissuade individuals from engaging in activities that compromise public trust. Your Committee further finds that increasing the maximum administrative fine for violations of chapters relating to standards of conduct and lobbyists would proactively discourage unethical behavior.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1881 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ilagan).

SCRep. 377-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1902

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Clarify the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan;
- (3) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively; and
- (4) Shorten the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours in a state of emergency or local state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Department of Defense; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Hawaii Food Industry Association; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State faces a wide variety of potentially catastrophic natural disasters, including hurricanes, wildfires, tsunamis, and earthquakes. Your Committee further finds that this measure will allow the State to address these issues in a comprehensive manner through clarifying the scope of the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to address not only how Hawaii responds to emergencies and disaster but also how it prepares for, mitigates against, and recovers from them.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 378-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1981

The purpose of this measure is to specify that a portion of the revenues collected from traffic violations shall be disbursed to the county that enforced the violation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; one member of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Kaua'i Police Department; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that while the counties are responsible for the enforcement of traffic violations, revenues accrued from violations and parking tickets are paid solely to the State. Your Committee further finds that disbursing a percentage of all revenue collected for traffic violations to the county that enforced the violation provides an equitable way to share the responsibility of maintaining public safety for residents and visitors between the State and counties and will assist the counties in ensuring the State's roads and highways are safe and unobstructed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1981, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 379-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2232

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of the Attorney General to publish annual reports regarding certain protective and restraining orders, firearms, and electric guns; and
- (2) Authorize persons subject to certain protective and restraining orders to possess or control firearms, ammunition, or electric guns in the course of employment, subject to certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there may be circumstances in which a person subject to a protective order or restraining order may need to possess or control a firearm or electric gun in the course of the person's employment. This measure will establish a narrow exception for these individuals while maintaining certain safeguards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the deadline for the submission of the annual report by the Department of the Attorney General and amending how the information in the report is organized;
- (2) Requiring the chief of police of each county, Judiciary, and Department of Law Enforcement to provide the Department of the Attorney General with the data from the prior calendar year no later than March 31 of each year to enable the Department of the Attorney General to complete the report;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2232, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2232, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 380-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2455

The purpose of this measure is to, effective January 1, 2024, transfer the responsibility and management of certain private security contracts from the Department of Law Enforcement to the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Defense for their respective facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase efficiencies by ensuring that the respective departments retain greater control of their security contracts for their facilities due to their direct access to on site information.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2455, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2455, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 381-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2482

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and removes the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and Office of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that this measure will increase efficiency and access to appropriate notices and agendas by allowing for the postings of these documents in an electronic format.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2482 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ilagan).

SCRep. 382-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2611

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Statutorily establish a transaction fee for each recording by the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court for certain services;
- (2) Authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal certain administrative fees, separate from the administrative rulemaking process;
- (3) Amend the authorized uses of funds in the Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund; and
- (4) Repeal provisions that require fees for the use of microfilms of documents recorded in the Bureau of Conveyances to be established by rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that establishing a \$5 transaction fee for all regular system recordings pursuant to Act 120, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, has enabled the Bureau of Conveyances to improve the automation and integrity of its recording process. This measure would statutorily establish equitable fee assessment in both recording systems – the Bureau of Conveyances and Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court – to fund continued improvements with efficiency, productivity, and automation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal other administrative fees and costs associated with the recordation and filing of instruments in the Bureau of Conveyances and Office of the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court, separate from the administrative rulemaking process; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 383-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2722

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the assessment of any fees, fines, or court costs against a person who is adjudicated for an offense committed while the person was a minor under the age of eighteen or against the person's parent or guardian;

- (2) Limit court-ordered community service for a minor to no more than seventy-two hours; and
- (3) Repeal the statewide curfew for minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; and CARES. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the imposition of fees, fines, and costs on young people and their families can have wide-ranging consequences, none of which serves the purposes of rehabilitating, deterring, or punishing delinquent youth. Your Committee further finds that these monetary assessments have a disproportionate impact on families of color and can even lead to recidivism and escalating crime. This measure would follow the lead of other states by eliminating the economic burden of monetary assessments for Hawaii's youth and families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2722, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, 2 (Holt, Ilagan). Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 384-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1537

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to repeal the counties exclusive power to tax real property and increase funding for public education for all students of Hawaii by authorizing the Legislature to establish a surcharge on certain residential investment property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii System; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Aloha United Way; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from a member of the Hawai'i County Council; Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Department of Finance of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Law Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the ballot question in this measure, as received by your Committee, is similar to the ballot question in S.B. No. 2922, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2018, which was declared invalid by the Hawaii Supreme Court in *City & County of Honolulu v. State*, 143 Hawai'i 455, 431 P.3d 1228 (2018). Accordingly, your Committee has amended the ballot question to ensure that it is clear and neither misleading nor deceptive for voters in accordance with state law.

Your Committee further finds that beginning with the 2024 elections, the Office of Election will provide voters with a digital voter information guide that includes an explanation drafted by the Department of the Attorney General of each state constitutional amendment to be proposed to voters on the ballot. Your Committee believes that this guide will aid in clarifying the constitutional question that voters are tasked with making, as recommended by the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the surcharge is:
 - (A) On the counties' taxation of certain residential investment property; and
 - (B) For the purpose of helping to fund public education;
- (2) Clarifying the ballot question; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1537, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1537, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Evslin, Holt). Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 385-24 Labor & Government Operations/Education on H.B. No. 2397

The purpose of this measure is to exempt career and technical education goods and services purchases by the Department of Education from the State Procurement Code.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committees find that career and technical education utilizes a wide range of activities and equipment to provide students with industry-based skills. However, the process to procure career and technical education equipment can be lengthy and complicated and often deters schools from purchasing them. This measure removes administrative barriers for purchasing career and technical education equipment, ensuring that students are provided with opportunities to gain important hands-on skills to prepare them for the workforce.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the exemption is for the purchase of educational equipment, materials, and related training for direct student instruction not exceeding \$500,000 per purchase;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether the \$500,000 cap amount should be set at a different amount, as the Department of Education did not have a recommended cap amount at this hearing.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2397, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2397, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Sayama).

Education: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Marten, Martinez, Perruso, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 386-24 Human Services on H.B. No. 2185

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Human Services to develop and administer an Implicit Bias Training Program for health care professionals employed at perinatal facilities in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the maternal morbidity rates in the United States are among the highest in the developed world. Your Committee further finds that women of color are disproportionately represented in these rates, possibly caused by implicit biases against these women. Your Committee has heard the concerns from the Department of Health that it lacks the necessary expertise to develop and administer the training program proposed by this measure. Your Committee understands these concerns and finds that establishing a Perinatal Implicit Bias Task Force to examine existing implicit bias training program and make recommendations on how to implement effective implicit bias training in the State is an important first step in understanding the most appropriate methods to address racial disparities in health care.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that required the Department of Human Services to develop and administer an Implicit Bias Training Program;
- (2) Establishing a Perinatal Implicit Bias Task Force to examine the existing implicit bias training programs and report to the Legislature with recommendations;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount for the activities of the task force, including the contracting of a subject matter expert or consultant;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2185, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2185, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 387-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2798

The purpose of this measure is to amend the types of power-generating facilities that trigger an environmental assessment to include new combustion electricity-generating facilities operating commercially after January 1, 2024, that were not previously operational and certain electricity-generating facilities that convert to a new source of energy requiring combustion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Energy Justice Network; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Kokua na Aina; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii State Energy Office; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that Act 55, Session Laws of Hawaii 2004, amended the law regarding environmental review requirements to include power-generating facilities in the types of facilities that trigger an environmental assessment. Your Committee further finds that Act 155 limited the power-generating facilities that trigger an assessment to those that generate electricity using fossil fuel. However, the combustion of any type of fuel, not just fossil fuel, creates air pollution that harms the environment and human health. Therefore, your Committee finds that addressing the environmental impacts of any combustion electricity-generating facilities, not just those that are fossil-fueled, will further protect the State's natural resources and public health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have defined as a power-generating facility the conversion of certain electricity-generated facilities from one source of energy to a new source requiring combustion;
- (2) Clarifying that the definition of "power-generating facility" includes the expansion of an existing combustion electricity-generating facility, where the incremental electrical output rating and the additional capacity being added each exceeds 5.0 megawatts;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2798, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2798, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 388-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2390

The purpose of this measure is to limit the requirement that the Public Utilities Commission explicitly consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on greenhouse gas emissions to the effects on only generation-based greenhouse gas emissions and give the Commission discretion to require an analysis for projects with zero generation-based greenhouse gas emissions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission is required to consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on renewable projects that do not result in generation-based greenhouse gas emissions, including routine system replacements for overhauls, overhead or underground line determinations, or determinations that do not pertain to capital improvements or operations. This measure would provide the Commission with some discretion in whether or not to require an analysis for these types of projects, as these analyses can be costly and time-consuming.

However, your Committee notes that this amendment may preclude the use of a different method of assessing the impacts of products and activities that could better capture the impacts of energy projects throughout their entire lifecycle, including extraction, distribution, use, and disposal, and finds that this type of lifecycle assessment would better inform the Commission as it exercises its authority and duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions instead of generation-based greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) Adding a definition for "lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions assessment";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2390, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 389-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2366

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, established by Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, has similar objectives to the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission and that there is no longer a need for the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force given this redundancy in objectives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2366, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2366, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 390-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2767

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the dollar amount of the renewable fuels production tax credit;
- (2) Change the maximum amount of tax credit that can be claimed by a taxpayer to \$60,000,000;
- (3) Establish an additional tax credit for renewable fuels produced with lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions at least seventy-five percent below that of fossil fuels;
- (4) Reset taxpayer's ability to claim credits, if they already claimed credits, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; and
- (5) Increase the maximum total amount of tax credits allowed for all eligible taxpayers in a calendar year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Pono Pacific; Par Hawaii; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Pacific Biodiesel; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Airlines for America; Hawaiian Airlines; and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that the State must incentivize the production of locally sourced, firm renewable energy in order to meet its renewable portfolio standards. This measure would address this need by increasing the dollar amount of the renewable fuel production tax credit and establishing additional tax credits for certain renewable fuel production practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the credit period from ten to twenty years;
- (2) Changing the additional tax credit for the production of certain renewable fuels to a tax credit for the production of sustainable aviation fuel and adding a definition for "sustainable aviation fuel";
- (3) Changing the eligibility requirements for the renewable fuels production tax credit;
- (4) Changing the maximum total amount of tax credits allowed for all eligible taxpayers in a calendar year to an unspecified amount;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2767, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2767, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 391-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2105

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, the Slim-Hole Resource Characterization Program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii to identify geothermal and carbon sequestration resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Blue Planet Foundation; Ulupono Initiative; Sustainable Energy Hawai'i; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that resource characterization through slim-hole bores can help identify geothermal and carbon sequestration resources across the State. Your Committee further finds that the identification of geothermal resources can help ensure that the State has firm sources of renewable energy, which are necessary to supplement wind and solar energy. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, the Slim-Hole Resource Characterization Program to identify geothermal and carbon sequestration resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2105, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2105, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 392-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1896

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu; Plant Branding; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Task Force; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Consumer Brands Association and Beautycounter.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are toxic substances that do not naturally break down and pollute the environment for thousands of years once introduced. Your Committee further finds that existing state laws prohibit the use of PFAS in certain types of food packaging and firefighting foam. This measure targets other products that commonly contain PFAS by prohibiting the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packing, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added PFAS.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the definition of "ingredient", as it is unnecessary;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "manufacturer";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that further discussion with stakeholders is needed to develop a more appropriate definition for "intentionally added PFAS."

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1896, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 393-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2027

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural resources and expedite the repeal of the existing Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee within the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; DesignLights Consortium; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Feather and Fur Animal Hospital; Maunakea Observatories; The Outdoor Circle; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that light pollution harms wildlife, interferes with astronomical research, and creates unnecessary costs for the State. The existing Dark Night Skies Protection Advisory Committee was established within the University of Hawaii to develop a statewide Dark Night Skies Protection Strategy to address concerns related to light pollution. Your Committee believes that restarting this effort under the Department of Land and Natural Resources would facilitate the advisory committee's ability to develop and complete this important task.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2027, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2027, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 394-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1897

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lodging establishments from providing small plastic containers containing a personal care product to any person staying in a sleeping room accommodation, in any space within the sleeping room accommodation, or in any bathroom used by the public or guests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; PlanIt Branding; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Task Force; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Plastics Industry Association and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that single-use plastics are made from fossil fuel-based petrochemicals and end up in landfills, incinerators, or the environment after disposal. Your Committee further finds that lodging establishments frequently provide complimentary personal care products packaged in single-use plastic containers. This measure would prohibit lodging establishments from providing these containers to any person staying in a sleeping room accommodation, in any space within the sleeping room accommodation, or in any bathroom used by the public or guests.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "personal care product";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1897, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 395-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2213

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the required contents of a notice of claim of construction defect served on a contractor;
- (2) Require the claimant to provide actual evidence of the nature and cause of the construction defect and extent of necessary repairs along with the notice of claim;
- (3) Amend the process and time frame for a claimant to accept a contractor's offer to settle or inspect and authorize the contractor to proceed with repairs; and
- (4) Limit the amount a claimant can recover if the claimant unreasonably rejects a contractor's proposal to inspect or an offer to remedy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Raynor Overhead Doors and Gates Inc.; Stanford Carr Development, LLC; KY International, Inc.; Hawaiiana Management Company, Ltd.; Paradigm Construction LLC; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Pacific Source; Jayar Construction, Inc.; Maryl Group Construction, Inc.; M2K Construction, LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; HPM Building Supply; Gray, Hong, Nojima & Associates, Inc.; REEF Development of Hawaii, Inc.; Foundation Building Materials; Ali'i Glass & Metal, Inc.; GEOLABS, INC.; Tru-Door Hawaii, Inc.; Hawaii Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust; Royal Contracting Co Ltd; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; American Property Casualty Insurance Association; Foundations Hawaii Inc.; Cultured Marble; R. M. Towill Corporation; Keeaumoku Development; R.M. Nakamura Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Newport Pacific Cabinets; Fred Lau Hawaiian Landscape Co., Inc.; TNH Plumbing, Inc.; D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC; Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.; Hawai'i HomeOwnership Center; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Commercial Sheetmetal Co., Inc.; Gentry Homes, Ltd.; Aon Risk Services, Inc. of Hawaii; Pacific Resource Partnership; Jade Painting, Inc.; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Z Contractors, Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Contractors License Board; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Berding Weil LLP; Kasdan Turner Thompson Booth, LLLC; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the lack of affordable housing in Hawaii has led to a crisis of increasing homelessness and migration to the continental United States. Your Committee further finds the rising costs of insurance for developers and improvers of real property have contributed to the increased cost of housing and are a direct result of litigation for construction defects. This measure will deter broad and frivolous claims by requiring evidence of the defect and limiting recovery if an offer is unreasonably rejected.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring, a claimant to accept an offer to settle a claim for a construction defect;
- (2) Specifying that a claimant may deny an offer to settle a claim for a construction defect;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2213, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2213, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Belatti, Gates).

SCRep. 396-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1637

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that, for purposes of controverted claims, an injured employee's private health care plan must, by default, pay for or provide medical care, services, and supplies pending acceptance of the claim or determination of compensability; and
- (2) Impose a civil penalty on a private health care plan for failing to comply.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Institute for Pain; Primary Care Clinic of Hawaii; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Society of Human Resource Management – Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that there is a tangible impact of delayed treatment on workers' health outcomes. Workers who have suffered an injury often face not just physical setbacks, but also significant emotional and financial strain. This measure mitigates the likelihood of further health issues by requiring private health plans to cover the expenses of medical care, services, and supplies pending acceptance of the claim or determination of compensability.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the private health care plan is entitled to seek reimbursement from the employer if the controverted claim is accepted or determined to be compensable;
- (2) Deleting language that authorized the private health care plan to charge an administrative fee equal to the greater of three percent of the total amount paid by the private health care plan if the investigation is not completed within ninety days; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1637, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1637, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 397-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1673

The purpose of this measure is to require employers to be liable for medical care, services, and supplies when a workers' compensation claim filed by a solid waste worker suffering from cancer is accepted or determined to be compensable.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that existing law provides for medical care, services, and supplies for firefighters suffering from cancer. Your Committee further finds that solid waste workers are repeatedly exposed to a variety of materials that may result in life-altering or long-term health issues. This measure will extend the care, services, and supplies currently afforded to firefighters under the State's Workers' Compensation Law to solid waste workers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1673, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1673, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 398-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2313

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the cutoff date established by Act 196, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, that allowed the use of funds in the Condominium Education Trust Fund initially dedicated to supporting voluntary binding arbitration to be used for other educational purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii First Realty LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 196, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 (Act 196), temporarily expanded the scope of the Condominium Education Trust Fund to cover voluntary binding arbitration between interested persons and amended the conditions that mandate mediation and exceptions to mandatory mediation. Your Committee further finds that these alternative dispute resolution remedies were found to be successful and made permanent by Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020. However, the cutoff date established by Act 196 for the authorized use of funds initially dedicated to supporting voluntary binding arbitration was not made permanent and sunset on June 30, 2023. This measure therefore repeals the cutoff date established by Act 196 to ensure that Condominium Education Trust Fund monies that were initially dedicated to supporting voluntary binding arbitration can continue to be used for the other statutory educational purposes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2313, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2313, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Belatti, Gates).

SCRep. 399-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2411

The purpose of this measure is to rename the Hawaii Health Corps Program as the Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine and Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Corps Program was established in 2012 with a focus on encouraging certain health care providers to serve in counties that are experiencing shortages of physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners, with a priority given to rural area counties. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program (HELP) was recently established to help alleviate the educational debt of medical and health care professionals who practice in Hawaii. Due to the expanded scope and purpose of HELP in comparison to the Hawaii Health Corps Program, it is necessary to clarify and rename the Hawaii Health Corps Program, as proposed in this measure, to better reflect its purpose.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2411, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2411, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Belatti, Gates).

SCRep. 400-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2685

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) The Solar Hui Program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest into a Solar Hui Investment Fund, which will provide loans to low- and moderate- income households to install solar energy systems; and
- (2) A Solar Hui Program Fund manager to manage the investment fund and market the program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Community Associations Institute Hawaii Legislative Action Committee; Palehua Townhouse Association; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii Bankers Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Credit Union League; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that in 2022, solar photovoltaic accounted for seventeen percent of the total energy generated by the State. Your Committee further finds that low- to moderate-income households often pay a disproportionately higher percentage of their income toward energy bills and typically do not have the financial means to pursue the installation of renewable energy technologies. This measure is intended to support the State's commitment to clean energy by bridging financial gaps and promoting equitable clean energy benefits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 401-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2552

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend, under certain conditions, the family leave period for up to eight additional weeks for employees who are unable to perform their employment duties due to the birth of a child who is required to stay in a neonatal intensive care unit; and
- (2) Require the Civil Rights Commission to amend its administrative rules to include neonatal care as a related medical condition for purposes of sex discrimination.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee finds that in 2020, ten percent of all live births were preterm, with approximately 1.6 percent being "very preterm", or born before thirty-two weeks of gestation. These preterm and very preterm babies often spend weeks or months in neonatal intensive care units, which in turn requires their parents to also spend weeks or months at the neonatal intensive care units in support of their babies' care. Your Committee further finds that for many parents, it is impossible to maintain full-time employment under these circumstances. This measure is intended to support the State's workers who might otherwise be faced with the untenable choice between preserving their employment and supporting the health of their newborn child.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2552, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 402-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older;
- (2) Authorize pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccines to persons between the ages of three and seventeen, if certain requirements are met; and
- (3) Authorize licensed pharmacists to order the administration of vaccines for persons between the ages of three and seventeen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Board of Pharmacy; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; KTA Super Stores; Times Pharmacy; American Pharmacists Association; CVS Health; National Community Pharmacists Association; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; Walgreen Co.; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that pharmacists are trusted health care professionals who have established relationships with their patients and often offer extended hours and added convenience. Furthermore, pharmacists are the most accessible health care professionals since pharmacies are geographically dispersed throughout the community, which is especially important in rural and medically underserved areas in the State.

Your Committee further finds that the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act, division C of P.L. 109-148 (PREP Act) expanded the authority of pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 tests and vaccines, including the administering of vaccines to minors as young as three years old. Under the PREP Act, the authority to administer certain vaccines ended on May 11, 2023; however, the authority to administer COVID-19 and seasonal influenza vaccines continues through the end of 2024. This measure minimizes interruptions to patients' access to necessary vaccinations and ensures the State can meet its public health needs by authorizing pharmacists, pharmacy interns, and pharmacy technicians to administer certain vaccines to minors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 403-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1686

The purpose of this measure is to increase the reimbursement rate for chiropractic treatments for personal injury protection benefits under motor vehicle insurance from \$75 to \$100.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Turning Point Chiropractic; Hawaii State Chiropractic Association; Aloha Family Chiropractic; Dr. Jill Dawrs Family Chiropractic Clinic; Klein Natural; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Insurers Council.

Your Committee finds that when the State initially established authorized benefits for chiropractic and acupuncture treatments in Act 251, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, these benefits were limited to thirty visits at no more than \$75 per visit. Your Committee further finds that while the State subsequently tied the authorized benefit for acupuncture treatments to the changes, and any subsequent increases in charges, permissible under the worker's compensation supplemental medical fee schedule in 2017, the authorized benefit allowed for chiropractic treatments was not similarly adjusted. This increase to the chiropractic reimbursement rate under motor vehicle insurance proposed by this measure will ensure fair and accessible health care and improve public health and wellness.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 404-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2016

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the installation of a new outdoor emergency siren in the Pacific Palisades area of Oahu in connection with the statewide outdoor siren warning system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that a new emergency siren is needed in the Pacific Palisades area of Oahu so that residents can be alerted to all civil defense emergencies in a timely manner in order to take any necessary safety measures.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$200,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2016, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 405-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2460

The purpose of this measure is to establish and specify protections for information that is received or maintained by the Office of Homeland Security for use regarding the security of critical infrastructure and protected systems, analysis, warning, interdependency study, recovery, reconstitution, or other informational purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Information Practices, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure strikes an appropriate balance between protecting information about sensitive critical infrastructure and ensuring continued public access to more general information maintained by various agencies about infrastructure, including information that discusses potential problems.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2460, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2460, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 406-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1613

The purpose of this measure is to establish a refundable income tax credit for homeowners who install, place into service, or maintain a water catchment system on residential properties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that water catchment systems can be cost-effective, reliable, and safe fresh water sources that reduce consumer demand on existing fresh water. Your Committee notes the testimony provided by the Department of Taxation to aid in the administration of the tax credit proposed in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the tax credit nonrefundable;
- (2) Removing maintenance of a water catchment system as a qualified cost for tax credit eligibility;
- (3) Clarifying that the tax credit shall be for the qualified costs incurred for installing and placing into service a water catchment system up to \$250;
- (4) Including an aggregate cap for credits allowed in any year to be an unspecified amount;
- (5) Specifying that only one tax credit may be claimed for each water catchment system installed and placed into service;
- (6) Inserting a definition for "water catchment system";
- (7) Making the tax credit not applicable to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2029;
- (8) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1613, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1613, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 407-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1907

The purpose of this measure is to establish and implement a two-year Manoa Stream Maintenance Reimbursement Pilot Program to reimburse homeowners adjacent to Manoa stream for clearing debris in Manoa stream.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the land ownership of Manoa Stream varies between the State, City and County of Honolulu, and private parties. Your Committee further finds that stream maintenance minimizes the risk of flooding. This measure attempts to incentivize and support homeowners to clear debris and prevent the flooding of Manoa Stream.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a property homeowner to match the reimbursement allowed, thereby capping reimbursements at half of the costs incurred and up to \$2,000 annually;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount for seven full-time equivalent (7.0 FTE) positions for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement the Pilot Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$700,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer the Pilot Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1907, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 408-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1840

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Maui County Council; Lāhainā Strong; Green Party Hawai'i; Resources Legacy Fund; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committees find that conducting nearshore coastal water quality testing and contaminant testing is necessary to monitor the long-term impacts and risks of wildfires to the ecosystem, community, and environment.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of:

- (1) \$140,000 for regular ongoing chemical and physical coastal water quality testing and storm sampling;
- (2) \$450,000 to support characterizing organic compounds, fish and invertebrate contaminants, and in-water and sediment contaminants, and autosamplers to measure carbonate chemistry;
- (3) \$58,000 for one full-time equivalent aquatic biologist III position; and
- (4) \$63,000 for one full-time equivalent aquatic biologist IV position.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1840, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1840, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 409-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2453

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to federal regulations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that combining financial resources from the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund and the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund will increase state and county flexibility in planning for and responding to emergent or long-term water infrastructure needs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 410-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1857

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to suspend the mortgage foreclosure provisions of chapter 667, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for properties having substantial damage resulting from a disaster under a Governor-declared state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency, Maui County Council, a member of the Honolulu City Council, a member of the Kaua'i County Council, Hawai'i State Association of Counties, and UNITE HERE Local 5. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Bankers Association and Hawaii Credit Union League.

Your Committee finds that a temporary suspension of foreclosure provisions for properties with substantial damage during a state of emergency ensures that homeowners are given necessary support during times of crisis while still upholding contractual obligations in the long run.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee recognizes that concerns were raised that suspending mortgage foreclosures for up to three years could adversely affect a financial institution's overall stability and soundness and elevate risk, which in turn would tighten credit markets and hurt consumers who need access to capital after an emergency. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should they choose to deliberate on this measure, to look into these concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1857, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1857, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Morikawa). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 411-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1546

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "beach restoration" used in laws governing the Board of Land and Natural Resources' powers to engage in beach restoration to include activities undertaken to maintain and improve eroded beaches and degraded dune systems and to remove abandoned and remnant manmade materials that pose a risk to the health of the public and ecosystem.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning & Sustainable Development; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher.

Your Committee finds that sea level rise poses a serious and imminent threat to Hawaii's coastal communities and residents and to Hawaii's natural resources, primarily beaches and coastal ecosystems. Additionally, the State has an affirmative duty to preserve beaches as a public trust resource for the people of

Hawaii. This measure highlights the cultural and ecological importance of beaches by expanding the types of beach restoration activities the Board of Land and Natural Resources may undertake in response to the increasing threat of sea level rise and beach loss.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1546, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1546, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 412-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2515

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to limit the over-expansion of executive power via emergency proclamations and ensure emergency proclamations are used judiciously.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2515, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2515, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 413-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2516

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to purchase a Striker fire truck to be housed at a Department of Defense facility on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that there is a significant need to upgrade firefighting equipment across Hawaii. This measure will allow the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to obtain necessary equipment for addressing wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the Striker fire truck.

Your Committee recognizes that concerns were raised that requesting a specific type of fire apparatus without input from those responsible for using and maintaining it may be premature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2516, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2516, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 414-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2107

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Community Services of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; The Legal Clinic; Pacific Gateway Center; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; National Alliance for Filipino Concerns; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Roots Reborn Lahaina; Language Services Hawaii; Tagnawa; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Language Access.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of the most culturally diverse states and had one of the highest proportions of non-English speakers in the nation. Your Committee further finds that in the aftermath of a natural or human-caused disaster, many limited English proficient persons encounter barriers to obtaining relief when applying for state or county services, including financial, medical, housing, and food assistance programs. This measure is intended to ensure all persons are able to access much needed state and county services in the aftermath of an emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2107, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 415-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2237

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund for the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Defense and to transfer any unencumbered balance of the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund to the general fund.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure was crafted pursuant to a recommendation made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-16.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2237, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2237, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 416-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2375

The purpose of this measure is to reinstate the Governor's authority to transfer funds to cope with the effects of natural disasters, for operating purposes, or to supplement the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Firefighter's Contingency Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Budget and Finance, and Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee finds that this measure grants the Governor the necessary flexibility to respond swiftly and effectively to natural disasters or unexpected emergencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2375, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2375, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 417-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2721

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Fireshed Partnership Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Maui Fire Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the Fireshed Partnership Program is modeled after the Watershed Partnerships, which have united multiple landowners and expanded the State's capacity to tackle watershed and native ecosystem protection. The Fireshed Partnership Program will enhance fire fuel source mitigation by allowing for broader planning and more cohesive fire fuel reduction projects across landowner boundaries.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2721, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2721, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 418-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2465

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that failure to comply with approved mitigation commitments, conduct an archaeological inventory survey, or comply with other administrative requirements pertaining to archaeology approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall result in civil and administrative violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Historic Hawai'i Foundation.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide the State Historic Preservation Division with more flexibility in regulating archaeological activities in the State and protecting historic properties and burial sites.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2465, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2465, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 419-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2464

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to receive funds for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program was established to financially assist owners of private dams and appurtenances to keep them properly maintained. Your Committee further finds that the original appropriation for the Program will lapse before the Department of Land and Natural Resources is able to establish grant application rules and processes. This measure provides for a special fund to preserve the availability of funds for the Program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriation amounts of \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for deposit into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2464, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2464, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 420-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2466

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Abolish the Task Force on Beach and Water Safety and the Risk Assessment Working Group; and
- (2) Require the design and placement of warning signs, devices, and systems to be approved by the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for state beach parks and the county mayors for county beach parks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Task Force on Beach and Water Safety and the Risk Assessment Working Group have not assembled for over fifteen years and are now defunct and no longer necessary to effectuate proper warnings of dangers at public beach parks and on improved public lands. This measure will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with more time and resources to manage, maintain, and improve the design and placement of warning signs, devices, or systems at public beach parks and on improved public lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2466, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2466, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 421-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1542

The purpose of this measure is to authorize, between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2026, each county planning commission to petition for the redistricting of land from the agricultural district to the rural district through the Land Use Commission's declaratory ruling process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Land Use Commission.

Your Committee finds that small lot subdivisions exist in agricultural districts within each county that may be more appropriately placed within the rural district. Many of these lots were created for speculative purposes prior to the enactment of the State Land Use Law in 1961. Your Committee further finds that the counties have an interest in redistricting these lands as they may contain lots and uses that are non-conforming or of insufficient size to support commercial agricultural use. Your Committee believes that reclassification of lands that is consistent with a county general plan and community development plan is the most effective means to align state and county land use policy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the area petitioned for redistricting from the agricultural district to the rural district to be supported by the applicable county plan;
- (2) Extending the sunset date of this measure to December 31, 2027;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1542, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1542, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 422-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2029

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume historic preservation review of any proposed project for lands under its jurisdiction, except for projects affecting properties listed or nominated for inclusion in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation.

Your Committee finds that it is critical to protect and manage the State's historic properties and burial sites. Existing law requires the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, prior to any proposed project relating to lands under its jurisdiction, to consult with the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the effect of the project upon historic property or a burial site. This measure streamlines decision-making related to proposed projects on historic properties and burial sites under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' jurisdiction while ensuring that the review is competently performed and appropriately documented.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with written notice of the following:
 - (A) That it has employed a qualified historic preservation professional to manage the review program; and
 - (B) A description of the procedures that will ensure all relevant documentation will be provided for inclusion in the archives and data management system;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide notice to the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the public prior to assuming responsibility for project review;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2029, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2029, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 423-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1554

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule to impose restrictions or requirements deemed necessary to protect certain aquatic life; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in light of newly available technology, or in light of newly available data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Malama Pūpūkea-Waimea; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Lahaina Divers Inc. and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is responsible for managing the aquatic resources of Hawaii. To effectively manage these resources, the Department utilizes a range of tools and methods to increase yields for the State's fishers and to conserve and protect aquatic resources to ensure abundant fisheries for future generations. Your Committee further finds that clarifying the rulemaking authority of the Department will allow the Department to effectively carry out its responsibility to manage Hawaii's aquatic resources.

Your Committee also finds that the Department is currently only authorized to adopt temporary rules if the rule is in response to "rapidly changing resource conditions". However, there are often other compelling reasons to authorize temporary rulemaking through the adaptive management process. Your Committee believes that allowing the Department to take adaptive management measures in light of newly available technology and data would allow for more timely protection of the State's aquatic resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1554, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 424-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2479

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits seaward of the shoreline through special activity permits approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, education, management, or propagation purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from For the Fishes. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Malama Pupukeya-Waimea.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources regularly receives permit requests for the collection of select amounts of dead coral and coral rubble, sand, or other marine deposits from state waters for various research, education, management, or propagation purposes. Your Committee notes that the Department is not authorized to approve these permit requests because existing law does not allow for the taking of these resources for those purposes. Your Committee believes that allowing the taking of sand, dead coral, coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits for certain purposes will lead to important findings by legitimate research projects in the fields of geology, chemistry, biology, and climate science.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2479, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Morikawa). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 425-24 Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2610

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Disaster Relief Match Special Fund and appropriate funds to provide the local match requirements of the Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the State Hazard Mitigation Forum; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Maui County Council; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committees find that communities in Lahaina and upcountry Maui that were devastated by the Maui wildfires in 2023 have received support through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. However, this grant program requires a match from non-federal funds. Your Committees further find that in prior disasters, potential applicants have faced difficulty planning for and identifying funds for the local match. This measure is intended to address one of the primary impediments to the complete and efficient use of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding by establishing a Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to provide the local match requirements of the Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation into and out of the Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$25,000,000 into and out of the Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to provide the local match requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Maui Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2610, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 426-24 Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2361

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Community Development Authority to render services to and assist state and county agencies upon request.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Na Iwi Kupuna.

Your Committees find that Section 206E-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes, allows state or county agencies to render services to the Hawaii Community Development Authority upon its request and that this measure allows the Hawaii Community Development Authority to reciprocate.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2361, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 427-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2654

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that no state or county building code can prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with any applicable safety standards and use conditions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; and three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce.

Your Committees find that this measure ensures that the state and county Building Codes align with widely used safety standards and provides a clear regulatory framework for the residents and businesses of Hawaii to transition toward the use of safe alternatives to harmful refrigerants.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Building Code Council when it adopts, amends, or updates the codes and standards identified in section 107-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2654, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2654, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 428-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1545

The purpose of this measure is to enable and encourage state and county agencies to engage in and implement long-term adaptation pathways planning, together with affected communities, to facilitate natural-resource conservation and reduce the loss of public and private infrastructure to damage associated with sea level rise and flooding by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in coordination with appropriate state and county agencies, to prepare plans to facilitate implementation of adaptation measures, including modification and ultimate relocation of development and infrastructure away from certain at-risk areas; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for this purpose.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Climate Resilience Collaborative; one member of the Maui County Council; Surfrider Foundation - Hawai'i Region; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Hotel Alliance and Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher.

Your Committees find that this measure complements existing efforts to address coastal hazards and adaptation planning.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "adaptation pathways plan";
- (2) Modifying the measures that adaptation pathways may include;
- (3) Modifying the scope of the sea level rise adaptation pathways plan;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in preparing adaptation pathways plans, to ensure that plans that include armoring to prevent the loss of public infrastructure shall be time-limited;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1545, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1545, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 429-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1839

The purpose of this measure is to allocate funding for long-term monitoring of air quality in communities impacted by the Maui wildfires, as well as support for research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; one member of the Maui County Council; Lāhainā Strong; Green Party Hawai'i; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committees find that the wildfires that engulfed urban areas on Maui in August 2023 contained more toxic chemicals than wildfires that simply consume wood and natural materials. Your Committees additionally find that conducting air quality testing and contaminant testing is necessary to monitor the short- and long-term risks of the Maui wildfires to the ecosystem, community, and environment.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to water quality testing and monitoring, as this measure focuses on air quality monitoring and research efforts;
- (2) Changing the position to be funded from an Air Quality Electronics Technician I position to a permanent Environmental Health Specialist position; and
- (3) Changing the effective date July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of at least \$400,000 as per the request of the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1839, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1839, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 430-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2001

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture's Aquaculture Development Program to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for restorative aquaculture activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; The Nature Conservancy; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State is well-positioned geographically and well-suited for restorative aquaculture due to its favorable climate, critical ocean biosecurity through natural isolation, and high seafood consumption. Your Committee further finds that Act 63, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, appropriated funds to revitalize the Aquaculture Development Program. This measure will further develop the program by exploring potential sites for restorative aquaculture activities that will help the economy and environment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2001, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 431-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2143

The purpose of this measure is to provide matching grant funds to the County of Hawaii to hire an engineering firm to study, plan, and assist in phase one of the Kahaluu Beach Park restoration project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; The Kohala Center; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Dear Ocean; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the restoration of Kahaluu Beach Park can serve as a model for state-county partnerships to restore other public natural resources throughout Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2143, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2143, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 432-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2263

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for maintenance and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System, including personnel to perform this work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; Tropical Flowers Express; Ulupono Initiative; Kaua'i Chamber; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Kalepa Coalition; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the East Kauai Irrigation System is a century-old system that requires repair, renovation, and improvements. Your Committee further finds that the maintenance of the East Kauai Irrigation System and development of a plan to deliver water to land are necessary because if lost, the cost to replace the infrastructure would be exorbitant and 5,920 acres of agricultural land would dry up.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation for maintenance of and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$750,000 for maintenance of and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2263, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2263, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 433-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2505

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fines for violations of land use laws; and
- (2) Impose enhanced fines for developers and owners of Important Agricultural Lands who repeatedly use the lands for unintended purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that this measure protects Important Agricultural Lands from being used for unintended purposes, which would undermine the State's objective of supporting a diversity of farming activities and opportunities that expand agricultural income and job opportunities, conserving the State's agricultural land resource base, and assuring the long-term availability of agricultural lands for agricultural use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2505, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 434-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2618

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to conduct a feasibility study to identify potential sites in the State for an aquaculture park that promotes commercial aquaculture expansion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a feasibility study to identify potential sites in Hawaii for an aquaculture park is necessary in growing the State's aquaculture industry and reducing Hawaii's reliance on imported goods.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2618, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 435-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1989

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and decriminalize the sale of raw milk, raw milk products, and raw milk dairy products directly from producers to consumers for human consumption, subject to certain restrictions; and
- (2) Authorize the sale of raw goat milk for pet consumption.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Public Pet; The Pet Depot; Weston A. Price Foundation; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that many people would like to consume raw, unpasteurized milk and raw milk products based on the product's health benefits and taste. Additionally, raw milk can be produced safely and its sale is permitted in many other states. This measure allows Hawaii consumers who want to consume raw milk and raw milk products the opportunity to purchase these products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1989, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Lowen).

SCRep. 436-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2127

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with other state agencies, to develop and implement a plan to expand the meat processing capacity in the State to allow for meat from axis deer and other wild game to be processed for distribution by non-profit food distribution services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that axis deer, an invasive species that poses a continuing threat to Hawaii's environment, could provide significant quantities of meat as a protein source for non-profit food distribution services in the State. However, there is a gap between the hunters and these non-profit services because of the State's limited meat processing capacity. This measure would develop and implement a plan to expand the State's meat processing capacity to allow for the potential use of wild game meat by non-profit food distribution services, strengthening Hawaii's food sufficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2127, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2127, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Lowen).

SCRep. 437-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2142

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for its meat inspection program, including the establishment of one full-time equivalent inspector program supervisor position and three full-time equivalent inspector positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that because the State's meat inspection program was discontinued in the mid-1990s due to cuts in budget and staffing, there is a growing need to expand Hawaii's meat inspection capacity. This measure will restore and update the meat inspection program, growing Hawaii's livestock industry and addressing the beneficial use of axis deer and other wild game meat.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2142, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2142, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 438-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2337

The purpose of this measure is to amend the membership of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides by replacing the statutory requirement for representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that at the time of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides' establishment, the sugar and pineapple industries were major stakeholders in the State's agricultural landscape, which covered more than three hundred thousand acres. However, in 2017, those two crops accounted for less than five thousand acres. In comparison, the diversified agriculture and coffee industries have accounted for more than \$84,000,000 and \$43,000,000, respectively, in the State. This measure therefore updates the composition of the Advisory Committee to more accurately reflect the current landscape of the agriculture industry in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2337, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 439-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2046

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral chicken management projects; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish one full-time equivalent Natural Resources Management Specialist Position related to feral chicken management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Hawaiian Humane Society.

Your Committee finds that feral chickens have become a nuisance in the State, especially in suburban and urban communities, where they trespass into yards and gardens, destroy property, damage food crops, and jeopardize native plants. Controlling the population of feral chickens in the State will require concerted action by the State and counties, as animal control is under the jurisdiction of the counties. This measure encourages a collaborative effort across state and county agencies to ensure that the feral chicken population is properly controlled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the Department of Agriculture's request of \$10,000,000 to plan and design a processing facility where United States Department of Agriculture pre- and post-antemortem inspections can occur. Your Committee also recognizes an alternative option of using existing processing facilities for the purposes of processing feral chickens, which could be more cost-effective for the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2046, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2046, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 440-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2104

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program and Hawaii Invasive Species Council to address the invasive species crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that invasive species are a significant threat to Hawaii's economy and natural environment and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people and visitors. The Hawaii Invasive Species Council was established in 2003 for the purpose of providing policy level direction, coordination, and planning among federal agencies, state departments, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State. However, the initiatives of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council remain underfunded. This measure provides additional support to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to ensure its viability to control and eradicate invasive species in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$4,250,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2104, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2104, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 441-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2131

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to:
 - (A) Mitigate and control infestations of the two-lined spittlebug and undertake recovery efforts for lands damaged by the two-line spittlebug; and
 - (B) Take measures to reduce the population of the two-lined spittlebug and to assist in recovery efforts; and
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the two-lined spittlebug is an invasive insect that destroys key forage grasses used by the livestock ranching industry. Because livestock ranching is a highly productive and extremely valuable industry in the State, it is crucial that the State address the threat of the two-lined spittlebug and restrict its spread, which could cause further harm to Hawaii's livestock industry, employment, and food security.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider requiring the Department of Agriculture to report to the Legislature on its progress to reduce the population of the two-lined spittlebug and assist in recovery efforts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2131, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 442-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2133

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Invasive Species Grant Pilot Program to provide grants through the Department of Agriculture to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in Hawaii that is owned by the individual, business, or organization.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Land and Natural Resources; North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose a threat to the State's environment, economy, and health and well-being of its residents. Due to the scope of the issue, the mitigation of invasive species may need to be a collaborative effort between the State and private parties, including the public. This measure would provide financial assistance in the form of grants to individuals, businesses, and organizations for the eradication of invasive species on property located in Hawaii that is owned by the individual, business, or organization, ensuring that the threat of invasive species is properly addressed in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2133, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 443-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2644

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii Pest Control Association; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Hawaii Ant Lab; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that little fire ants are an invasive species that are spreading rapidly throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Ant Lab was established in 2009 to address the overwhelming need for research, advice, and technical assistance to address and eradicate rapidly spreading little fire ant infestations. However, the Hawaii Ant Lab has been struggling to secure sufficient funding to continue its operations. This measure provides additional funding to support the efforts of the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$777,744 and establishing seven full-time equivalent positions to support the Hawaii Ant Lab;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2644, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 444-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2672

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that little fire ants are an invasive species that are spreading rapidly throughout the State. The Hawaii Ant Lab was established to address the overwhelming need for research, advice, and technical assistance to address and eradicate rapidly spreading little fire ant infestations. However, the Hawaii Ant Lab has been struggling to secure sufficient funding to continue its operations. This measure provides additional funding to support the efforts of the Hawaii Ant Lab to mitigate the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2672, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2672, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 445-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2191

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to:

- (1) The City and County of Honolulu, as a grant-in-aid, for the expansion of the Feral Chicken Program; and
- (2) The Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health for a statewide education campaign on the feeding of feral animals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society.

Your Committee finds that feral chickens have become a nuisance in the State, especially in suburban and urban communities. To protect Hawaii's ecosystem, natural resources, and the health and safety of its residents, it is critical that the State work together with local governments to identify and implement collaborative solutions to control the significant increase in the population of feral chickens and roosters. Additionally, informing the public about the consequences of feeding feral animals will help to mitigate the impacts of feral animals on native habitats and ecosystems and reduce their disturbance to indigenous species of wildlife, agriculture, and communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider expanding support of feral chicken programs in Maui County and Hawaii County and increasing the appropriation amount to \$150,000 for the expansion of the feral chicken program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2191, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2191, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 446-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2773

The purpose of this measure is to establish certain standards for agricultural products labeled as being Hawaiian or from Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company; Rancho Aloha Coffee Farm; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Coffee Company. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the image of Hawaii can be used as a tool to increase brand recognition and market share. However, many businesses neither produce nor use products that are made in Hawaii, yet claim their commodities as such. This measure further protects the brand integrity of the State and improves transparency as to the origins of certain agricultural products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that processed macadamia nuts are subject to the agricultural product labeling standards;
- (2) Adding a definition for "animal product";
- (3) Inserting provisions to clarify possible conflicts with labeling requirements in existing statutes;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2773, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2773, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 447-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2546

The purpose of this measure is to allow for the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the coconut rhinoceros beetle can have devastating impacts on palm species and other native plants that are foundational to the State's agricultural economy, cultural heritage, and ecosystems. The deployment of fine meshed nets can trap adult coconut rhinoceros beetles within affected plants or prevent some adult coconut rhinoceros beetles from accessing certain plants, effectively mitigating their impact on local plants and the environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to establish a registration program for purchasers of fine meshed nets in the State;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2546, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 448-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2132

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawaii Pest Control Association; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that little fire ants are an invasive species that are spreading rapidly throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Ant Lab was established in 2009 to address the overwhelming need for research, advice, and technical assistance to address and eradicate rapidly spreading little fire ant infestations. However, the Hawaii Ant Lab has been struggling to secure sufficient funding to continue its operations. This measure provides additional funding to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in its efforts to mitigate the effects of little fire ants in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii Ant Lab to share data collected relating to invasive ant surveys with the Department of Agriculture and Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,168,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2132, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2132, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Lowen).

SCRep. 449-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2367

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Chief Energy Officer, not the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, shall be responsible for supporting renewable portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, transferred the duties and responsibilities of the State Energy Coordinator and the functions of the Renewable Energy Facilitator and the then existing State Energy Office to a newly created Hawaii State Energy Office and Chief Energy Officer. Your Committee further finds that as an oversight, Act 122 did not provide the Chief Energy Officer with the responsibility to support renewable portfolio standards and report on certain energy matters and finds that these responsibilities should be under the Chief Energy Officer's purview.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2367, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2367, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 450-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2738

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require state agencies to assess the feasibility of installing distributed energy resource systems at each state facility and submit a report detailing their findings;
- (2) Require state agencies to implement and install the distributed energy resource systems detailed in the required reports no later than five years from the issue date of the reports; and
- (3) Assign priority for the required energy efficiency measures to first responder facilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Greenpeace Hawaii; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Green Party of Hawai'i; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; and eight individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committees find that government functions and services are essential during times of emergency to adequately respond and provide services. First responders' functions need to be resilient to withstand disruptions to the electric grid and port activity. This measure will improve the efficiency and energy resilience of state facilities, particularly those of first responders.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2738, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 451-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1759

The purpose of this measure is to require cesspools attached to or used by housing or lodging that provides transient accommodations to be upgraded, converted, or connected before January 1, 2030.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that the University of Hawaii 2022 Hawaii Cesspool Prioritization Tool places each geographic area into three prioritization categories. Priority level 1 contains the greatest contamination hazard, and priority level 2 contains significant contamination hazard. Your Committees further find that the upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools should be accomplished according to the priority levels established.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring cesspools categorized as priority level 1 according to the University of Hawaii 2022 Hawaii Cesspool Prioritization Tool that are attached to or used by housing or lodging that provides transient accommodations to be upgraded, converted, or connected before January 1, 2035;

- (2) Requiring cesspools categorized as priority level 2 according to the University of Hawaii 2022 Hawaii Cesspool Prioritization Tool that are attached to or used by housing or lodging that provides transient accommodations to be upgraded, converted, or connected before January 1, 2040;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1759, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1759, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Hashem).

SCRep. 452-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1544

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the types of potential violations of the State Water Code;
- (2) Add a minimum penalty and amend the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code;
- (3) Clarify what constitutes a separate offense;
- (4) Require the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties; and
- (5) Make the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Water Supply of the County of Hawai'i and Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Your Committee finds that this measure will better enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Commission on Water Resource Management to protect the precious water resources of Hawaii by amending and clarifying the penalty structure for violators of the State Water Code.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 453-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1643

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Shorten the time within which a disbursing officer must notify an employee of indebtedness to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment;
- (2) Amend the criteria for an actionable cause of action; and
- (3) Amend the amount a disbursing officer shall deduct to begin immediate recovery of indebtedness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires that when the State or county mistakenly overpays an employee, the overpayment gets deducted from the employee's subsequent paycheck. The deduction can be as high as \$1,000, which is more than an entire paycheck for some employees. If the amount is greater than \$1,000, the overpayment essentially becomes a loan the employee did not agree to. Your Committee believes that employees should not be overly burdened for the mistake of the employer. This measure will provide more financial flexibility for employees to repay any overpayment of wages without undue burden.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 454-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1918

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the sunset date for the historic preservation tax credit to December 31, 2030; and
- (2) Incrementally increase the cap on the total tax credits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Historic Hawai'i Foundation; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the historic preservation tax credit is used to rehabilitate historic homes to meet contemporary standards and has helped to underwrite the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of commercial properties. The historic preservation tax credit has kept residential and commercial properties in use while preserving the historic character and vitality of the properties. Your Committee believes that extending and increasing the tax credit will enhance community character, provide affordable housing, and encourage economic development in older neighborhoods and commercial districts.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following amounts for the maximum aggregate amounts for future taxable years:

- (1) For the 2025 taxable year: \$1,500,000;

- (2) For the 2026 taxable year: \$2,000,000;
- (3) For the 2027 taxable year: \$2,500,000;
- (4) For the 2028 taxable year: \$3,000,000;
- (5) For the 2029 taxable year: \$3,500,000; and
- (6) For the 2030 taxable year: \$4,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1918, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 455-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1932

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Transportation to acquire, including by condemnation, any real, personal, or mixed property for immediate or future use and own, hold, improve, rehabilitate, sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property acquired;
- (2) Amend the definition of "public lands" to exclude lands to which the Department of Transportation holds title; and
- (3) Authorize the Department of Transportation to directly acquire any real property for its purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Transportation and Signature Aviation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that authorizing the Department of Transportation to directly acquire and hold title to real property will expedite project delivery and provide needed improvements to the state transportation system for the benefit of the public.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 456-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1954

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Human Services; Department of Law Enforcement; Office of the Public Defender; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Partners In Care; NAMI Hawaii; ACLU of Hawai'i; and Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that over the course of six years, the Community Outreach Court has held several court sessions across Oahu. Through these sessions, the Community Outreach Court has addressed more than ten thousand cases, recalled more than nine hundred bench warrants, lifted more than six thousand driver license stoppers, and assisted more than six hundred participants with social services or referrals. This measure would further support the Community Outreach Court and provide much needed resources and funding to assist the Court's clients and operations.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of:

- (1) \$854,900 to the Judiciary to establish permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$96,100 each for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) court clerk positions;
 - (B) \$72,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) court bailiff position;
 - (C) \$81,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) adult client services branch judicial clerk V position; and
 - (D) \$105,500 each for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) adult client services positions;
- (2) \$250,000 to the Department of Law Enforcement for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) deputy sheriff positions to support the Community Outreach Court;
- (3) \$288,500 to the Office of the Public Defender for permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$131,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) deputy public defender;
 - (B) \$87,500 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) paralegal; and
 - (C) \$70,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) social worker or mental health worker, assigned to the Office of the Public Defender;
- (4) \$310,000 to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu for permanent positions in support of the Community Outreach Court, including:
 - (A) \$170,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) deputy prosecuting attorney;
 - (B) \$80,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) paralegal; and
 - (C) \$60,000 for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) legal assistant; and
- (5) \$40,000 to the Judiciary for the operations of the Community Outreach Court, including security, equipment, training, and other operational needs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1954, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 457-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2174

The purpose of this measure is to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and to address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic by requiring a government entity of the State to:

- (1) Impose and collect a search and rescue fee for search and rescue expenses that result from a person's entrance on an illegal hiking trail with notice of its closure; and
- (2) Submit a copy of any report or documentation of the rescue to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that searching for and rescuing hikers who enter property or trails closed to the public is a costly and dangerous undertaking for governmental entities. Your Committee believes that these governmental entities should charge a fee for the cost of the search and rescue operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the report to the Department of the Attorney General must also include information on persons who were searched for and the circumstances surrounding the search; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 458-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2218

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from fifty percent to seventy-five percent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the cost of living in Hawaii is one of the highest in the nation, forcing many native Hawaiians to move to the mainland in search for more affordable housing. Although the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands can provide direct loans to beneficiaries to purchase a home or make improvements, your Committee finds that the existing loan limit is not sufficient to match the increase in the cost of living in the State. This measure will increase the loan limit for a single residence loan amount, thereby ensuring that beneficiaries have the financial assistance to continue living in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 459-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2295

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under jurisdiction of the Director of Transportation and the counties, respectively; and
- (2) Specify that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; and one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that this measure ensures that counties are able to issue traffic infractions wherever vehicles are stopping, standing, or parking and creating an unsafe environment on state or county roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2295, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2295, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 460-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2420

The purpose of this measure is to provide a new general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2024-2025 to give practical effect to the Legislature's intent that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Budget and Finance; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279), appropriated \$600,000,000 to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide a multi-pronged approach to reducing its applicant waitlist. The intent was for these funds to be available until June 30, 2025, at which point all unencumbered funds would lapse back to the general fund. Your Committee recognizes that the Department of the Attorney General has since opined that the funds appropriated under Act 279 are only available until June 30, 2024, pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. This measure would ensure that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has another year to expend or encumber any remaining funds appropriated under Act 279.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2420, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 461-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2626

The purpose of this measure is to specify certain findings the Board of Land and Natural Resources must make for a lease of a government-owned Hawaiian fishpond.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; The Nature Conservancy; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that traditional Hawaiian fishponds, or *loko i'a*, are important components of the *ahupua'a* (traditional land stewardship framework) that contribute to a healthy and robust food system. These unique aquaculture systems that exist throughout Hawai'i were developed to optimize natural patterns of watersheds, nutrient cycles, and fish biology. Your Committee believes that when leasing government-owned Hawaiian fishponds, the Board of Land and Natural Resources should be required to make a finding that the applicant's management plan features use and knowledge of traditional native Hawaiian practices and protocols and that the proposed lease would not cause substantial adverse environmental or ecological impact on the fishpond or surrounding areas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 462-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 1991

The purpose of this measure is to establish:

- (1) Primary and optional coverage requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies; and
- (2) Disclosure requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Turo and Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Enterprise Mobility and Avis Budget Group. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, shared cars used in a peer-to-peer car sharing program are required to carry four times the state minimums for car insurance. However, this is not a requirement for traditional rental car companies, resulting in a divide in the State's insurance coverage requirements even though peer-to-peer car sharing and traditional rental cars carry comparable risk profiles. Your Committee further finds that while there is value in ensuring that there is parity in coverage requirements between peer-to-peer car sharing programs and traditional rental car companies, there is a concern that drastically increasing the minimum coverage requirements for insurance policies for traditional rental cars will increase premiums for these rental car companies. Your Committee believes that additional discussion on this measure may lead to an alternative path toward parity that does not significantly harm the traditional rental car industry.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1991, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 463-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2650

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds, to be matched by public utilities companies, to the Department of Transportation for the coordinated removal of *Albizia* and other invasive trees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaiian Electric; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that *Albizia* and other invasive trees present a threat to life, property, public roads, and utility infrastructure in the State. *Albizia* presents a particular danger, as it is a fast-growing tree with large, brittle branches that are more likely to fall or break in windy, rainy, or stormy weather conditions than trees of a comparable size, leading to road closures, cut utility lines, and property damage. This measure is intended to promote public safety by appropriating funds, including matching funds, for the coordinated removal of *Albizia* and other invasive trees that threaten the State's public roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2650, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 464-24 Transportation on H.B. No. 2748

The purpose of this measure is to establish statewide vehicular law enforcement pursuit policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Policing Project at the New York University School of Law. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and Hawai'i Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that vehicular pursuits by law enforcement officers are inherently dangerous. Your Committee further finds that setting a clear policy of when law enforcement officers should engage in a vehicular pursuit and the steps that should be taken to ensure law enforcement officers only engage in pursuit when necessary may reduce some of the danger a vehicular pursuit poses to the public and law enforcement officers. Your Committee believes that there is value in establishing a statewide policy for vehicular law enforcement pursuits but recognizes that it may not be the State's role to establish a statewide law covering what is essentially each county's responsibility.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2748, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2748, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Miyake, Onishi, Matsumoto). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 465-24 Health & Homelessness/Human Services on H.B. No. 1834

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office's base budget.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Human Services; Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Partners In Care; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Dynamic Healing Center; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Kealahou West Oahu; Community Alliance Partners; LGF Consulting Hawai'i; Aloha United Way; Hope Services Hawai'i; and four individuals.

Your Committees find that homelessness has and continues to remain a persistent problem in the State. Your Committees further find that operating costs for homeless service providers have increased dramatically since 2016. However, despite these rising costs, there has been no increase in the Department of Human Services' homeless services contracts, leaving many service providers unable to cover the true costs of their services. This measure is intended to increase the base budget for the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office's homeless services contracts to ensure homeless service providers are able to continue to provide services to the State's homeless population.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note that the executive budget includes a request for \$1,320,000, which represents a five percent increase in funding for homeless services contracts. Your Committees further note the testimony of the Department of Human Services received by your Committees stating that an increase of twenty percent, or \$5,285,123, would better reflect increases in operating costs for providers over the past nine years. Your Committees agree with the Department of Human Services that because of the ongoing need to address homelessness in the State, any increase in funding for homeless services contracts should be recurring, rather than a single year appropriation. Therefore, your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider including a twenty percent increase in funding for homeless services contracts as part of the executive budget.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1834, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 466-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2276

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Smoking Sensor Rebate Program under the Department of Health to offer a rebate for installation of smoking sensors that can detect a smoking incident within smoking-prohibited areas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the most comprehensive smoking laws in the nation. Your Committee further finds that there is value in providing support for commercial and residential buildings to encourage adoption of no-smoking policies in a manner that is not overly burdensome. Your Committee believes that establishing a rebate program to assist individuals, particular condominiums, in pursuing and enforcing no-smoking policies would be an appropriate use of Tobacco Prevention and Control Trust Fund monies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2276, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2276, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Marten, Garcia). Noes, 1 (Kobayashi). Excused, none.

SCRep. 467-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2556

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the sources of funding for the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program trust fund;
- (2) Amend the authorized uses of monies in the trust fund, including providing incentive payments to Hawaii public school ABLE savings account owners;
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Budget and Finance to fund the incentive payments; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health to establish one position within the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to support the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Executive Office on Aging; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Work Now Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program is a program that allows individuals with disabilities to have the same types of flexible savings accounts as individuals without disabilities. Through these accounts, individuals with disabilities can accrue funds to pay for a variety of expenses, such as medical and dental care, education, community-based supports, employment training, assistive technology, housing, and transportation. Your Committee further finds that approximately twenty-three thousand individuals with developmental disabilities are eligible to open an ABLE Savings Program account and an additional twenty thousand individuals with other disabilities who are eligible for an ABLE Savings Program account. This measure is intended to provide funding and resources to grow the use of ABLE accounts in the State, which will allow more of the State's disabled residents to have access to resources of their own.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2556, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2556, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 468-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients; and
- (2) Clarify that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients, subject to certain restrictions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation; Aloha Green Apothecary; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; Noa Botanicals, LLC; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting and Oahu Cannabis Farms Alliance.

Your Committee finds that existing state law recognizes the beneficial use of cannabis in treating certain debilitating medical conditions, their symptoms, and certain side effects of treatment for these conditions. Your Committee further finds that medical cannabis patients should have multiple options for obtaining medical cannabis, including having a primary caregiver grow an adequate supply of cannabis for medical use on their behalf. This measure would permanently allow primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 469-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1952

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that medical cannabis dispensaries may purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from other dispensaries without any showing that the purchase is:
 - (A) Necessary for a qualifying patient's continuous access; or
 - (B) For medical, scientific, or other legitimate purposes; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules no later than nine months after a medical cannabis product is statutorily permitted to be manufactured and distributed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Cure Oahu; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; and Rainbow Family 808. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting.

Your Committee finds that, despite recent legislative attempts to allow wholesale of medical cannabis between medical cannabis dispensaries, wholesale currently occurs on an emergency basis with an under thirty days request and approval process, or on a proof of need basis requiring over thirty days request and approval process. Your Committee further finds that the existing rules also provide the Department of Health with full discretion to reject requests with no specific timeline to respond. This measure will expedite wholesale transactions of medical cannabis between existing medical cannabis dispensaries and place a time limit on rulemaking to allow distribution of products in a timely manner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1952, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 470-24 Tourism/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2081

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the transient accommodations tax rate to 10.25 percent beginning on January 1, 2025;
- (2) Require a minimum \$50 transient accommodation tax to be levied for each transient accommodation or resort time share vacation unit, to be deposited into the general fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the protection, management, and restoration of the State's natural resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Land and Natural Resources; The Nature Conservancy; Care for 'Āina Now Coalition; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; and three individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kohala Coast Resort Association; American Resort Development Association – Hawaii; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the influx of visitors to the State in recent years has taken a toll on the State's natural resources. While visitors play a substantial role in the State's economy, your Committees believe that the onus of funding the protection and preservation of Hawaii's natural resources should be on those who heavily use these resources. These resources are invaluable to the livelihoods of the State's residents and an integral driver of the State's economy, and the State must ensure that protection and preservation efforts are properly funded.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have established a minimum transient accommodation tax of \$50 and specified that no portion of the \$50 collected is in excess of revenues realized from the levy, assessment, and collection of the transient accommodations tax for purposes of being deposited into the Mass Transit Special Fund;
- (2) Changing the amount of transient accommodations tax revenue to be deposited into the Mass Transit Special Fund to an unspecified percentage;
- (3) Establishing an additional \$50 transient accommodation tax per night on each furnishing of a transient accommodation;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Tourism and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2081, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Tourism: Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (La Chica, Pierick).

Water & Land: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Hashem, Takayama).

SCRep. 471-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1778

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2026, amend existing law regarding preemption of local ordinances and regulations regulating the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices as a matter of statewide concern to clarify that the State's preemption power extends solely to the taxation of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices and allows counties to adopt ordinances and regulations that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices that do not conflict with and are more stringent than the state law that governs smoking; and
- (2) Prohibit the counties from enacting an ordinance or regulation that imposes a fee or tax on the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; two members of the Hawaii County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; American Lung Association; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i's Youth Council; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i State Association of Counties; Kaiser Permanente; The Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park; American Heart Association; Hawaii Dental Association; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Cigar Association of America, Inc.; Team Hustle Vape Spot; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Taxpayers Protection Alliance; and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Your Committee finds that given the geographic disparities in tobacco usage across the State, the counties are uniquely positioned to develop innovative, community-based solutions to quickly address the health needs of their communities. Your Committee further finds that although the counties are best situated to develop solutions to address smoking or the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices in their communities, the taxation of these products should remain a matter of statewide concern. This measure is intended to clarify the authority of the counties to enact local regulations for the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the counties possess the authority to regulate smoking as well as the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1778, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 472-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1886

The purpose of this measure is to authorize monies in the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program Special Fund to be administered and expended by the State Fire Council to defray the cost of statewide fire prevention, education, life safety, and preparedness programs, especially as those programs relate to youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities, including the hiring of administrative personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Fire Council; and Honolulu Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that the State Fire Council has been historically underfunded. This measure would allow surplus monies in the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program Special Fund to be used to support vital activities of the State Fire Council.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its preamble;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that your Committee on Labor & Government Operations received testimony from the Department of the Attorney General for H.B. No. 143, Regular Session of 2023, a substantially similar measure, recommending that the functions of the State Fire Council be amended to conform with the proposed uses under the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program Special Fund. Your Committee recommends that the State Fire Council submit testimony regarding these comments to your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1886, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

SCRep. 473-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1933

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund to provide funding to county law enforcement agencies for staffing for sobriety checks and any processing of individuals arrested at sobriety checkpoints;
- (2) Increase the annual motor vehicle registration fee and require that amount to be deposited into the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds into and out of the Sobriety Checkpoint Special Fund as grants-in-aid for the counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Intoxalock; and Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that sobriety checkpoints are a valuable tool in addressing alcohol-related traffic deaths and accidents. According to the United States Department of Justice, alcohol-related crashes are nine times more likely to result in death than non-alcohol related crashes. Your Committee further finds that law enforcement agencies often incur overtime, personnel, and other increased operational expenses to conduct sobriety checkpoints. This measure provides a mechanism to support and expand the use of sobriety checkpoints in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1933, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 474-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1934

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group to study, investigate, and recommend transformative changes to the State's existing laws relating to the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii; and AAA Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Maui Brewing Co.; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Transportation is currently updating Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, which includes an impaired driving emphasis area. Your Committee believes that convening the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group under the leadership of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan would better achieve the purposes of this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Director of Transportation to convene the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group, under the leadership of Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, to discuss, study, examine, and recommend transformative changes to the State's existing laws relating to the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving;
- (2) Requiring the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group to include a representative of law enforcement;

- (3) Deleting the requirement that the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group submit a report to the Legislature and instead requiring the Department of Transportation to submit to the Legislature:
 - (A) The updated Strategic Highway Safety Plan with an outline of policy recommendations to combat intoxicated driving no later than December 31, 2024; and
 - (B) The Strategic Highway Safety Plan action plan with an outline of policy recommendations to combat intoxicated driving no later than December 31, 2025;
- (4) Extending the duration of the Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group by one year due to the release of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan action plan; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1934, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1934, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 475-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2328

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to acquire and renovate parcels and buildings located between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane in Honolulu, Oahu, for affordable housing purposes;
- (2) Require units to be affordable to households having an income that does not exceed a certain percentage of the Area Median Income; and
- (3) Require contracts awarded under this measure to be subject to the competitive sealed proposal method under the State's Public Procurement Code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is committed to promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity, and a suitable living environment for low-income families and individuals, free from discrimination. Your Committee further finds that there continues to be a shortage of affordable housing units in Hawaii, particularly in urban Honolulu, where local residents are consistently priced out of homeownership. This measure would enable the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to acquire existing structures in downtown Honolulu to provide rental housing units that remain affordable in perpetuity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 476-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2467

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset provision of Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to continue to approve rental reductions or waivers for leases that require substantial demolition costs or infrastructure improvement costs for the lessee to utilize the premises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure would permanently authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve a rent reduction or waiver for up to twenty years, not to exceed the amount of the lessee's total expenditures for demolition of improvements or provision of infrastructure. This would allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to continue to negotiate long-term leases pursuant to commercially reasonable standards, while incentivizing the development of public lands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 477-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2473

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to operate and approve conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Earthjustice.

Your Committee finds that conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs are used across the United States to achieve ecologically valuable conservation goals. The authority granted to the Department of Land and Natural Resources in this measure will enhance the recovery and survival of Hawaii's indigenous species.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which:
 - (A) Defines and amends certain terminology used;
 - (B) Deletes language that would have allowed the use of conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs as compensatory mitigation for prospective damage;

- (C) Clarifies that past damage mitigation requirements may only be applied to indigenous species or their habitats;
- (D) Amends the conditions for establishing and operating conservation banks and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs;
- (E) Requires sponsors to be responsible for performing all necessary work in accordance with the conservation bank instrument or conservation in-lieu fee mitigation instrument, and to assume responsibility for all mitigation obligations from the entity who purchased or transferred credits to the sponsor;
- (F) Requires conservation bank instruments and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation instruments to include certain components; and
- (G) Requires the Endangered Species Recovery Committee to annually review and make recommendations for approved conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 478-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2478

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is an interstate compact agency that helps resource agencies and the fishing industry sustainably manage valuable Pacific Ocean resources. Although the Commission has no regulatory or management authority, it serves a number of vital functions such as providing a forum for the discussion of interstate fisheries resources management; coordinating research and management projects related to interstate fisheries and making this data available to the public; and dispersing federal fishery disaster funds. Your Committee believes that Hawaii could benefit greatly from joining Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington as a member state to the compact.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 479-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2673

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of private roadways that are open to the public; and
- (2) Require the counties to use fuel tax revenues for the reconstruction, repair, maintenance, and improvement of private roadways that are open to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many privately-owned roads are utilized for public purposes, such as first responders responding to an emergency or school buses dropping off or picking up students. As such, your Committee believes that the maintenance and upkeep of privately-owned roads serve a public purpose and require assistance from the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the public purpose of this measure;
- (2) Permitting the counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of public roadways; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 480-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2098

The purpose of this measure is to authorize independent generators of renewable energy to wheel the renewable energy they produce to users of renewable energy under policies and procedures established by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Tawhiri Power LLC; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Electric and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Ulupono Initiative; and Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that independent renewable energy generators are not authorized under existing state law to engage in retail wheeling, limiting a potential source of renewable energy in the State. This measure addresses this need by authorizing independent generators of renewable energy to engage in retail wheeling pursuant to policies and procedures established by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Moving the reporting requirement for the Public Utilities Commission to session law;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the term "independent renewable energy generator" needs to be defined.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2098, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2098, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 481-24 Labor & Government Operations/Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2395

The purpose of this measure is to exempt a Hawaii National Guard service member ordered to active duty in service of the State from enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System throughout the person's active duty.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Army National Guard; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committees find that Hawaii National Guard personnel who are ordered to active duty in the service of the State face unique challenges with their retirement system due to the temporary nature of their orders. After ninety days of active-duty service to the State, new service members become eligible for new enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and are required to make mandatory contributions. While Employees' Retirement System contributions can be reimbursed to the service member once their duty is completed, this creates a financial hardship for the service member. This measure exempts Hawaii National Guard service members ordered to active duty in service of the State from mandatory enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and removes the financial burden of mandatory contributions.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that Hawaii National Guard service members ordered into active duty to provide services to the State shall be ineligible for membership in the Employees' Retirement System based on the active duty;
- (2) Deleting provisions related to benefits for members who take a leave of absence to be on active duty in service to the State and requirements to make employee contributions;
- (3) Clarifying that a Hawaii National Guard service member who is an existing employee of the State or counties shall not be precluded from membership in the Employees' Retirement System;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Corrections, Military, & Veterans that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2395, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Martinez).

Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

SCRep. 482-24 Labor & Government Operations/Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2396

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the payment of allowances for TRICARE Reserve Select coverages to junior officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard ordered to active duty for more than thirty days in service to the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Army National Guard; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that when Hawaii National Guard service members are ordered to active duty for more than thirty days, they may not have medical insurance to cover them or their families for routine medical care, as the service member is only covered for injuries or illnesses determined to have occurred or caused by their performance of duty. This measure would authorize the payment of allowances for TRICARE Reserve Select coverages to Hawaii National Guard junior officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel ordered to active duty for more than thirty days in service to the State, alleviating potential financial hardships for service members and their families.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Corrections, Military, & Veterans that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2396, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Martinez).

Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

SCRep. 483-24 Labor & Government Operations/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1967

The purpose of this measure is to change the administration of the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations - Office of Community Services; Imua Alliance; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; and one individual.

Your Committees find that the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund was established in 2014 to impose a human trafficking victim services fee upon individuals convicted of certain trafficking offenses and to provide support and services to human trafficking victims. When the fund was created, it was placed in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. However, because the Department of the Attorney General provides services and assistance to victims of human trafficking and victims of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, it is appropriate to move the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1967, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1967, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Tam).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 484-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1653

The purpose of this measure is to provide automatic step increases in teacher and educational officer salaries who have satisfactorily completed a certain amount of service and complied with certain requirements, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Youth Commission; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining and Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that average salaries for teachers in Hawaii are the lowest in the nation when adjusted for the cost living. To address matters of teacher recruitment and retention, it is critical that teacher and educational officer salaries remain competitive to attract qualified individuals who are responsible for the education of Hawai'i's children. However, your Committee notes the concerns related to equal work for equal pay and the possible necessity of making mandatory step increases across all bargaining units to ensure employees with the same positions between bargaining units are receiving the same benefits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 485-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2620

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are less than \$100,000 from the electronic procurement system requirement; and
- (2) Require at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are between \$15,000 to less than \$100,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Public Health Institute. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that the State has committed to increasing the use of locally grown agricultural products in public schools by requiring the Department of Education to serve meals consisting of at least thirty percent of locally sourced products. Providing the Department of Education with the flexibility to purchase local edible produce and packaged food products will assist the Department in achieving its goal, support local farmers and ranchers, and provide more fresh and nutritious foods to Hawai'i's students.

Your Committee notes a possible agreement between the Department of Education and State Procurement Office on an exemption amount lower than \$100,000 related to the procurement of local edible produce and packaged food products for Hawai'i's schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 486-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1530

The purpose of this measure is to require that an employer of firefighters maintain its fire staffing service at a level of no less than four on-duty firefighters in each company, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or executive policy in effect on and after July 1, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Fire Department.

Your Committee finds that fire protection services play a critical role in protecting communities and ensuring public safety. However, when fire protection services are understaffed, firefighters are forced to accept an increased level of risk to their own health and safety. This measure ensures that fire departments are adequately staffed and provided with the minimum resources necessary to reduce property damage and loss of life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an effective date of July 1, 2026, to allow for the upcoming collective bargaining negotiations to occur, as this measure raises collective bargaining issues related to personnel.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1530, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1530, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 487-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2069

The purpose of this measure is to permit the Department of Accounting and General Services to employ persons exempt from civil service and collective bargaining.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that it is critical for the State to recruit and retain state employees in a competitive labor market. Providing the Department of Accounting and General Services with the flexibility to fill vacancies in certain specialized positions in a timely manner allows the Department to be more responsive to the growing needs of government and providing many critical state functions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the exemption from civil service and collective bargaining to persons hired within the Comptroller's Office that support communications, change management, and business process improvement programs as part of the State's information technology modernization efforts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2069, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 488-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2235

The purpose of this measure is to reclassify or repeal certain non-general funds of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-06.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Office of the Auditor's Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Report No. 23-06, found that certain non-general funds of the Department should be reclassified or repealed. This measure adopts the recommendations of the Office of Auditor related to those non-general funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting the Boiler and Elevator Special Fund from central services expenses;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2235, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 489-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1654

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Qualified Internship Grant Program to provide grants to businesses and organizations that provide qualified interns with work-based learning experiences through a qualified internship program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawaii Food Industry Association; HawaiiKidsCAN; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaiian Telcom; Hawaii Business Roundtable; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that to ensure a robust future workforce, it is critical that the State finds opportunities for students to participate in work-based learning experiences prior to graduation. To encourage employers of all sizes to partner with schools to provide such experiences, offering incentives for employers will ensure greater employer participation in work-based learning opportunities for students. This measure presents an opportunity to expand internship opportunities for students across the State, providing them with valuable hands-on experience and addressing workforce shortages in certain industries.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing references to the term "internship applicant" to "internship grant applicant" for clarity; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Sayama, Tam).

SCRep. 490-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2356

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the per-grant cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program; and
- (2) Add the purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense, and clarify that training on new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense, for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.; Oceanit; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation aims to encourage and assist new applicants to compete for available federal Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program funds. Businesses applying for these federal grants may be awarded up to \$3,000 for grant writing assistance to increase their chance of success in being awarded the grants. However, because of increased costs, the \$3,000 maximum amount is no longer sufficient. Your Committee believes that increasing the maximum amount of funds that a business may be awarded for grant writing assistance will encourage new applicants to pursue federal grant funds.

Your Committee also finds that clarifying that training on new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program will promote local manufacturing and workforce development. Additionally, adding the purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program will help manufacturers offset high energy costs in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to appropriate unspecified amounts of funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation:
 - (A) For the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program;
 - (B) For the Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program; and
 - (C) To support the Accelerator Grant Program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2356, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2356, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hussey-Burdick).

SCRep. 491-24 Economic Development on H.B. No. 2548

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program to provide loans and technical assistance grants for the development of accessory dwelling units; and
- (2) Establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Revolving Fund and appropriate funds into and out of the Revolving Fund to implement the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; and Hawai'i YIMBY. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that accessory dwelling units are an option for people to maximize their residential lots and adapt to changing living conditions and responsibilities and growing families. This measure promotes the development of accessory dwelling units, including the upgrade, conversion, and connection of cesspools, and will increase the inventory of rental units in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider establishing in this measure regulations or guardrails for how community development financial institutions would use the funds they receive through the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2548, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2548, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Hussey-Burdick).

SCRep. 492-24 Water & Land/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1844

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for temporary adjunct faculty positions at the University of Hawaii Maui College to train persons in construction trades.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and one individual.

Your Committees find that the 2023 University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization's third quarter forecast report, "Maui rebuilding is still Hawaii's biggest economic challenge", states that "rebuilding efforts on Maui will require about 2,000 additional construction workers". The positions provided in this measure will assist in the various types of training needed for construction trades at Maui College, including apprentice training, short-term continuing education, and an associate degree program.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for four full-time equivalent (4.0 FTE) temporary adjunct faculty positions.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1844, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1844, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Takayama, Souza).

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 493-24 Water & Land/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2248

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a North Shore beach management plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo'o (Sharks Cove) area.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; Climate Resilience Collaborative; Shoreline Preservation Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Oahu Chapter; and six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that North Shore beaches face an increasing risk of erosion and deterioration from a combination of high-energy waves, winter surf, summer swells, sea-level rise from climate change, coastal erosion, shifting sand, deteriorating coral reefs, and intensive use by individuals accessing the shoreline. This measure follows up on the recommendations of the North Shore Coastal Resilience Working Group to develop a beach and dune management plan for North Shore beach parks and accessways.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that this issue is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Specifying that the beach management plan include a climate adaptation plan;
- (3) Specifying that the beach management plan shall be submitted to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2025;
- (4) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2248, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 494-24 Water & Land/Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2805

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study regarding the 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Malama Kula; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; American Lung Association Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health C.A.R.E.S. Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that the effect of the wildfires on the health and welfare of Maui residents and the needs of the community should be examined carefully so that informed decisions can be made toward the implementation of policies necessary to the recovery process.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the scope of the multiethnic cohort study is the health effects of the 2023 Maui wildfires;
- (2) Specifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern;
- (3) Requiring the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to maintain a registry of those affected by the wildfires to assess their long-term health and well-being;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,500,000 for the multi-ethnic cohort study and \$834,681 for the registry.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2805, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 495-24 Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2695

The purpose of this measure is to require each county to:

- (1) Prioritize the sustainable recharge of aquifers;
- (2) Ensure the health of watersheds; and
- (3) Prioritize the development of affordable housing over other types of development when allocating water for new development.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

Your Committees find that this measure helps to ensure that the finite and precious resource of fresh water is used sustainably so that it remains available for future generations to enjoy.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2695, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2695, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 496-24 Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2696

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Lahaina Recovery Oversight Commission within the Department of Accounting and General Services to oversee, report on, and guide the efforts taken to rebuild Lahaina, Maui, from the damage caused by the August 8, 2023, wildfire.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Maui County Council; Lāhainā Strong; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that establishing the Lahaina Recovery Oversight Commission to oversee the recovery process, understand the entirety of the recovery, accept input from the public, and provide a public-facing entity for recovery efforts will help to ensure that the recovery efforts consider the needs of all individuals involved.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator as a nonvoting member of the Lahaina Recovery Oversight Commission;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2696, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2696, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 497-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to, for purposes of regulating commercial activity under the laws regulating ocean recreation:

- (1) Include advertisements and offers within the definition of "commercial activity"; and
- (2) Provide that advertisements and offers of unpermitted commercial ocean use activities or commercial ocean recreational equipment are prima facie evidence that:
 - (A) The owner disseminated or directed dissemination of the advertisements or offers; and
 - (B) The commercial activity is operated at the location advertised or offered.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; G-10 Corp; HST Windsurf, Kitesurf & WingFoil Lessons; Lahaina Divers Inc.; Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii, Inc.; Banyan Tree Divers Maui; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Sea Paradise Scuba Inc.; Teralani Sailing Adventures; Hula Girl Sailing Charters; Splashers Ocean Adventures; Gemini Charters; Sail Maui; Hawaii Ocean Rafting; Malolo Charters; Komohana Charters; Hawaiian Rafting Adventures Inc.; Kaua'i Chamber; Liquid Hawaii; Atlantis Submarines; Big Island Divers; Li'i Makau, Inc.; Captain Steve's Rafting; Adventure Time LLC; Blue Water Rafting; Pacific Marlin Club; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher; Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC; and Hawaii Surfing Academy.

Your Committee finds that there has been a rapid expansion of commercial ocean recreational activity within a relatively short period of time, leading to overuse of boating facilities, strain on natural resources, and user conflicts between recreational and commercial ocean users. Many illegal commercial ocean operators claim that their customers are friends or family who are not paying for services, which hinders the Department of Land and Natural Resources' efforts to enforce illegal commercial ocean activity. This measure will provide the Department with greater authority to investigate and enforce illegal commercial ocean activity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2475, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 498-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1925

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force within the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Holomua Collaborative; aio; HPM Building Supply; Mana Up; and Title Guaranty Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that in 2018, the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development undertook a Phase I review of the Hawaii State Planning Act and found outdated goals and objectives. Your Committee further finds that since then, important objectives supporting climate change adaptation and sustainability have been added to the Hawaii State Planning Act. This measure will provide a comprehensive update to benefit future planning for a rapidly changing world.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the sunset date of the task force to June 30, 2027;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1925, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 499-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2471

The purpose of this measure is to establish a framework for inspections of public land leases, licenses, and revocable permits by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is authorized to periodically inspect the premises under a lease, license, or revocable permit. However, your Committee notes that many of the Department's land agents are not qualified to identify components of existing structures that may need to be repaired or replaced. For existing structures that the Department's land agents are able to identify that are in need of repair or replacement, existing lease terms and conditions do not provide the Department with sufficient leverage to compel the lessee to make the necessary repair or replacement. This measure will provide such leverage to the Department, thereby ensuring that certain premises under a lease, license, or revocable permit are maintained in an appropriate manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2471, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 500-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 1919

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily repeal provisions related to the leasing of fast lands and submerged lands of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor; and
- (2) Establish a State Boating Facility Lease Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to lease one state small boat harbor for private development, management, maintenance, and operation in a county with a population of less than nine hundred thousand.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Lahaina Divers Inc.; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Kama'aina Boaters; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Albatross News; UNITE HERE Local 5; Pacific Marlin Club; North Shore Sportfishing; Surfrider Foundation, Oahu Chapter; Free Access Coalition; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii, Inc.; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State's boat harbors are an important component of the State's overall infrastructure. This measure would provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the flexibility and capability to adapt business operations in a timely manner based on rapidly changing market conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1919, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1919, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Morikawa, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 501-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1688

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to conduct a statewide needs assessment, with stakeholder input, to determine what would be needed to transition to a waste management system with less waste generation, more reuse, and improved collection and processing of materials through an extended producer responsibility program for packaging materials and paper products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Environmental Management Commission of the County of Hawai'i; Department of Public Works of the County of Kaua'i; Product Stewardship Institute; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Task Force; American Cleaning Institute; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Volcano Precious Plastic; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Flexible Packaging Association; Recycle Hawaii; HULI PAC; Aloha Lokahi Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Foodservice Packaging Institute; Consumer Technology Association; Consumer Brands Association; and AMERIPEN.

Your Committee finds that solid waste may soon exceed the State's landfill capacity in all of the counties. This measure would establish and appropriate funds for a statewide needs assessment to determine and propose recommendations for the transition to a more circular waste management system with less waste generation, more reuse, and increased producer responsibility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the producer responsibility organizations being consulted for the needs assessment will be global and national organizations actively working on reusable packaging systems;
- (2) Inserting additional stakeholders to be consulted for the needs assessment;
- (3) Adding language to require the Department of health to convene an advisory council to review the draft needs assessment and propose recommendations throughout the assessment process;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the operative definition of "producer" in this measure should be amended but is not recommending any such amendment at this time due to a lack of consensus among stakeholders of a more suitable definition. Your Committee further finds that if this measure is adopted, an appropriate definition can be determined through the needs assessment process.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000, as requested by the Department of Health, to conduct the statewide needs assessment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1688, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1688, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 502-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2406

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Climate Health and Environmental Action Special Fund in the Department of Land and Natural Resources to minimize the impacts of, and respond to, climate crises;
- (2) Levy an additional \$25 tax on transient accommodations; and
- (3) Narrow the Transient Accommodations Tax exemption for accommodations furnished at no charge or on a complimentary or gratuitous basis to accommodations for the purpose of providing emergency housing to persons displaced as a result of a state of emergency or state disaster.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hyperspective; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Care for 'Āina Now Coalition; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Wild Kids; Care About Climate; Imua Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kahana Foundation; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Trust for Public Land; Farmers Voice Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy; Re-use Hawai'i; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Delphi Cinema LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Starn, O'Toole, Marcus & Fisher; Hawai'i Hotel Alliance; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and American Hotel and Lodging Association.

Your Committee finds that the State does not have the necessary resources to implement climate crisis prevention measures and effectively respond to these crises when they occur. Your Committee further finds that the State's natural resources and environment are heavily used by persons visiting the State. This measure establishes the Climate Health and Environmental Action Special Fund, levies an additional \$25 tax on transient accommodations, and allocates

revenues from the Transient Accommodations Tax to the Fund. Your Committee notes that this measure should be considered together with other measures moving through the legislative process that similarly impose green fees via an increase in the transient accommodations tax.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amount of funds allocated from the Transient Accommodations Tax to the Mass Transit Special Fund to an unspecified percentage;
- (2) Changing the amount of funds allocated from the Transient Accommodations Tax to the Climate Health and Environmental Action Special Fund to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000 into and out of the Climate Health and Environmental Action Special Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2406, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2406, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 503-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2665

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for the implementation of green infrastructure, vegetation, and trees in state facility systems, infrastructure, transit projects, and other areas;
- (2) Require the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, in partnership with the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force, to make recommendations for implementing these objectives, policies, and priority guidelines; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Trees for Honolulu's Future; Outdoor Circle; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State must increase the implementation of green infrastructure and green spaces to help reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality, replenish the water table, and promote the physical and mental health of the state's residents. This measure addresses this need by establishing objectives, policies, and priority guidelines for the implementation of green infrastructure, vegetation, and trees in state facility systems, infrastructure, transit projects, and other areas.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2665, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2665, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 504-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 2414

The purpose of this measure is to require persons who construct a covered project sited in the State to provide a signed attestation or declaration regarding compliance with project labor standards to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii State Energy Office; Pacific Resource Partnership; Blue Planet Foundation; Moss & Associates; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committees find that this measure will stimulate the economy and help the State move toward the goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045. By requiring new large-scale renewable energy projects to pay a prevailing wage, it will help workers earn a living wage and ensure that certain requirements for federal funding or credits are met. Your Committees further find that this measure will provide jobs and opportunities in the State for renewable energy and construction industries.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2414, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2414, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Tam, Alcos).

SCRep. 505-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1829

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five percent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready;
- (2) Require the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities that include parking to be retrofitted to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- (3) Establish a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to assess the costs of, and install, retrofits and electric vehicle charging systems at high-priority state facilities.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Hawaii State Energy Office; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Blue Planet Foundation; Ulupono Initiative; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaiian Electric; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and four individuals.

Your Committees find that the adoption of electric vehicles in Hawaii has grown in recent years and is expected to continue to grow at increasing rates. However, there is a continuous need for a network of charging infrastructure to support the increased adoption of electric vehicles. This measure expands workplace charging availability in state facilities to support the State's goal of transitioning to clean transportation.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$200,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1829, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1829, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Tam, Alcos).

SCRep. 506-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2341

The purpose of this measure is to stabilize funding for the Tobacco Enforcement Unit within the Department of the Attorney General by increasing:

- (1) The ceiling for the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from \$500,000 to \$750,000;
- (2) The cigarette tax stamp fee and the percentage of the cigarette tax stamp fee deposited to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund; and
- (3) The amount to be deposited to the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from tobacco settlement monies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of the Attorney General; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that although the Tobacco Enforcement Unit within the Department of the Attorney General receives funding from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, the majority of the unit's funding comes from cigarette tax stamp collections. However, since 2016, cigarette tax stamp revenues have drastically decreased, going from over \$116,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 to less than \$77,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023. The cigarette stamp revenue that has been deposited into the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund over this time period has similarly dropped, going from \$1,740,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 to less than \$1,140,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023. This measure increases allocations to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund to ensure the Tobacco Enforcement Unit maintains adequate funding to carry out the administration, monitoring, and enforcement of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement and related state laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2341, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2341, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 507-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1852

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds as a grant-in-aid to the City and County of Honolulu to expand the services of the Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement Program to areas outside of urban Honolulu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that since it was created in December of 2021, the City and County of Honolulu's Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement (C.O.R.E.) Program has engaged seven hundred ninety-seven individuals, facilitated housing for fifty-two individuals, and addressed the needs of approximately three thousand clients. Your Committee further finds that the C.O.R.E. Program needs additional funding if it is to expand its services beyond its current level of service and assist individuals in crisis outside of urban Honolulu. Your Committee notes that a grant-in-aid is a specific term of art under existing law and may not be the appropriate funding mechanism for the appropriation contemplated by this measure.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the manner in which funds are appropriated from a grant-in-aid to an appropriation from general revenues for an unspecified amount;
- (2) Clarifying that the expansion of Community Outreach Response and Engagement Program services is a continuation of the City and County of Honolulu's existing Community Paramedicine Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation of \$3,500,000. Your Committee further respectfully requests your Committee on Finance to consider whether an appropriation can be made directly to the Emergency Services Department of the City and County of Honolulu, either through the executive budget or through this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1852, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1852, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 508-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2182

The purpose of this measure is to establish a three-year Kau Community Health Worker Pilot Program in Kau, Hawaii County, to provide outreach, education, training, and navigation to community members and address social determinants of health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Papa Ola Lokahi; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that community health workers can provide critical health care support services to patients in rural, remote, and underserved communities. In addition to connecting patients to their care providers via telehealth, community health workers also provide outreach such as assisting individuals in applying for medical insurance, providing health education resources, and assisting individuals in navigating health care and social service systems. Your Committee believes that a pilot program examining the types of services provided by community health workers will provide valuable insight into the development and deployment of a community health care worker workforce in the State.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening the scope of the pilot program to include all rural communities in the State, rather than solely Kau, Hawaii County;
- (2) Requiring the nonprofit organization contracted by the Department of Health to oversee the pilot program to have the capacity to provide culturally competent training and services;
- (3) Inserting a definition of "rural";
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee believes that the Department of Health, based on its extensive work with community health workers through numerous federal grants awarded to the Department, is best suited for estimating the cost of administering a pilot program of this nature. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests the Department of Health to provide your Committee on Finance with the cost of administering two Rural Community Health Worker Pilot Programs, one on the Island of Kauai and one on the Island of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2182, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kobayashi, Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 509-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1793

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring each licensed hospital to have a trained security guard or an off-duty law enforcement officer working as a security guard positioned at each entrance to the hospital at all times.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that ensuring the safety of staff and patients at hospitals is important. Your Committee recognizes that requiring a one-size-fits-all approach to establishing workplace safety measures for health care facilities may lack the flexibility needed to address the varied needs of different health care units within a hospital.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring placement of trained security guards or off-duty law enforcement officers at certain locations at a hospital;
- (2) Inserting language requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules requiring each licensed hospital to develop and maintain a security management plan that is to be shared with the Department; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1793, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1793, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 510-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1675

The purpose of this measure is to exempt medical services provided by a licensed physician or an advanced practice registered nurse acting in the capacity of primary care providers from the general excise tax.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Medical Association; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Hawai'i Section; Philippine Medical Association of Hawai'i; Maui Orthopedic Institute; Hawaii Provider Shortage Crisis Task Force; Hawaii Institute for Pain; Orchid Isle Wellness Center, LLC; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Dr. Smith Family Medicine; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; and Save Medicaid Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is facing a severe physician shortage. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii is one of only two states to impose a general excise tax on the sale of medical services provided by individual private practice or group private practice physicians. The general excise tax does not currently apply to hospitals or to physicians and other health care professionals employed by hospitals, health maintenance organizations, and other larger health care systems, while the same services rendered by individual or group practices or clinics are fully taxable. This inconsistency in the economic impact to health care providers has led to the closure of medical practices and increased challenges in recruiting and retaining new or younger physicians to practice in Hawaii. This measure is intended to mitigate some of these challenges by eliminating the disparity in compensation and ease the financial burden for primary care providers engaged in private practice.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Beginning the exemption from the general excise tax on January 1, 2026, rather than January 1, 2025;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concern raised by the Department of Taxation in testimony that because there is no definition for "primary care provider" in this measure, there may be ambiguity about the types of medical specialties and nature of services that would qualify for the exemption. Your Committee therefore respectfully requests the Hawaii Medical Association to provide a definition of "primary care provider" to your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1675, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1675, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 511-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2800

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to convene an Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review beginning July 1, 2025, and every ten years thereafter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee finds that the chapters of the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to mental health and involuntary transport, examination, hospitalization, and treatment have been amended in a piecemeal manner over the past several decades, leading to a lack of clarity and inconsistency. Your Committee further finds that periodically reviewing the State's mental health laws will be helpful in advancing the overall goal of improving mental health in the State, especially for those unable to help themselves. The Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review that is proposed by this measure will ensure that this important portion of state law receives full and deliberate attention from time to time to ensure the law's continued force and effectiveness.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of the Attorney General, rather than the Department of Health, to convene the Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review on July 1, 2024, rather than July 1, 2025;
- (2) Amending the composition of the Advisory Committee;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2800, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2800, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 512-24 Health & Homelessness/Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1591

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a regulatory framework for microenterprise home kitchens;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to adopt rules for microenterprise home kitchens; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find there are significant start-up and administrative costs for starting and sustaining a food establishment, such as a restaurant or food truck. Your Committees further finds that microenterprise home kitchens have significantly lower costs than traditional food establishment enterprises and provide individuals who might otherwise be unable to find traditional employment, such as stay-at-home parents or family caregivers, a way to supplement

their income, build wealth, and contribute to the local economy. This measure is intended to establish a regulatory framework that will allow individuals to safely operate a cooking business from their home kitchens while maintaining applicable food safety requirements.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the operator of a microenterprise home kitchen to notify the Department of Health if a person in the operator's home is showing symptoms of acute gastrointestinal illness or a communicable disease that is transmissible through food;
- (2) Requiring operators of microenterprise home kitchens and any employees of a microenterprise home kitchen to obtain a food safety manager certificate and food handler certification, respectively;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1591, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1591, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kobayashi, Marten). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Tam). Noes, 1 (Onishi). Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 513-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1815

The purpose of this measure is to include agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support businesses engaged in agritourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that environmental, technological, and other global changes have opened doors to new opportunities for agricultural growth and development in the State. With the State's goal of achieving increased food self-sufficiency, it is essential that the Agribusiness Development Corporation continue to support more agricultural businesses, including those engaged in agritourism to support the viability of their business models, thereby enabling them to also continue producing food and other agricultural products.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1815, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1815, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 1 (Perruso). Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 514-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1937

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa and Pahoia Agricultural Parks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's farms need affordable and reliable water for irrigation to sustain themselves. However, access to reliable water remains a challenge for many farmers, as existing law requires a time-consuming and often cost-prohibitive environmental impact statement to be prepared before a farmer can drill for non-potable water on their land. This measure will help subsidize Panaewa and Pahoia Agricultural Park farmers and additionally support the State's general effort to meet its self-sustainability goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$100,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1937, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1937, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 515-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2130

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for the Sustainable Food Systems Working Group to develop an interagency food systems plan;
- (2) Require the working group to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for Sustainability Specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Green Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State's goals of achieving food self-sufficiency require the development of a sustainable food system, which would create a vibrant and resilient local food economy. This measure would establish and support the efforts of a working group to develop an interagency food systems plan to create a local food economy that integrates the objectives of sustainable economic development with environmental protections, food security, and climate change resiliency for the betterment of community health and well-being.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a member who possesses knowledge of agricultural operations to the working group;
- (2) Adding certain qualifications for the Sustainability Specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2130, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2130, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 516-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2137

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program to fund food banks and emergency feeding organizations in the State to purchase, store, and transport fresh locally grown or produced food to food-insecure communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Young Brothers, LLC; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Voice of God Ministries; Lanakila Pacific; Green Party of Hawai'i; Giving Hope Hawaii; Immanuel Christian Church; Paradise Chapel of the Assemblies of God; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's food banks have provided food to those in need throughout the years, including when many Hawaii residents experienced food insecurity due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Food banks were able to meet this increased need during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic due to a major increase in federal funds and philanthropy. However, funding from these sources has declined considerably, and Hawaii's food banks will need additional support in order to continue to meet the needs of Hawaii residents. This measure supports the efforts of Hawaii's food banks as they continue to serve residents, while providing local food producers with a market to support their operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing emergency feeding organizations from receiving funds under the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program;
- (2) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds into and out of the Hawaii Food Assistance Program Special Fund;
- (3) Inserting an unspecified appropriation of general revenues for the Hawaii Farm to Food Bank Program;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$5,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2137, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2137, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 517-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2329

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a one-year pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai using past research and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Economic Development for the County of Kaua'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kauai Invasive Species Committee; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the rose-ringed parakeet is an invasive bird that adversely affects agricultural production on several islands, including Kauai. Their large flocks cause damage to valuable food crops and native ecosystems, and their roosting behavior, loud calls, and accumulated droppings are detrimental to local communities and resort destinations. This measure would support the establishment of a sustained, year-long pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets through effective control methods, providing relief to Kauai farmers, enhancing visitor destinations, and reducing public-health concerns.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$150,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2329, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 518-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2335

The purpose of this measure is to reduce and set fixed interest rates for loans under the Agricultural Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that as the State moves toward becoming more self-sufficient in food production, farmers continue to face significant increased costs. In order to attract a new generation of farmers and assist the existing farming community, access to affordable credit will be critical. This measure encourages new farmers to enter the industry and helps existing farmers maintain their operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2335, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2335, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 519-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2590

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for food bank purchases from local farmers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Agriculture; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Young Brothers, LLC; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Voice of God Ministries; Immanuel Christian Church; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Maui Chamber of Commerce; The Pantry by Feeding Hawaii Together; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that food insecurity is a critical issue in the State, as the cost of food has increased by more than five percent in the last twelve months. While Hawaii's food banks have provided food to those in need in recent disaster situations, more support is needed to expand their food storage capacity. Supporting the Department of Agriculture in purchasing food from local farmers to support food banks in Hawaii will ensure that food bank reserves are filled in future disaster situations and support the economy and local farmers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2590, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2590, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 520-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2617

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Aquaculture Advisory Committee to provide expert and credible guidance to support and strengthen aquaculture throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that as the State moves toward its self-sufficiency and food security goals, Hawaii's aquaculture industry will need to continue to grow. Establishing an Aquaculture Advisory Committee could be very beneficial in supporting the continued expansion of the aquaculture industry and moving Hawaii's economy and food production toward self-sufficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have allowed the terms of committee members to be extended on a case-by-base basis by a majority vote of members;
- (2) Clarifying that committee members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses necessary for the performance of their duties;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2617, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2617, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 521-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2619

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Maui County Farm Bureau; and nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that due to the significant impact of invasive species on Hawaii's agriculture, environment, natural resources, public health, and economy, strengthening biosecurity is a good investment for the State. Since invasive species pose the biggest threat to Hawaii on many fronts, preventive measures can save the State a significant amount of money over the long term. Thus, it is important to ensure that the biosecurity program can continue to operate and expand its efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of either \$2,500,000 as requested by the Department of Agriculture or \$90,000,000 as requested by the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2619, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 522-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2705

The purpose of this measure is to modify requirements and restrictions related to the Department of Agriculture's dispositions of non-agricultural park lands to maximize the benefit to the State of agricultural lands and to help the State achieve its economic and food production goals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that state agricultural lands are a key resource that can be used to meet the State's goals for economic diversification and food self-sufficiency. Therefore, it is essential for the State to gain a better understanding of how to maximize the benefits of these lands for the State, rather than for individual gain, to ensure food self-sufficiency and self-sustainability goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the preamble and proposed modifications to the disposition of non-agricultural park lands;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to:
 - (A) Conduct a study on the requirements and restrictions related to the Department of Agriculture's dispositions of non-agricultural park lands; and
 - (B) Submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2705, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2705, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 523-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2134

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish Grant Specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture to assist farmers and ranchers in applying for, obtaining, and fulfilling the requirements of grants offered by federal, state, county, or private entities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Ulupono Initiative; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; Maui County Farm Bureau; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that many of Hawaii's farmers and ranchers are finding difficulty in securing the financial support necessary to build a thriving, vibrant business. Despite various sources of grant funding from federal, state, county, and private entities, farmers and ranchers applying for grants may have to complete an application process that is sometimes complex. This measure would increase access to these grants, provide new business opportunities, and expand production capacity within the State's agricultural industry.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Agriculture is in support of this measure so long as it does not impact the priorities set forth in the Executive Budget submittal.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$300,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2134, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 524-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2754

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Plant-Based Building Materials Working Group to report on how best to grow plants and develop plant-based building materials in Hawaii and provide economic development and green jobs, while sequestering greenhouse gases to help achieve the State's climate target.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's climate, with a year-round growing season and ample rain in many areas, has several potential advantages for growing plant-based materials that can be processed into structural building materials. Additionally, these plant-based materials could also help the State meet its net-negative carbon and greenhouse gas goals. This measure would establish a working group to explore the development of plant-based building materials in Hawaii, which could provide significant economic and environmental benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the development of plant-based building materials in the State is a matter of statewide concern;
- (2) Expanding the membership of the working group to include the State Sustainability Coordinator and President of the Hawai'i Farm Bureau;
- (3) Extending the sunset date of the working group to June 30, 2026;
- (4) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount to assist the working group in its duties;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2754, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2754, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 525-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1525

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the continued administration of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, commonly known as the DA BUX Double Up Food Bucks Program, and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; AlohaCare; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; The Food Basket; Local Food Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that food insecurity is a challenge many residents are facing due to the rising cost of food in the State. Initiatives such as the DA BUX Double Up Food Bucks Program provides a dollar-for-dollar match to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries who purchase Hawaii-grown fruits and vegetables at participating food retailers. Therefore, it is critical that the State continue to support these food assistance initiatives that promote the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and ensure that low-income households have access to healthy foods.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1525, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1525, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 526-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2771

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued administration of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, commonly known as the DA Bux Double Up Food Banks Program, and to provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Agriculture; Department of Health; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Get Fit Kauai, the Healthy Eating, Active Living Coalition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Farm Link Hawai'i; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Adaptations Inc.; Malama Kaua'i; Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; AlohaCare; 350Hawaii.org; The Food Basket; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Pukalani Superette; Hawai'i Foodbank; Aloha United Way; Green Party of Hawai'i; Elepaio Social Services; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Lanakila Pacific; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Oahu Fresh; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that many residents suffer from food insecurity due to the rising cost of living in the State and rely on the benefits provided by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Initiatives in Hawaii, such as the DA BUX Double Up Food Bucks Program, provide a dollar-for-dollar match to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries who purchase Hawaii grown fruits and vegetables at participating food retailers. This measure supports the efforts of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program in ensuring that Hawaii's residents have access to food.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2771, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 527-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2774

The purpose of this measure is to better align the benchmark goals for locally sourced food purchases by the Department of Education and other certain state entities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Education; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide a minimum of thirty percent locally sourced food in Hawaii's public schools by 2030. Additionally, in its efforts to support local farmers and ranchers, the State established local produce benchmarks for other state entities. This measure clarifies the benchmarks of the Department of Education and other state entities, as the benchmark goals of certain state entities should be assessed more frequently than the Department of Education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting duplicative benchmarks under the Department of Education's local farm to school meal goals; and
- (2) Making other technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 528-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2236

The purpose of this measure is to reclassify, repeal, or abolish certain non-general funds of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-13.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Office of the Auditor's Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of Agriculture, Report No. 23-13, found that certain non-general funds of the Department should be reclassified or repealed. This measure adopts certain recommendations of the Office of the Auditor related to those non-general funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Retaining statutory language that established the Industrial Hemp Special Fund;
- (2) Transferring any unencumbered balance in the Aquaculture Loan Reserve Fund to the Aquaculture Loan Revolving Fund, rather than the general fund;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2236, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2236, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 529-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1782

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for permits to process hemp biomass or prepare a manufactured hemp product.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, amended the minimum application requirements for hemp processor permits to require that applicants provide either a hemp producer license issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration or consent to a criminal history record check pursuant to state law. This measure is necessary to authorize the Department of Health to conduct these criminal history record checks for the duration of the hemp processor program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1782, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1782, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 530-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2336

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make imposition of the fine penalty applicable to any violation of the commercial hemp production licensure requirement as well as restrictions on growing and transporting hemp;
- (2) Repeal the requirement for additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting, arising out of the activities of hemp growers; and
- (3) Clarify that the Department of Agriculture shall not require testing or sampling of hemp that duplicates testing and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Agriculture is tasked with monitoring the transportation of hemp within the State, enforcing restrictions regarding the growth of hemp, and adopting rules. Because existing regulations and testing requirements are already present at the federal, state, and county levels to address nuisance and other issues, a deferral to and reliance on those regulatory frameworks is the proper and preferred means to avoid any ambiguity that may arise.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2336, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2336, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 531-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2449

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the definition of "manufactured hemp product" includes hemp products specified in rules adopted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; and Climate Protectors Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hempuary Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the existing definition of "manufactured hemp product" inadvertently restricts the Department of Health from adopting new allowable forms that are not already in one of the currently allowed ingestible forms. This measure allows the Department of Health to evaluate and consider allowing other hemp product forms, expanding the types of products available to local consumers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including hemp-derived beverage or edible products under the definition of "manufactured hemp product";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Health should be responsible for providing oversight and regulation of manufactured hemp products, as defined by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2449, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2449, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 532-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 2139

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Establish and implement an Invasive Species Inspection Placard Program to enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer; and
- (2) Inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers on the Department's website.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Coordinating Group on Alien Species; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the State has spent millions of dollars to control certain invasive species, but that control efforts are often too late to stop their spread across the Hawaiian islands. As a result, invasive species, such as the coconut rhinoceros beetle and little fire ant, now infest hundreds of thousands of acres and affect Hawai'i's export industry, tourism revenues, property values, residents' quality of life, and the environment. This measure supports the State's efforts to control, remove, and eradicate invasive species in the State, further protecting Hawai'i's native species and cultural resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount to mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$10,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2139, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 533-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2138

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish an agriculture education coordinator position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Climate Future Forum; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that in its final report to the Legislature, the P-20 Agriculture Education Working Group, convened pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 80, Regular Session of 2015, recommended that an agriculture education coordinator position be established. This measure will provide funding to establish this position to effectuate a coordinated framework of support for agriculture education in the State.

Your Committee notes that the intent is that this position will be funded by state general funds at \$100,000 per year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2138, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 534-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1784

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily reinstate the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Charter Communications; Servpac; and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide tax incentives to encourage the development of high technology businesses in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit shall only be available for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, and not available for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "data server";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1784, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1784, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 535-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2719

The purpose of this measure is to establish a pilot program to offer tuition waivers for certain community college students starting in the 2025 fall semester.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that making higher education accessible to more individuals will help create a well-trained and highly qualified workforce for the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure is a matter of statewide concern pursuant to article X, section 6 of the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Clarifying that to qualify for a tuition waiver under the pilot program, a person must:
 - (A) Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and
 - (B) Be a resident of the applicable county for at least one year;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2719, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2719, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 536-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2720

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system; and
- (2) Exempt graduate assistants from collective bargaining until they petition the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and the Board determines the graduate assistants are ready to be placed in a bargaining unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pride at Work – Hawai'i; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Academic Labor Union; Academic Labor United; National Education Association; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; UNITE HERE Local 5; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Labor Relations Board; Hawaii Government Employees Association AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the various work-related issues that graduate assistants encounter could be fairly addressed by the collective bargaining process. Currently, graduate assistants have little control over their working conditions and educational experiences. Allowing graduate assistants to collectively bargain will give these individuals the chance to negotiate on these important issues.

Your Committee notes that, pursuant to University of Hawaii policy, tuition waivers received by graduate assistants are a form of financial aid and are not a form of taxable income for work rendered. Therefore, tuition waivers should not be considered compensation to graduate assistants.

Lastly, your Committee notes that this measure as received by your Committee excludes graduate assistants from collective bargaining and thus raises constitutional issues based on the Hawaii Supreme Court's ruling in *United Public Workers v. Yogi*, 101 Hawaii 46, 62 P.3d 189 (2002).

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have exempted graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system from collective bargaining until they petition the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and the Board determines the graduate assistants are ready to be placed in a bargaining unit; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 537-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2140

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that ornamental ginger is a valued plant that is one of the State's most commonly used shrub and cut flowers; however red ginger production has declined significantly during the last ten years due to viral pathogens. This measure will provide needed funds to continue statewide research to help prevent the spread of these pathogens, support the production and distribution of pathogen-free plants, and allow for outreach to strengthen and protect Hawaii's flora culture industry.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$125,000, to be used as follows:

- (1) \$2,800 for mileage for farm visits;
- (2) \$12,400 for travel;
- (3) \$35,200 for tissue culture lab fees;
- (4) \$19,000 for supplies;
- (5) \$10,600 for student hire;
- (6) \$7,000 for plot allocation to pay for a long-term plot for red ginger trials; and
- (7) \$38,000 for plot allocation to pay for a casual hire employee to perform trials on red ginger production.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2140, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 538-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1802

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing capital improvement projects and appropriate revenue bond proceeds and interest.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that it is necessary to allow the University of Hawaii to issue revenue bonds to help address its capital projects and facility needs. This measure will help support the University of Hawaii with the construction of new projects and the renovation and major repair of existing facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum revenue bond issuance and appropriation to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1802, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1802, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 539-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1788

The purpose of this measure is to amend the tax credit for research activities by specifically:

- (1) Adding a cap for the amount of tax credits for research activities that an eligible taxpayer and the taxpayer's related entities may receive per taxable year;
- (2) Consolidating the survey and certification requirements for tax credits for research activities;
- (3) Amending the annual aggregate cap on tax credits for research activities that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may certify;
- (4) Requiring certification of the tax credits for research activities on a first-come, first-served basis to be based on the date that a complete application is received, subject to certain conditions; and
- (5) Extending the sunset date for tax credits for research activities from December 31, 2024, to December 31, 2029.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Makai Ocean Engineering; PacMar Technologies; and Oceanit. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure will support research activities that have been shown to be effective in stimulating regional or state technology, research, and development sectors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the types of activities that constitute qualified research expenses;
- (2) Reverting to the existing annual aggregate cap on tax credits for research activities that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may certify;
- (3) Clarifying how pro rata certifications will be determined;
- (4) Clarifying that the tax credits for research activities shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2029;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1788, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1788, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 540-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2176

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Artificial Intelligence Working Group to develop acceptable use policies and guidelines for the regulation, development, deployment, and use of artificial technologies in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Human Services; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that artificial intelligence holds extraordinary potential for promise as well as peril. Responsible artificial intelligence use has the potential to help solve urgent challenges while making the State more prosperous, productive, innovative, and secure. At the same time, irresponsible use could exacerbate societal harms, such as fraud, discrimination, bias, and disinformation; displace and disempower workers; stifle competition; and pose risks to security. This measure convenes a working group to examine this emerging technology to develop acceptable use policies and guidelines for the regulation, development, deployment, and use of artificial intelligence in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2176, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2176, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 541-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2517

The purpose of this measure is to allow the counties to establish, by ordinance, an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes on the land or improvements thereon that are actively used to produce or store renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of Finance - Real Property Tax Division of the County of Hawai'i; Department of Finance of the County of Kaua'i; Ulupono Initiative; Longroad Energy; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaiian Electric; Clearway Energy Group; and Pacific Biodiesel Technologies, LLC.

Your Committee finds that Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, established a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard for electric utilities by December 31, 2045, which requires that all net electricity sales be from renewable energy sources. Your Committee further finds that several renewable energy projects have faced drastic property tax increases, which have impacted the financial viability of those projects and created uncertainty for future renewable energy projects. This measure will provide more certainty for developers of renewable energy projects by allowing counties to establish opt-in programs for in-lieu payments of real property taxes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2517, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2517, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 542-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1944

The purpose of this measure is to authorize certain types of radiographical coverage and specialist consultations without a treatment plan within the context of workers' compensation coverage for employees with cervical and lumbar spinal injuries, or suspected cervical and lumbar spinal injuries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaii Medical Evaluators; WorkStar Injury Recovery Center; Hawaii Injury Recovery Center, Inc.; Work Injury Medical Association of Hawaii; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that cervical and lumbar spinal injuries are severe injuries, in which the delay of an accurate diagnosis and treatment may lead to avoidable delays in recovery or, in some cases, irreversible damage to the spinal cord. Your Committee further finds that radiological imaging, specifically magnetic resonance imaging, allows a health care provider to accurately determine the extent of an injury. This measure ensures that injured workers suffering from serious injuries to the cervical or lumbar spine receive timely and appropriate care, which promotes better outcomes and a smoother return to work for employees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 543-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2444

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for permits to process hemp biomass or prepare a manufactured hemp product.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 14), reformed the regulation of hemp in the State following the promulgation of new regulations by the United States Department of Agriculture. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 263), further amended the regulatory framework established by Act 14. Following the amendments made by Act 263, an applicant for a hemp processor permit must either possess a valid United States Department of Agriculture hemp license that required fingerprinting and a federal background check or consent to fingerprinting and a criminal history record check to be conducted by the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center. This measure implements the statutory authority for the Department of Health to conduct the criminal history record check.

Your Committee notes that federal law requires the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Law Unit to review and approve any proposed statutory language before a state agency is allowed access to the federal criminal history database. Your Committee also notes that the Department of Health has requested an expedited federal review of the statutory language proposed by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 544-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1997

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish a discounted rate by tariff for water carriers that engage in the interisland transport of renewable hydrogen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Center for Advanced Transportation Technologies and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from 350Hawaii.org. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai'i Gas; and Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee finds that hydrogen can be produced from diverse domestic resources with the potential for near-zero greenhouse gas emissions. Your Committee further finds that in order for the State to develop a hydrogen industry, interisland shipping capabilities must be promoted and encouraged to transport hydrogen on an economically viable scale. Because sea transportation of hydrogen is the only viable option for the State, to capitalize and utilize the

transportation infrastructure in use by countries such as Japan and Australia, a reduction in the cost for hydrogen transportation would be beneficial. This measure assists the State in moving toward more renewable energy sources and further away from being reliant on fossil fuels.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 545-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2392

The purpose of this measure is to make various amendments to the Insurance Code, including:

- (1) Implementing a standardized process for captive insurance companies to transition to dormant status;
- (2) Inserting a definition for "trade name";
- (3) Clarifying that continuing education providers need not submit exam content or questions to the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
- (4) Raising the required surety bond amount to \$300,000 from the third year of licensure for third party administrators and clarifying their audited financial statement requirements;
- (5) Amending the definitions of "controlled unaffiliated business" and "participant" for purposes of the laws regulating captive insurance companies;
- (6) Exempting captive insurers from the premium taxes in their first year after formation; and
- (7) Making housekeeping amendments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Captive Insurance Council; Brown & Brown; Alaska Airlines, Inc.; ASA Assurance, Inc.; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure makes various amendments to the Insurance Code to improve consumer protection and the administration of the Insurance Code. Specifically, your Committee finds that under existing law, there is no standardized process for captive insurance companies to transition to dormant status. Currently, a dormant captive insurance company must obtain approval from the Insurance Division to be dormant and if approved, must comply with modified filing requirements. A standardized procedure will increase efficiency, promote uniformity, and provide clarity to captive insurance companies and the Insurance Division; and three individuals.

Your Committee further finds that continuing education providers are only required to submit the licensing self-study course to the Insurance Division. However, providers are also submitting exam questions. As such, providers may have a false impression that the Insurance Division is approving exam content or questions. This measure provides greater clarity that content and questions are not required to be approved by or filed with the Insurance Division, and are to be made available upon request of the Insurance Commissioner.

Lastly, your Committee finds that, under existing law, third party administrators are required to file a surety bond in an amount of \$100,000 and are not required to file an audited financial statement. To improve consumer protection and provide greater transparency, this measure raises the requisite surety bond amount to \$300,000 from the third year of licensure filing and requires the filing of an audited financial statement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language exempting captive insurers from the premium taxes in their first year after formation;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2392, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2392, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 546-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2393

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide a base level of coverage under the existing mammography coverage mandate; and
- (2) Amend the laws governing external review of health insurance determinations to more closely align with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Uniform Health Carrier External Review Model Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Radiological Society; and Hawaii Medical Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011 (Act 230), enacted provisions governing the external review of health insurance determinations to comply with the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148. Your Committee further finds that the provisions of Act 230 closely align to the Uniform Health Carrier External Review Model Act (Model Act), which was adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to establish a national standard and uniform approach for processing, conducting, and making external review determinations. While there is some alignment, the areas where Act 230 deviates from the Model Act has interfered with ability of the Insurance Division's staff to perform other duties and requires the Insurance Commissioner to render decisions in matters that are inappropriate, such as contract disputes between health carriers and providers. This measure amends the provisions enacted by Act 230 to allow for a more efficient administration of the laws governing external review of health insurance determinations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2393, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2393, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 547-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2686

The purpose of this measure is to amend state laws governing the Hawaii Property Insurance Association and the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund to enable these entities to underwrite certain insurance risks in the State that no standard insurer is currently willing to underwrite.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Community Associations Institute Hawaii Legislative Action Committee; Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawaii First Realty, LLC; Hawaii Insurers Council; First Insurance Company of Hawaii; Honolulu Tower AOA; Zephyr Insurance Company; Tradewind Group; Island Insurance; Hawaii Credit Union League; Hawaii Bankers Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Taxation; Hawaii Property Insurance Association; National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; Hawai'i Association of REALTOR; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

Your Committee finds that the availability of condominium building master insurance policy and unit owner insurance policy options within the condominium insurance marketplace was shrinking, even before the August 2023 Maui wildfire event. For condominium building master insurance policies, insurers have increased deductible amounts from what used to be between \$10,000 to \$25,000 per unit, per occurrence, to as much as \$250,000. Furthermore, insurance premiums for hurricane insurance policies have recently risen so high that three hundred seventy-five to three hundred ninety buildings have opted to renew their hurricane insurance policies with less than one hundred percent hurricane coverage. This measure expands the markets of last resort in the State to assist the stabilization of the property insurance market until risks can be depopulated back to the standard insurance market when market conditions improve and risks become more insurable because of building component replacement or maintenance, or mitigation equipment or protocols have been implemented for fire, wildfire, or hurricane events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2686, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 548-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2523

The purpose of this measure is to establish a pathway for the licensure as a journey worker electric utility lineman in anticipation of the repeal of the statutory exemption from licensure set to occur on June 30, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 1260; Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; Board of Electricians and Plumbers; Contractors License Board; and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

Your Committee finds that the increased need for electrical utility infrastructure improvements, hardening, expansion, upgrades, repair, maintenance work, and a qualified workforce to perform such work in the State, necessitated the contracting out of work previously performed by employees of electric utilities. However, such contracted work fell outside the scope of the statutory exemption provided to utility employees from the electrician licensing requirements.

Your Committee further finds that to allow electric utilities to have the workforce necessary to address these existing challenges, Act 65, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 65), was enacted to provide a limited exception from the electrician licensing requirements for certain contractors retained by electric utilities who perform electric utility work. The limited exception provided by Act 65 was to be repealed on June 30, 2018, but was subsequently extended twice until June 30, 2027.

Your Committee additionally finds that since the enactment of Act 65, electric utility lineman apprenticeship programs have been established in the State and approved by the State to develop a local workforce of trained and qualified electric utility linemen. Recognizing that there is a system in place to locally develop a trained and qualified workforce, the limited exemption provided by Act 65 may be allowed to expire. This measure therefore establishes a pathway for licensure as a journey worker electric utility lineman upon such expiration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that amended when electrical and plumbing contractors are required to visibly display their professional license;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2523, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2523, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Belatti, Gates).

SCRep. 549-24 Water & Land/Labor & Government Operations on H.B. No. 1843

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Office of the State Fire Marshal to direct statewide efforts in preventing and responding to fires throughout the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Fire Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Maui Fire Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Hawaii Fire Department; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is the only state without a State Fire Marshal, whose position was abolished in 1979 and replaced with the State Fire Council. Your Committees further find that the State Fire Council's members serve as non-compensated volunteers as their time allows from their full-time employment. This measure better serves the needs of the State by establishing a dedicated State Fire Marshal.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Providing that the Governor, rather than the State Fire Council, appoints the State Fire Marshal;
- (2) Requiring the State Fire Council to submit a list of three nominees to the Governor from which the Governor must appoint the State Fire Marshal;
- (3) Establishing a ten-year term of office for the State Fire Marshal;
- (4) Amending the duties of the State Fire Marshal;
- (5) Allowing the State Fire Marshal to utilize the services of the State Fire Council advisory committee and administrative staff in carrying out the State Fire Marshal's duties;
- (6) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1843, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Martinez).

SCRep. 550-24 Water & Land/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1836

The purpose of this measure is to allow pharmacists to refill prescriptions of up to a thirty-day supply of dangerous drugs and dangerous devices if the practitioner is unavailable to authorize the refill and if, in the pharmacist's professional judgment, failure to refill the prescription may interrupt the patient's ongoing care and have a significant adverse effect on the patient's well-being, during a state of emergency.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Board of Pharmacy; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Association; Walgreen Co.; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and Hawaii Association for Justice.

Your Committees find that during times of natural disasters or public health emergencies, there may be significant challenges that impede a patient's ability to timely receive a necessary prescription. In the aftermath of the recent Maui wildfires, pursuant to the exemptions and authority granted by the emergency proclamations, pharmacists quickly ensured that patients had continued access to the medications necessary for their conditions. This measure establishes the authority for pharmacists to ensure uninterrupted access to essential medications during a state of emergency.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to "dangerous drug or dangerous device" and its corresponding definition, and replacing them with "controlled substances";
- (2) Requiring a registered pharmacist to notify a practitioner no later than twenty-four hours after the dispensing of any refill and specifying that the notification may be made by phone, facsimile, or electronic mail, rather than requiring a registered pharmacist to make every reasonable effort within a reasonable period of time to contact the practitioner;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1836, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Amato, Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 551-24 Water & Land/Agriculture & Food Systems on H.B. No. 1923

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the prohibition on overnight camps in agricultural districts in order to allow overnight camps to be regulated via the special permit process.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council; Camp Olowalu; Maui Surfer Girls, Inc.; and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that this measure is under consideration in response to a March 2023 ruling by the Hawaii Supreme Court that the specific exclusion of overnight camps from the list of permitted uses in agricultural districts means that special permits cannot be issued for overnight camps in agricultural districts. Your Committees further find that this ruling reverses a prior Hawaii Supreme Court opinion that allowed for uses, such as overnight camps, to be approved via special permits if they were deemed to be an "unusual and reasonable" use in the agricultural district.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Retaining the existing prohibition on overnight camps in agricultural districts but allowing overnight camps in operation prior to January 1, 1961, to be approved by special permit;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

SCRep. 552-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2477

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Revise the fees applicable to commercial ocean operators and the way some of these fees are assessed;
- (2) Prevent commercial use permits from being transferred upon the change in legal ownership of a permitted business entity, except for transfers to spouses and first-generation lineal descendants;
- (3) Allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue new commercial use permits by public auction; and
- (4) Allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to use the public auction process to reduce commercial use permit counts in Ocean Recreation Management Areas or state boating facilities where an applicable permit limit is exceeded.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Lahaina Divers Inc.; Island View Hawaii; Sea Quest Hawaii; Tantrum; Aquatic Life Divers; Legend Sportfishing Inc.; North Shore Sailing Adventure; Trilogy Excursions; Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC; Hawaii Shark Encounters Inc.; Kona Seafari Inc.; Maui Classic Charters, Inc.; Kaimana Ocean Safari; Deep Blue Eco Tours; Kohala Blue Sail Hawaii; Da Warrior Sportfishing, Inc.; North Shore Shark Adventures; Extended Horizons Inc.; To The Max Charters; Komohana Charters LLC; Maui Adventure Cruises; Redline Rafting; Holo Holo Charters Inc.; Kenui Charters; Sea Paradise Scuba Inc.; Oahu Ocean Adventures; Hawaii Ocean Rafting; Teralani Sailing Adventures; Save The Ocean; Ocean Tourism Coalition; Anini Fishing Charters & Tours, LLC; Sailing Maui Inc.; Quicksilver Charters; Ocean Outfitters Hawaii; Hula Girl Sailing Charters; Splashers Ocean Adventures DBA Kona Snorkel Trips; Skillet Sportfishing; Gemini Charters; Sea Genie Inc.; Na Pali Experience; Sail Maui; Hawaii Adventure Diving; Malolo Charters; Makana Lani Fishing; All Hawaii Cruises; Kohala Divers; Hawaiian Rafting Adventures Inc.; The Kona Boat Club Inc.; GungHo Sailing; Manta Ray Dives of Hawaii; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Liquid Hawaii; Blue Water Maui LLC; South Pacific Ocean Tours, Inc.; Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii; Modern Geographic Sailing; North Shore Sportfishing; Waikoloa Coast Divers LLC; Kona Sailing Charters; Hanalei Charters, Inc.; Kona Ocean Activities DBA Hawaii Marine Life LLC; Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher; Pursuit Sportfishing, Kona; Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association; Big Island Divers; Fair Wind, Inc.; Husk Til Dusk; Li'i Makau, Inc.; Best Big Island Tours LLC; Kohala Blue LLC; Xtreme Parasail Inc.; Diamond Head Parasail Inc.; Blue Ocean Hawaii LLC; Capt. Trips Sport Fishing II; Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series; Pacific Marlin Club; Coral Reef Adventures; Jack's Diving Locker; Kona Honu Divers; Captain Steve's Rafting; Brilliant Charters; UFO Parasail & Adventures a.k.a. UFO Chuting of Hawaii, Inc.; Lady Laura Fishing Charters LLC; Liquid Cosmos Divers, LLC; North Shore Catamaran Charters; Hawaii Ocean Adventure Tours; Kelley Family of Companies; Snorkel Big Island; High Noon Charters Inc.; Open Sea Sports Fishing Inc.; Maui Molokai Sea Cruises & Maalaea Sportsfishing Inc.; Hawaii Yacht Sales; Maggi Joe Sport Fishing; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to improve the protection of Hawaii's marine resources by providing better management tools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Modifying the conditions under which a permittee must pay fees and deleting the fee increases;
- (2) Deleting provisions that would have prohibited the transfer of a commercial use permit to any person other than a spouse or first-generation lineal descendant;
- (3) Deleting provisions that would have disallowed, within an Ocean Recreation Management Area or state boating facility where the Department of Land and Natural Resources has implemented rules setting a limit on the number of commercial use permits that can be issued at any one time, existing permittees for the area or facility from renewing their commercial use permits, if the number of commercial use permits issued exceeds the relevant limit;
- (4) Specifying that except under certain circumstances, all new commercial use permits issued for commercial ocean recreation activity occurring in an Ocean Recreation Management Area that are not renewals of commercial use permits must be issued by public auction, instead of unsealed public auction;
- (5) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2477, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2477, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Morikawa). Noes, 1 (Souza). Excused, none.

SCRep. 553-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2146

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make state agricultural tourism requirements applicable to all counties, instead of only counties that have adopted an agricultural tourism ordinance; and
- (2) Require the Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farming operations that undertake agricultural tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the statewide applicability of agricultural tourism requirements contemplated by this measure would create greater uniformity across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the term "agricultural tourism" and using only the term "agricultural tourism activities";
- (2) Retaining the existing statutory requirement that agricultural tourism activities are allowed only in counties that have adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism under section 205-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and deleting all proposed amendments to section 205-5(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2146, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2146, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 554-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2700

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from catastrophic wildfires, regardless of cause.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Par Hawaii; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; Hawaii Association for Justice; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; Public Utilities Commission; Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that catastrophic wildfires have the potential to cause widespread property damage for all landowners in Hawaii, public and private, insured and uninsured. The result can be a destabilizing effect on the entire State, the insurance industry, and public utilities. This measure attempts to minimize the financial implications of catastrophic wildfires by proposing a system whereby various entities, including governmental entities, public utilities, and private landowners, contribute monies to a fund, known as the Wildfire Relief Fund, which may later be used to pay claims for damages caused by catastrophic wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required future legislatures to consider certain information to determine whether adjustments to the Wildfire Relief Fund should be implemented;
- (2) Requiring that there be different contribution amounts by investor-owned utilities and non-investor owned utilities, taking into account the differences in revenues and assets between the ownership models;
- (3) Permanently exempting the Wildfire Relief Fund Administrator from civil service laws; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 555-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2657

The purpose of this measure is to establish judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; American Association of University Women, Hawai'i; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that individuals who commit violence against, or otherwise abuse, their intimate partners may also use the judicial system to continue the abuse after the relationship has ended by using court proceedings to control, harass, intimidate, coerce, or impoverish the former intimate partner. Your Committee further finds that even if a lawsuit is meritless, forcing an abuse survivor to spend time, money, and emotional resources responding to the action provides a means for the abuser to assert power and control over the survivor. This measure is intended to establish judicial procedures to limit or prevent the use of litigation by an abuser to further victimize a survivor.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definitions of "intimate partner", "litigation", and "abusive litigation";
- (2) Clarifying when litigation is considered harassing, intimidating, or maintaining contact with the other party;
- (3) Amending the situations where there is a rebuttable presumption that litigation is being filed, initiated, advanced, or continued primarily for the purpose of harassing, intimidating, or maintaining contact with the other party;
- (4) Amending the duration of prefiling restrictions imposed under an order restricting abusive litigation;
- (5) Amending the requirements for filing a new case or motion by a person subject to an order restricting abusive litigation;
- (6) Extending the deadline for the courts to create new forms for the motion for order restricting abusive litigation and develop relevant instructions;
- (7) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2657, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Souza). Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 556-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2509

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to raise the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from seventy years to seventy-five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Community Alliance on Prisons; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that many judges and justices are forced to retire from the bench at the age of seventy years old pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. Your Committee believes that judges and justices who are willing and able to preside over cases into their mid-seventies should be allowed to hold their office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2509, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2509, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, 2 (Ganaden, Souza). Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 557-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2451

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the examination of defendants via telehealth;
- (2) Amend conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' release or examination of fitness to proceed; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to provide additional job positions and resources necessary for implementation of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee finds that allowing the use of telehealth for examinations ordered by the courts will provide much needed flexibility for examiners, thereby maximizing efficiency and minimizing travel costs.

Your Committee further finds that it is critical to ensure that defendants who are diverted from the criminal justice system are properly evaluated and assessed to determine what types of services they may require and be offered, whether inpatient, outpatient, or community-based, upon the dismissal of the case.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the scope of examiners who may be allowed to conduct their examination of defendants via telehealth;
- (2) Allowing the examination of defendants via telehealth at any facility under the jurisdiction of the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation;
- (3) Amending the conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' commitment or release;
- (4) Requiring the Director of Health to report to the court on the defendant's capacity within seven days following a fitness to proceed hearing;
- (5) Providing a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain petty misdemeanants' for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment;
- (6) Clarifying that the provisions of the criminal justice diversion program for certain petty misdemeanants' is not applicable to cases under the jurisdiction of the family court, unless the presiding judge orders otherwise; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 558-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2159

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation and filing of petitions for assisted community treatment and with the presentation of cases, unless declined by the petitioner;
- (2) Repeal language entitling the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender;
- (3) Provide a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment; and
- (4) Authorize courts to require certain probation violators to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center; ACLU of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that this measure would support criminal justice diversion programming to ensure that individuals who interact with the justice system receive timely and appropriate treatment for their behavioral and mental health challenges.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider making an appropriation of \$71,016 for the establishment of a law clerk position within the Judiciary for cases under chapter 704, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and the Circuit Court of the First Circuit Jail Diversion Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 559-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2429

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Human Services to provide temporary emergency assistance, case management, and other recovery services following the period covered by an emergency proclamation and establishes an emergency management program within the Director of Human Services' office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Human Services has responded to various emergency management incidents over the past five years. This measure will provide the Department of Human Services with the necessary authority to provide temporary emergency public assistance to those who do not qualify for the Department's means-tested programs and to continue to assist survivors, including organizations, through their recovery process after the emergency proclamation or disaster declaration period ends.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the procurement processes exemption shall be until June 30, 2026; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2429, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2429, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 560-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1781

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Panaewa Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that there is a stretch of underutilized public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii. Your Committee believes that these lands have the potential to provide great economic opportunities to Hawaii County and the State if redeveloped under the community development district structure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1781, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1781, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 561-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1651

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that educational workers shall not be required to work under conditions or perform tasks when the educational worker is being subjected to harassment;
- (2) Require the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain actions regarding the reporting and handling of harassment of educational workers; and
- (3) Establish the misdemeanor offense of harassment of an educational worker.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the many instances of harassment inflicted on educational workers warrants the establishment of procedures to safeguard the health and safety of educational workers. Your Committee also finds that safe schools are fundamental to creating and fostering an optimal learning and working environment. School safety is linked to improved student performance and school outcomes. This measure recognizes the necessity of safeguarding educational workers to enable optimal delivery of educational services to students and families and maintaining a safe learning and working environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have established the misdemeanor offense of harassment of an educational worker; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1651, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1651, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 562-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2043

The purpose of this measure is to establish a harm to students registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development; Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Hawaii Council of Private Schools; Punahou School; and Kamehameha Schools. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that this measure will streamline the sharing of information between schools in the State about individuals who have perpetuated harm against children and help to ensure that the State's students will be educated in safe and healthy learning environments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the information to be contained in the harm to students registry;
- (2) Amending the requirements for institutions subject to the harm to students registry, including with regard to due process, notice, appeals, disclosure, and indemnification of the Department of Education;
- (3) Clarifying the good faith presumption, qualified immunity, rights, obligations, remedies, liabilities, and standards of proof applicable to institutions subject to the harm to students registry;
- (4) Deleting language that would have made the harm to students registry accessible to the Department of Human Services;
- (5) Deleting language that established a process for persons to appeal to have their name removed from the harm to students registry;
- (6) Requiring the Department of Education, private schools, public charter schools, and early learning programs and schools to consult the harm to students registry and cease to consider a candidate for employment or volunteer's assistance in a role that involves student interaction;
- (7) Exempting the harm to students registry from the Uniform Information Practices Act;
- (8) Amending the definitions of "employee", "harm to students registry", "inflicted harm on a student", "institution", and "investigation"; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 563-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2806

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund to serve as the repository for all opioid litigation proceeds received by the State;
- (2) Establish the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Council to administer the special fund and oversee the expenditure of all opioid litigation proceeds received by the State; and
- (3) Appropriate funds from the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund for the establishment of positions within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division of the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Health; Department of Budget and Finance; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Master Settlement Agreement against manufacturers and distributors of opioids included the establishment of a Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee to fulfill expenditure oversight requirements on proceeds relating to the settlement of opioid litigation. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Council is responsible for ensuring all funds are spent within the parameters set by the Master Settlement Agreement. This measure is intended to establish a statutory framework to support the ongoing work of the Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Council and ensure settlement proceeds from opioid litigation are expended in a manner that is consistent with the Master Settlement Agreement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Health, which:
 - (A) Requires the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Council to oversee the Hawaii Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee's expenditure of the opioid litigation proceeds;
 - (B) Amends the administration of the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund and the requirements for disbursing funds;
 - (C) Amends the purpose, membership, and duties of the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Council;
 - (D) Deletes language related to the effect of controlling court orders on the disbursement and expenditure of monies from the Hawaii Opioid Litigation Proceeds Special Fund; and
 - (E) Increases the number of program director and outreach coordinator positions to two each; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2806, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 564-24 Education on H.B. No. 2083

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Education to establish a recognition program to incentivize schools to submit to the Department a plan for the school to reach the local farm to school meal goal of thirty percent of food served in the school to consist of locally sourced products by 2030; and
- (2) Require public high schools under the Department of Education to provide plant-based meals as an option under the school meals program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Climate Future Forum; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Agriculture; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committee finds that Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, established a target goal of thirty percent of food served in public schools to consist of locally sourced products to ensure the health of Hawaii's students. Your Committee further finds that establishing a recognition program that incentivizes schools to plan for and meet the farm to school meals goal will ensure that the goal will be met by 2030. Your Committee also finds that providing plant-based meals to students can promote not only a healthy lifestyle for Hawaii's youth but can encourage students to make environmentally conscious personal decisions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement for all department high schools to provide a plant-based meal as an option under the school meals program;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Education to establish a plant-based meal pilot program at Mililani High School to provide plant-based options for school meals at least once a week, to begin no later than the 2025-2026 school year and to cease on June 30, 2026;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Education to submit an interim report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026 and a final report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2027 on the plant-based meal pilot program; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Perruso, Quinlan).

SCRep. 565-24 Education on H.B. No. 2514

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Education to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers;
- (2) Expand the authorized uses of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund to include the Teacher Housing Assistance Program; and
- (3) Appropriate funds out of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund to provide housing vouchers through the Teacher Housing Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that teacher recruitment and retention are difficult, especially at hard-to-staff schools. Your Committee further finds that the State's high cost of living is a significant contributing factor in the Department of Education's teacher recruitment and retention efforts. This measure will alleviate the financial burden on teachers in obtaining housing by providing housing vouchers for teachers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2514, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Perruso, Quinlan).

SCRep. 566-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2020

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the definition of "renewable energy producer" that is used to determine the Board of Land and Natural Resources' disposition of public lands to renewable energy producers in order to allow more public lands to be leased for the generation of more types of renewable energy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Energy Office; Climate Protectors Hawaii; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; Ulupono Initiative; and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that state laws provide opportunities for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease, without public auction, certain public lands to public utilities and renewable energy producers. Your Committee finds that the operative definition of "renewable energy producer" under existing law could be broadened to allow more public lands to be leased for the generation of additional types of renewable energy. This measure would broaden the definition to include producers and developers of all types of renewable energy as defined in section 269-91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, instead of solely producers of electrical or thermal energy. Your Committee notes that nothing in this measure is intended to authorize wheeling.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding producers of renewable energy that use the renewable energy to provide district heating or cooling services to the definition of "renewable energy producer";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2020, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 567-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 1585

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit:

- (1) State agencies from purchasing or using polystyrene food-service containers;
- (2) Vendors contracted through a state agency from selling, offering for sale, providing, or using polystyrene food-service containers at any site owned or leased by the State; and
- (3) Polystyrene food-service containers from being sold, offered for sale, provided, or used at any state facility, state-authorized concession, state-sponsored or state-permitted event, or state program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from PlanIt Branding; Americans for Democratic Action; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Chemistry Council; Plastics Industry Association; Foodservice Packaging Institute; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that polystyrene foam is a major contributor to plastic waste and is composed of non-recyclable components. Your Committee recognizes that in order to decrease levels of plastic waste production, the State must curb the introduction of non-recyclable products, like polystyrene products, into the waste stream that ends up in landfills or requires incineration. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by prohibiting polystyrene food-service containers from being purchased or used by state agencies or sold, provided, or used by state-contracted vendors or at state facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1585, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1585, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 568-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2297

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules governing a clean fuel standard for gasoline and diesel in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Neste; International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local Union 1186; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and Clean Energy. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that establishing a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and stimulate economic development. This measure addresses this need by requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules governing a clean fuel standard for gasoline and diesel.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the clean fuel standard will apply to alternative fuels;
- (2) Changing the average carbon intensity reduction requirements from an unspecified amount to at least ten percent below 2019 levels by 2035 and at least fifty percent below 2019 levels by 2045;
- (3) Changing the implementation deadline for the clean fuel standard for alternative fuels to January 1, 2026;
- (4) Deleting the requirement that the rules include standards for measuring lifecycle greenhouse gas sequestrations attributable to the production and use of various fuels;
- (5) Clarifying that the Hawaii State Energy Office has the discretion, but is not required, to adopt rules for mechanisms that allow for the trading and banking of credits and exemptions for diesel, gasoline, and alternative fuels that are used in volumes below thresholds established by the Hawaii State Energy office;
- (6) Clarifying the rule regarding mechanisms for generating credits for fuels used in transportation;
- (7) Adding military as an exempt end-use that may opt in to the program to generate credits when using alternative fuel;
- (8) Amending the definition of "alternative fuel";
- (9) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2297, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2297, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 569-24 Health & Homelessness/Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.B. No. 2084

The purpose of this measure is to authorize and appropriate funds for a Vacated Encampment Clean Up Task Force to identify potential state agencies to enter into intergovernmental agreements to coordinate the clean up of vacated homeless encampments located on lands managed by the United States Army Garrison Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Transportation; Department of the Attorney General; and Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committees believe that entering into intergovernmental agreements to identify and clean up vacated homeless encampments on parcels of land where ownership and management of the land may fall under multiple jurisdictions will ensure the State takes a coordinated approach to addressing a public health and safety issue.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the Vacated Homeless Encampment Clean Up Task Force in session law, rather than statute;
- (2) Amending the composition of the task force;
- (3) Amending the scope and duties of the task force;
- (4) Requiring the task force to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Sessions of 2025 and 2026;
- (5) Deleting the appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (6) Changing the appropriation to the Department of Transportation to an unspecified amount;
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$5,000,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Corrections, Military, & Veterans that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2084, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2084, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Marten).
Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 570-24 Health & Homelessness/Human Services on H.B. No. 408

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to certify community care foster family homes for four Medicaid beds and to place an additional Medicaid individual in the community care foster family home under certain conditions and at its discretion.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii; Alliance of Professional Primary Care Administrators; United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Health.

Your Committees find that community care foster family homes are an integral part of the State's continuum of long-term care. These foster homes provide a less restrictive community-based setting for Medicaid recipients at a nursing facility level of care, which allows recipients to remain in a home in the community rather than go into a nursing home. Your Committees further find that allowing married couples with private insurance who currently reside in community care foster family homes to stay together provides a significant benefit to the health and well-being of community care foster family home clients.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to existing statutory language allowing married private-pay individuals to reside in the same community care foster family home;
- (2) Clarifying requirements for certification for a fourth bed;
- (3) Removing language that would have expanded community care foster family home certifications to include expanded adult residential care homes and assisted living facilities; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 408, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 408, H.D. 2, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 571-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2544

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year pilot project to make chartered plane seats available to patients, medical insurers, and medical service providers to consistently and dependably transport residents of certain medically underserved communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Hawaii Medical Association; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Kapaakea Hawaiian Homestead Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the residents of Molokai and Lanai are medically underserved and often must travel to Maui or Oahu for medical care. Your Committee further finds that between 2020 and 2022, Molokai and Lanai lost access to two air carriers, leaving both islands with a single air carrier available to the public for departures from both islands. Since then, the residents of these communities have been experiencing inconsistent and undependable air transportation services, including frequent and last-minute flight changes, cancellations, and lengthy delays. This measure is intended to ensure the residents of Molokai and Lanai are able to receive appropriate and timely medical care through the use of chartered flights.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language allowing medical providers to reserve and pay for seats on chartered flights;
- (2) Changing the number of roundtrip flights offered per week to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Deleting language establishing the Essential Rural Medical Air Transport Revolving Fund and the associated appropriation into the fund;
- (4) Establishing an end date of June 30, 2026, for the pilot program;
- (5) Changing the appropriation to the Department of Health to an unspecified amount and changing the source of funding to the State's general revenues, rather than the Essential Rural Medical Air Transport Revolving Fund;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$2,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2544, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2544, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 572-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2744

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Oral Health Task Force to review information and data on the status of oral health in the State and make recommendations to improve the State's oral health infrastructure; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to help facilitate the work of the Oral Health Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; Hawaii Dental Service; AlohaCare; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices; Disability and Communication Access Board; and Hawaii Dental Association.

Your Committee finds that the State's oral health program is not meeting the needs of Hawaii's residents. An oral health program is a critical part of all state public health departments. However, in 2009, the Department of Health's Dental Health Division was eliminated as part of that year's budget cuts. Your Committee believes that the Oral Health Task Force proposed by this measure will be instrumental in identifying the key elements and resources needed to rebuild the State's public health dental program and improve overall oral health in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the Oral Health Task Force;
- (2) Deleting language that would make the Oral Health Task Force exempt from the State's Sunshine Laws;
- (3) Changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$200,000 to allow the Department of Health to contract with a consultant and \$79,872 to establish one Program Specialist V position within the Family Health Services Division of the Department of Health to facilitate the work of the Oral Health Task Force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2744, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 573-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2331

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds to support a Dam and Reservoir Working Group to ensure and enhance the continued availability and operation of dams and reservoirs in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning & Sustainable Development; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Aina Hookupu o Kilauea. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that dams and reservoirs form a critical part of Hawaii's infrastructure, providing numerous benefits upon which the State's communities depend. This measure supports the continued availability and operation of dams and reservoirs, which further promote food and water sustainability and public health and safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the composition of the working group and designating the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, or their designees, as Co-Chairpersons of the working group;
- (2) Specifying that the working group's work should build upon the Department of Agriculture's 2003 "Agricultural Water Use and Development Plan";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2331, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2331, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

SCRep. 574-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2476

The purpose of this measure is to revise the law regarding Ocean Recreation Management Areas (ORMAs) to provide better management tools to the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation by:

- (1) Creating a uniform designation of ORMAs;
- (2) Prohibiting commercial activity in ORMAs, except by use permit; and
- (3) Prohibiting commercial activities in ORMAs statewide on weekends, state holidays, and federal holidays, unless authorized by the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Lahaina Divers Inc.; Aquatic Life Divers; Maui Classic Charters, Inc.; Explore Kauai Scuba; Quicksilver Charters; Pacific Boats & Yachts; Redline Rafting; Holo Holo Charters Inc.; UFO Chuting of Hawaii, Inc.; Sea Paradise Scuba Inc.; Sailing Maui Inc.; Teralani Sailing Adventures; Hawaii Ocean Rafting; Fair Wind, Inc.; Kona Diving Company; Snuba Big Island; Hualalai Investors, LLC; Trilogy Excursions; Hula Girl Sailing Charters; Sailing Shippis, Ltd. dba Gemini Charters; Na Pali Experience; Sail Maui; Malolo Charters; Ocean Tourism Coalition; Hawaii Adventure Diving; Kohala Divers; Komohana Charters; Hawaiian Rafting Adventures Inc.; GungHo Sailing; Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Atlantis Submarines; Liquid Hawaii; Frogman Charters; Blue Water Maui LLC; South Pacific Ocean Tours, Inc.; Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii; Open Sea Sportfishing Inc.; Body Glove Cruises; Jack's Diving Locker; Hanalei Charters, Inc.; Stam O'Toole Marcus & Fisher; Big Island Divers; Holualoa Enterprises, LLC; Best Big Island Tours LLC; Husk Til Dusk; Li'i Makau Inc.; Coral Reef Adventures; Kohala Blue Sail Hawaii; The Kona Boat Club dba Kona Boat Rentals; Captain Steve's Rafting; Honu Sail Charters; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Kohala Coast Resort Association; HST Windsurfing & Kitesurfing Lessons; Foxylady Sportfishing; Makana Lani Fishing LLC; Captain Zodiac Kona; G-10 Corp; Country Marine Services; Camelot Sport Fishing; High Noon Charters, Inc.; Bayside Catering LLC; Bob Marlin Charters; Pacific Marlin Club; Archery Adventures Hawaii; North Shore Sailing Adventures; Travel Visions Aloha for the Blind; Captain Woody's Maui; Banyan Tree Divers Maui; Maui Pacific Divers; Maui Diving - Scuba & Snorkel Center; Pygmy Whale Shark Scuba, LLC; Kona Snorkel Trips; NeverDry LLC; a petition signed by numerous individuals; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with more clarity on ocean recreation restrictions as well as flexibility and options in overseeing, maintaining, and improving the management of ocean recreation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that commercial activities originating from the shoreline are prohibited in ORMAs statewide on weekends, state holidays, and federal holidays, except for certain specified commercial activities;
- (2) Providing that any person who holds a valid commercial use permit on July 1, 2024, may continue to renew the commercial use permit; provided that the Department of Land and Natural Resources may terminate a commercial use permit for cause or may deny renewal or reissuance if:
 - (A) The commercial use permit has been terminated or nonrenewed for cause; or
 - (B) The commercial use permit is not renewed before its expiration date, including any applicable extensions of the expiration date;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the amendments proposed in testimony limit commercial activity originating from the shoreline on weekends and state and federal holidays. Thus, your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, may wish to consider reinstating the provisions of sections 200-37(g), 200-37(h), and 200-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for Maunalua Bay and section 200-39(e), Hawaii Revised Statutes, for Kaneohe Bay.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2476, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2476, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Morikawa, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 575-24 Water & Land on H.B. No. 2089

The purpose of this measure is to require that the adoption, amendment, or update of a building code or standard by the State Building Code Council be within two years of every other official publication date of a code or standard.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HPM Building Supply; D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; NAIOP Hawaii; Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii; American Council of Engineering Companies of Hawaii; Holomua Collaborative; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation;

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers; and Sierra Club of Hawai‘i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai‘i State Energy Office and Hawai‘i Energy.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow for more time so that all stakeholders concur, resulting in quicker review times and a smoother permitting and construction process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to the existing schedule of adoption, amendment, or update of the Hawaii State Building Codes;
- (2) Requiring that the adoption, amendment, or update of the International Building Code and International Residential Code by the State Building Code Council be within two years of every other official publication date of the applicable code or standard;
- (3) Providing that if a county does not amend the Hawaii State Building Codes within the required two-year time frame, the Hawaii State Building Codes will become applicable as the interim county building code, until superseded by the adoption of an amended version of the Hawaii State Building Codes or standards by the county;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2089, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 576-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2690

The purpose of this measure is to protect Hawaii's water resources by:

- (1) Establishing a WAI Policy Coordinator and other positions within the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives; and
- (2) Creating the Red Hill Remediation Special Fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Health; University of Hawai‘i System; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; one member of the Honolulu City Council; Kūpuna for the Mo‘opuna; Wellspring Covenant Church; Sierra Club of Hawai‘i; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; We Are One, Inc.; and four individuals.

Your Committees find that this measure takes an important step toward protecting Oahu's sole source groundwater aquifer for the present and future generations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Land and Natural Resources will serve as the State's policy lead on WAI initiatives through the position of the WAI Policy Coordinator;
- (2) Requiring the WAI Policy Coordinator to submit to the Legislature by December 1, 2024, a report regarding the potential organizational structure, responsibilities, duties, and powers of a proposed Red Hill Remediation Authority, based on the provisions of House Bill No. 2691, introduced during the Regular Session of 2024, as the starting point;
- (3) Specifically requiring the federal government to bear the cost of the actual remediation of the Red Hill aquifer, including pumping and treating the water, rather than allowing the use of monies from the Red Hill Remediation Fund for this purpose;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to appropriate:

- (1) \$750,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for Red Hill WAI policy coordination; and
- (2) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for ecosystem monitoring.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2690, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 577-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1831

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Judiciary; State Council on Mental Health; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; The Queen's Health System; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that persons suffering from mental health issues, substance use disorders, or homelessness require a compassionate and effective approach. Early access to, and the provision of, mental health care and services is integral to diverting those persons who, but for their mental health crises,

would not be involved with the criminal justice system. This measure establishes behavioral health crisis centers to stabilize and evaluate individuals experiencing a mental illness or substance use disorder crisis, which will alleviate pressure on emergency departments in the State, and more importantly, direct those suffering from acute mental illness to the appropriate venue for future care and treatment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 578-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2113

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Pharmacist Workforce Assessment Fee and Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund to fund and support activities of the College of Pharmacy in strengthening pharmacist workforce assessments and planning efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Pharmacy; University of Hawai‘i at Hilo; Hawai‘i State Center for Nursing; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; Moloka‘i Drugs, Inc.; KTA Super Stores; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that pharmacists are among the most accessible health care providers, with a doctoral level of expertise and clinical training. Your Committee further finds that these health care providers are underutilized in the State. This measure provides a funding mechanism for the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy to strengthen pharmacist workforce assessments and planning efforts and will support a data-informed, coordinated, and intentional effort to position the profession of pharmacy to help fill existing health care gaps in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2113, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 579-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2613

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the application of the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee to include roasted coffee;
- (2) Enhance the penalties for the criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee through the imposition of a mandatory fine for each offense; and
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds for a position within the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of labeling and packaging enforcement and inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Synergistic Hawai‘i Agriculture Council; Hawaii Coffee Association; Rancho Aloha Coffee Farm; Kānalani Ohana Farm; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Coffee Growers Association; Kona Coffee Farmers Association; Hawai‘i Farmers Union United; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Coffee Company.

Your Committee finds that fraudulent representations as to a coffee's geographic origin diminish the value of that geographic identifier by harming its reputation. Your Committee further finds that the existing criminal offense of false labeling of Hawaii-grown coffee only applies to green coffee, cherry coffee, or parchment coffee. This measure would expand that offense to roasted coffee and further protect the geographic identifier of Hawaii-grown coffee.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2613, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 580-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2579

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the Board of Land and Natural Resources from unilaterally amending the terms and conditions of any lease of public land being extended in the Hilo Community Economic District, except as provided in the authorizing law; and
- (2) Allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to amend the terms and conditions of any lease of public land in the District to reflect the most current lease form and leasing practices and policies only if the lease form and leasing practice and policies are included in the rules of the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Hawai‘i County Council and Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018 (Act 149), established a ten-year pilot project to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend leases of public land in an area to be known as the Hilo Community Economic District to facilitate efficient and effective improvement and economic opportunity in the area for lessees who commit to making substantial improvements to the existing improvements or constructing new substantial improvements.

Your Committee further finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, based on its understanding of a Hawaii Supreme Court case, treated the extension of leases differently depending on whether the lease was issued by public auction or direct negotiation. Public auction leases would be extended on their original terms and conditions while direct negotiation leases would be updated to the current standard terms and conditions. However, following subsequent legal advice, the Department could update public auction leases to the extent necessary to implement the requirements of Act 149. This measure clarifies the Board's authority to amend terms and conditions of any extension of public land leases in the Hilo Community Economic District.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2579, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 581-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1972

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Reuse Working Group to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse of electric vehicle batteries and recommend electric vehicle battery management practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii State Energy Office; Zero Waste O'ahu; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Radius Recycling; and Redwood Materials.

Your Committee finds that electric vehicle batteries contain critical materials that have the realistic potential to continue serving the energy economy, assuming the electric vehicle battery waste stream is managed well in the reverse supply chain. The proper management of these batteries will result in source materials for one of the most important components in the clean transportation sector. This measure convenes a working group to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse of electric vehicle batteries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 582-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1830

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish provisional or associate-level licensure requirements and insurance reimbursement allowances for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists in training;
- (2) Require psychologist license applicants to possess a doctoral degree and complete certain supervised experience requirements before sitting for the licensing examination; and
- (3) Authorize insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern, in certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Board of Psychology; Disability and Communication Access Board; Office of Wellness and Resilience; State Council on Mental Health; Hawai'i Counselors Association; Parents And Children Together; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Pau Hana Counseling, LLC; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Brighter Bound; Center for Healing & Transformation; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Ho'oulu Counseling; Trauma Healing Hawaii; Hawaiian Islands Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; National Association of Social Workers; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Psychological Association; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that there is clear workforce shortage of mental health providers in the State. In 2022, it was estimated that there were two hundred eighty-four providers per one hundred thousand individuals with a mental health concern in the State. This estimation falls within the second worst quartile compared with other states. Your Committee further finds that when individuals are unable to access needed care early on, their risk increases for escalating symptoms that require high-level, restrictive, intensive, and costly mental health services.

Your Committee also finds that more effective systems and policies are needed to proactively address workforce shortages of mental health providers in Hawaii. This measure supports the ability of graduate students who provide mental health services to remain in the State and provide the much-needed mental health services, while completing their training and licensure requirements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 583-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2757

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a Family and Medical Leave Program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits; and
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2028, require the Department to start receiving claims and paying benefits under the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Executive Office on Early Learning; Disability and Communication Access Board; Office of Wellness and Resilience; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Pride at Work – Hawai'i; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Education Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Labor Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Rainbow Family 808; AAUW of Hawai'i; Parents And Children Together; Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; AlohaCare; Pacific Birth Collective; Breastfeeding Hawaii; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; UNITE HERE Local 5; Hawaii Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Workers Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; Society of Human Resources Management Hawaii; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and American Council of Life Insurers.

Your Committee finds that the United States is the only developed country that does not provide national paid family leave. Your Committee further finds that thirteen states and the District of Columbia have passed paid family leave laws, and the states with paid family leave have seen significant health, social, and economic benefits. Many of the State's working families do not have adequate amounts of paid leave, which causes financial hardship and increased dependency on public assistance during times of illness or caregiving. This measure will provide working families with family and medical leave benefits, which can help workers retain employment while caring for family and help businesses retain key employees and remain competitive.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2757, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Belatti). Noes, 2 (Onishi, Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 584-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2614

The purpose of this measure is to require government entities in the State to issue building permits to implement, by January 1, 2025, SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that processes and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real time.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Sol-Ark; Solar Help Hawaii; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Green Power Projects LLC; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Blue Planet Foundation; Greenpeace Hawaii; Canadian Solar; Sunrun; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Sunnova Energy International, Inc.; Recycle Hawaii; Clean the Pacific; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu and Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds that to transition the State away from imported fossil fuels and toward locally available renewable energy sources electric utilities in the State are required to achieve a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard by December 31, 2045. To encourage the timely build-out of a diverse, resilient, and reliable portfolio of low-cost renewable energy generation and storage assets, Hawaii must lower the administrative barriers that constrain deployment of residential and commercial-scale distributed energy resources. This measure lowers administrative barriers to the deployment of energy generation and storage technology systems by leveraging existing software and supports a streamlined process for renewable energy projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 585-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2394

The purpose of this measure is to adopt the revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model No. 440, the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and American Council of Life Insurers. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Tradewind Group.

Your Committee finds that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act has, since the 1970s, provided state insurance departments with a framework for insurance group supervision. In 2020, the NAIC adopted revisions that established group capital calculation filing requirements and liquidity stress test reporting.

Your Committee further finds that the group capital calculation provides United States solvency regulators with an additional analytical tool for conducting group-wide supervision and assists regulators in holistically understanding the financial condition of non-insurance entities. The group capital calculation provides key financial information on the insurance group; quantifies risk across the insurance group; supports transparency into how capital is allocated; and aids in understanding whether and to what degree insurance companies are supporting the operations of non-insurance entities. The group capital calculation is intended to satisfy the group capital assessment requirements of the Covered Agreements made between the United States and the European Union and United Kingdom. Without the group capital calculation, any supervisor in the European Union or United Kingdom could impose its own group capital calculation on a United States group operating in the European Union or United Kingdom and all United States insurers within that group.

Your Committee additionally finds that the liquidity stress test was developed to provide state insurance regulators with insights into a key macroprudential risk monitored by the Financial Stability Oversight Council and other jurisdictions internationally, while also enhancing group supervision. The liquidity stress test requires insurers to file the results of a specific year's liquidity stress test to the lead state insurance commissioner. This measure provides the Insurance Division with greater tools to properly conduct insurance group supervision and will enable the Division to maintain its accreditation status with the NAIC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring that written agreements between the Insurance Commissioner and any third-party consultant:
 - (A) Specify that the ownership of information shared with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or a third-party consultant remains with the Insurance Commissioner; and
 - (B) Require that prompt notice be given to an insurer whose confidential information is in the possession of a third-party consultant and that the insurer is subject to a request or subpoena from the third-party consultant;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2394, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 586-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Relax the requirements for prescribing certain controlled substances as part of gender-affirming health care services;
- (2) Expand the protections established under Act 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, to include gender-affirming health care services; and
- (3) Clarify jurisdiction under the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for cases involving children who obtain gender-affirming health care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; HI SIS, LLC; QueerDoc; Physicians for Reproductive Health; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Information Practices; Hawaii Medical Board; Board of Nursing; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that gender-affirming care is a supportive form of health care that improves the mental health and overall well-being of transgender and gender-diverse persons and consists of an array of services that may include medical, surgical, mental health, and non-medical services. This measure relaxes restrictions on access to medically necessary, evidence-based gender affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse persons, which will enable patients seeking gender-affirming care to access the support and services they need.

Your Committee further finds that dozens of states across the nation have either passed or are considering passing laws prohibiting gender-affirming care to persons of all ages. This measure also protects health care professionals in the State who provide gender-affirming health care services from investigations and prosecutions initiated by other jurisdictions based on the provision of gender-affirming care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2079, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 587-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2499

The purpose of this measure is to remove the repeal and reenactment in Act 8, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to maintain the authority of the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University of Hawaii's Chief Procurement Officer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; State Procurement Office; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 87, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, created a complex bifurcated system of procurement within the University of Hawaii, as the University of Hawaii President continued to serve as the Chief Procurement Officer for goods and services while the Administrator of the State Procurement Office (Office) served as the Chief Procurement Officer for construction and construction-related professional services. Your Committee further finds that, after a review conducted by the Office, the Office found that the University is conducting procurements in a compliant, efficient, and transparent manner. Accordingly, the full authority over procurement was restored to the University of Hawaii President through Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, and Act 8, Special Session of Hawaii 2021. However, this restored authority is set to sunset on June 30, 2024. This measure would remove the sunset date and make permanent the University of Hawaii President's authority to serve as the Chief Procurement Officer for all procurements by the University.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 588-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2359

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; Disability and Communication Access Board; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawaiian Telcom; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Broadband Hui; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Charter Communications.

Your Committee finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic brought to light the need for digital equity throughout the State. Your Committee further finds that the federal government has identified having robust broadband infrastructure as a priority and has dedicated funding for digital equity programs across the country. This measure would establish a program to provide grants for the optimal use of expected federal funding, thereby allowing the State to improve adoption of broadband services by underserved residents so they can access essential services and fully participate in society, democracy, and the economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a definition for "broadband infrastructure";
- (2) Specifying that projects that include the deployment of broadband infrastructure are ineligible for a grant under the Digital Equity Grant Program; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 589-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2742

The purpose of this measure is to implement certain tenant protections once the final eviction moratoriums issued under the various emergency proclamations related to the Maui wildfires expire, including:

- (1) Extending the notice period for summary possession proceedings from five days to fifteen days for failure to pay rent;

- (2) Requiring landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers;
- (3) Requiring landlords to enter into mediation if scheduled by a tenant, which will delay when a landlord may file an action for summary possession except in cases where a tenant cancels the mediation or does not appear; and
- (4) Restricting when landlord remedies are available depending on the amount of rent due.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Judiciary Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Mediation Center of the Pacific; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; Mediation Services of Maui, Inc.; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that the Maui wildfires have caused significant devastation, with many lives lost and tremendous damage to residential and commercial property. Your Committee further finds that the wildfires have had significant economic repercussions for Maui, with many short-term accommodations being utilized to house survivors and tourists avoiding Maui out of respect for its residents. With Maui's economy still in the process of recovering from the wildfires, a heightened wave of housing insecurity remains, particularly for renters.

To address this reality, the Governor's emergency proclamations have prevented a wave of evictions by imposing an eviction moratorium for Maui. However, once this moratorium expires, many tenants will face the possibility of eviction for failure to pay rent.

Your Committee also finds that this measure implements a similar approach to the balanced approach used in Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to address the expected evictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This measure is critical to ensure tenants on Maui are not threatened with homelessness during this uncertain economic period and prevent a flood of evictions on Maui.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the language establishing tenant protections as a new section in the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code, chapter 521, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Clarifying the definition of "final eviction moratorium" with respect to the Governor's emergency authority to suspend and unsuspend laws;
- (3) Deleting language that allowed a landlord to request payment of all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred during the pre-litigation mediation process if the tenant defaults on a mediated agreement or fails to attend a scheduled mediation;
- (4) Clarifying that the Governor has the authority to continue an eviction moratorium under the emergency authority, rather than require that the eviction moratorium continue;
- (5) Adding language to protect against any Contract Clause claim;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2742, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 590-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2801

The purpose of this measure is to allow condominiums to participate in a commercial property assessed financing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Community Associations Institute Hawaii Legislative Action Committee; Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Nuveen Green Capital; C-PACE Alliance, Inc.; PACE Loan Group; CastleGreen Finance, LLC; Hawaii Insurers Council; AOA at Pat's at Punalu'u; Petros PACE Finance, LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Zephyr Insurance Company; Tradewind Group; United Association of Plumbers and Fitters of Hawaii, Local 675; Hawai'i Energy; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; AARP Hawai'i; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Credit Union League and Hawaii Bankers Association.

Your Committee finds that more than two hundred eight-one high-rise residential buildings, primarily condominiums developed before 1975, have failed to pass safety evaluations due to the lack of fire sprinklers or other safety requirements. Your Committee further finds that the costs to install fire safety measures are substantial for condominiums. This measure would provide a mechanism to finance fire safety, renewable energy, and other efficiency and resiliency measures at a more affordable option for condominium owners.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Conforming the existing commercial property assessed financing law to the provisions of this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2801, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Amato, Hashem, Tam).

SCRep. 591-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2415

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to enter the State into the multistate Nurse Licensure Compact to allow nurses who are licensed by a home state to practice under a multistate licensure privilege in each party state;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2026, require nurses who hold multistate licenses issued by a state other than Hawaii to complete demographic data surveys; and
- (3) Authorize the Board of Nursing to charge different fees for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense; University of Hawai'i System; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; West Hawaii Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i Care Choices; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; The Queen's Health System; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Nursing and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is experiencing a severe shortage of health care providers. This shortage was most evident during the COVID-19 pandemic, as the pandemic required staff to work consecutive double- and triple-shifts to meet the ever-present demand. To alleviate the workload, health care providers from other states were brought in to assist in keeping health care facilities operational. In particular, the large number of out-of-state nurses brought in to the State required the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to shift employees from other boards to assist the Board of Nursing. Despite the hard work of Department employees, the process of verifying out-of-state licenses through endorsement took significant time and resources. As a result, instead of treating patients immediately, the out-of-state nurses had to wait.

Your Committee further finds that the Nurse Licensure Compact is an agreement that allows mutual recognition of nursing licensure between member states. The Compact allows a nurse who is a legal resident of and possesses a valid nursing license in a compact state to practice in any of the other compact states without facing time-consuming, costly, and redundant regulatory barriers. The Compact is effective in forty-one states and two territories. Adopting it in Hawaii would streamline the licensing process for nurses and attract more registered nurses to the State, which would help address the nursing workforce shortage and improve health care access for all residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Board of Nursing may charge different fees that are customarily and historically charged for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 592-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2028

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Merge the Made in Hawaii with Aloha branding program with the Hawaii Made program and place both under the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Specify that the Department of the Attorney General is responsible for enforcement of the program;
- (3) Clarify certain calculations used to determine if a non-perishable good has met the requirements for a "Hawaii Made" or "Made in Hawaii" label; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to promote and develop the "Hawaii Made" brand.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kanalani Ohana Farm and Hawai'i Forest Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Agriculture; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that merging the Made in Hawaii with Aloha branding program with the Hawaii Made program will avoid confusion and duplication of efforts to promote the Made in Hawaii brand by two agencies. Your Committee further finds that this measure allows non-perishable goods such as apparel to qualify as "Hawaii Made" or "Made in Hawaii" by including operating and overhead expenses in the statutory threshold calculation, which will enable more local businesses to use these labels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2028, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2028, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Belatti). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 593-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2378

The purpose of this measure is to move the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury and make a housekeeping amendment related to the fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund is established outside of the state treasury under the direction of the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund's Board of Directors. The funds within the Trust Fund are invested and reinvested in accordance with the plan of operation adopted by the Board while any earned interest is transferred to the general fund each year.

Your Committee further finds that the state treasury maintains an investment pool consisting of participating state accounts. The funds in the state treasury are prudently managed to achieve the investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield, in priority order. The investment pool also enables the achievement of economies of scale for the effective and efficient management of funds and enhances the State's liquidity position. This measure folds the Trust Fund into the state treasury to better facilitate the achievement of state treasury investment objectives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund's authority to:
 - (A) Arrange the manner in which funds in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund are held; and

(B) Control the manner in which funds in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund are invested and reinvested through the plan of operation; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2378, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2378, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 594-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2642

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Modify the notice requirements when terminating a rental agreement on or after November 1, 2024;
- (2) Require tenants and landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation;
- (3) Require landlords to provide specific information to tenants; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition.

Your Committee finds that Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 57), established a temporary Pre-Litigation Mediation Program to address the potential high volume of evictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Mediation assisted many low-income renters to avoid eviction or allowed a negotiated move-out that avoided further judicial proceedings and judgements, while also ensuring that landlords received their payments. This measure will continue the success of Act 57 by requiring mediation between the tenant and landlord to prevent evictions, thereby allowing families to remain in stable housing and children to continue to attend their community schools and maintain their social connections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 595-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2630

The purpose of this measure is to authorize, and establish a regulatory framework for, the administration of psilocybin for therapeutic use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Beyond Mental Health; Center for Healing & Transformation; Aloha Integrative Mental Health; Wellness Kuleana; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; Clarity Project; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Academy of Family Physicians; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and Hawai'i Psychological Association.

Your Committee finds that research has shown psilocybin to be a promising clinical treatment tool for a wide range of mental and psychiatric diagnoses, including anxiety, addiction, depression, end-of-life anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder. These results have led the United States Food and Drug Administration to grant psilocybin a breakthrough therapy designation for treatment resistant depression and major depressive disorder. This measure establishes a regulatory framework for the safe use of psilocybin in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a definition for "primary caregiver";
- (2) Specifying that the use of psilocybin for therapeutic purposes must be subject to the professional recommendation of a licensed medical professional, rather than a licensed mental health professional; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised that, while this measure specifies that the administration of psilocybin is subject to the supervision of a facilitator, the measure also provides that the facilitator is not required to be physically present during the administration session. Furthermore, the lack of supervision calls into question whether a qualifying patient would abide by the restrictions on use under certain conditions and in certain settings provided in this measure. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to give due consideration to these concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2630, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2630, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 596-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2278

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify labeling requirements for macadamia nuts; and
- (2) Require the country of origin to be included on the principal display panel of a consumer package of raw or processed macadamia nuts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Macadamia Growers of Hawai'i; Hawaiian Macadamia Nut Services, LLC; Ka'u Farms Management LLC; Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company; Ka Ma Kou Lani Farm; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Macadamia Nut Association; Island Harvest, Inc.; Hawaiian Macadamia Nut Company; Edmund C Olson Trust No. 2; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; Kealakekua Macadamia Nut Farm; Kapapala Ranch; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Host Group and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is currently the fifth largest producer of macadamia nuts in the world, but the macadamia nut industry faces significant environmental and economic pressures, including competition from out-of-state and foreign macadamia nut growers. Your Committee further finds that certain businesses may be using company names with Hawaiian words or images of Hawaii to mislead consumers into thinking that the macadamia nuts in their products were grown in Hawaii when in fact they were not. This measure bolsters the State's existing protections on the labelling of the origin of macadamia nuts to protect the Hawaii brand.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2278, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Belatti, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 597-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1629

The purpose of this measure is to require contested cases or environmental impact statement cases involving renewable energy, except cases involving incineration, to be:

- (1) Prioritized and decided expeditiously; and
- (2) Appealed from an agency's decision directly to the Hawaii Supreme Court for final decision.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative and Climate Protectors Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committees find that in order to achieve the State's goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by the year 2045, there is a need to support the efficient permitting of renewable energy projects. This measure facilitates a swift transition to clean energy and supports innovative projects that seek to reduce the State's climate impact by establishing an expedited process to prevent lengthy legal challenges that could delay or possibly stop viable renewable energy projects.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that contested cases, environmental assessment cases, or environmental impact statement cases involving large-scale energy projects over twenty megawatts in size would be required to be appealed directly to the Hawaii Supreme Court for final decision and prioritized and decided expeditiously;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1629, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1629, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 598-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1691

The purpose of this measure is to require individual wastewater systems that are near the shoreline, or likely to pollute groundwater, to include denitrification capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science; Hawaii Marine Education and Research Center; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Moana Ohana LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that coral reefs that are protected from wastewater pollutants are better able to recover from ocean warming events. This measure requires newly installed or modified wastewater systems that are near the shoreline or likely to pollute groundwater to include denitrification capacity, which ensures that these systems meet certain on-site residential wastewater treatment standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the wastewater systems that are required to include denitrification capacity to those that are newly installed or modified;
- (2) Changing wastewater systems that are required to include denitrification capacity to those that are located two hundred feet or less from a shoreline, instead of fifty feet;
- (3) Adding a definition for "denitrification capacity"; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1691, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1691, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 599-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2264

The purpose of this measure is to establish a three-year New Wastewater System Demonstration and Implementation Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation & Adaption Commission; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Water Resources Research Center. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Health.

Your Committees find that cesspools are a pressing issue in the State that impact the health of residents and visitors, water quality, and coral reefs. With over eighty-three thousand cesspools in the State discharging about fifty million gallons of raw sewage every day, your Committees believe that immediate action is needed to mitigate the negative impact of cesspools. This measure encourages the review and implementation of new innovative technologies in wastewater management that could be critical for diverting sewage at scale.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that maintaining the cleanliness of the State's waters is of statewide concern;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of an unspecified amount for the Pilot Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2264, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2264, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Hashem).

SCRep. 600-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 1892

The purpose of this measure is to implement various recommendations of the Cesspool Conversion Working Group, including:

- (1) Accelerating the dates for required upgrades, conversions, or connections to 2035 for priority level 1 cesspools and to 2040 for priority level 2 cesspools, with certain exceptions;
- (2) Appropriating funds to provide financing assistance through the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project; and
- (3) Establishing a cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Water Resources Research Center; Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Puakō for Reefs; Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committees find that pollution from cesspools threatens the health of the State's residents and environment. This measure would accelerate the dates for required upgrades, conversions, and connections of certain cesspools, appropriate funds and establish positions for the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project, and reestablish a cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the cesspool upgrade, conversion, or connection income tax credit;
- (2) Authorizing and appropriating an unspecified amount for the Department of Health to establish a comprehensive public outreach and education strategy and website;
- (3) Adding appropriations of unspecified amounts to establish positions for the implementation of the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following appropriation amounts:

- (1) \$150,000 out of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund for the public outreach and education strategy and website;
- (2) \$5,000,000 for implementation of the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project; and
- (3) \$249,000 for the following positions to implement the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project:
 - (A) \$89,500 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Engineer V (SR-26) position;
 - (B) \$82,700 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Engineer IV (SR-24) position; and
 - (C) \$76,800 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Accountant IV (SR-24) position.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1892, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 601-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2743

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require each county to develop and maintain a wastewater management plan;
- (2) Authorize the Director of Health to exempt a county from creating a wastewater management plan under certain conditions;
- (3) Require the counties to identify priority areas in which the sewerage system or other centralized treatment system will be expanded or constructed to reduce or eliminate cesspools before January 1, 2050, and provide for the designation of these areas as sewer improvement districts;
- (4) Authorize each county to assess a monthly cesspool pollution fee beginning on July 1, 2025;
- (5) Authorize the counties to use cesspool pollution fee revenues for certain activities that eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of cesspools, including the expansion of county sewerage systems and the issuance of grants and low-interest loans to property owners; and
- (6) Appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program and Water Resources Research Center; Department of Environmental Management of the County of Hawai'i; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; The Nature Conservancy; Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the State has approximately eighty-three thousand cesspools that discharge untreated sewage into groundwater and that the upgrade, conversion, or connection of these cesspools is costly. Your Committees further find that the counties are not required to develop plans for the management of wastewater. This measure would require the counties to develop and maintain wastewater management plans and authorize the counties to assess a monthly cesspool pollution fee and use fee revenues to fund certain initiatives to reduce and mitigate the impacts of cesspools.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding definitions for "centralized treatment system", "community-scale package wastewater treatment system", and "sewage";
- (2) Requiring counties to receive approval from the Department of Health (Department) to pilot or use areas identified in the program element of a wastewater management plan as suitable for new alternative treatment processes;
- (3) Deleting the requirement for the Department to issue guidelines for the development of county plans;
- (4) Specifying that community-scale package wastewater treatment systems must meet standards established by the Department, rather than the Environmental Protection Agency, in order to qualify for payment of associated costs from the Cesspool Closure and Mitigation Special Fund and from county grants and loans;
- (5) Amending eligibility requirements for county grants and loans;
- (6) Changing the reporting deadline for counties that assess a cesspool pollution fee from November 1 to September 30 of each year;
- (7) Changing the positions to be established and funded by this measure;
- (8) Adding an additional appropriation for one full-time equivalent permanent accountant IV (SR-24) position;
- (9) Changing all appropriations to unspecified amounts;
- (10) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (11) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following appropriation amounts:

- (1) \$89,500 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Engineer V (SR-26) position;
- (2) \$82,700 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Engineer IV (SR-24) position; and
- (3) \$76,800 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Accountant IV (SR-24) position.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2743, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Hashem).

SCRep. 602-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1941

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Health to implement quality improvement recommendations for the Hawaii State Hospital.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there are potential risks to safety and security at the Hawaii State Hospital, which could adversely affect patients and staff if not immediately addressed. Your Committee further finds that the emergency appropriation in this measure is necessary to address immediate safety and quality of service concerns at the Hawaii State Hospital.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble;
- (2) Changing the source of funding for the appropriation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund, rather than the general fund, and changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1941, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1941, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 603-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1624

The purpose of this measure is to require insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services for policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology; Association for Clinical Oncology; Fertility Institute of Hawaii; Advanced Reproductive Medicine & Gynecology of Hawaii, Inc.; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that some cancer treatments can cause iatrogenic infertility when chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery damage reproductive cells, reproductive organs, or endocrine functioning. These treatments can also adversely impact the ability to carry a pregnancy. Although patients facing iatrogenic infertility have recognized, effective options for preserving fertility, the high cost of these procedures and the narrow window to obtain services means these procedures are unattainable for many people. This measure assists in the offsetting of those costs by mandating coverage for standard fertility preservation services.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised during the public hearing on this measure related to cryopreservation storage services, as patients requesting cryopreservation services are required to execute a separate agreement with the selected cryopreservation bank for storage services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 604-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2641

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reestablish the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to begin on September 30, 2024; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Real Estate Valuation Advocacy Association; Appraisal Institute; Hawaii Bankers Association; Hawaii Financial Services Association; and Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that Congress enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, P.L. 111-203 (Dodd-Frank Act) to help restore independence to the appraisal process by separating the lending process and appraisal functions and requiring these functions to be autonomous. Pursuant to the mandate within the Dodd-Frank Act, federal agencies promulgated regulations that, among other things, specified that if a state failed to adopt minimum requirements by August 10, 2018, then certain non-federally regulated appraisal management companies would be barred from providing appraisal management services for federally related transactions in that state.

Your Committee further finds that to meet the deadline established by the federal regulations, the State enacted Act 118, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017 (Act 118). Act 118 established a regulatory framework that conformed with the minimum regulatory requirements under the federal regulations and the Dodd-Frank Act. Additionally, Act 118 required the Auditor to conduct a sunset analysis on the regulation of appraisal management companies in the State and to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2023 and provided that the regulatory framework would repeal on June 30, 2023. With no intervening legislation to remove the sunset, the regulatory framework established by Act 118 was repealed. This measure reestablishes the regulatory framework of Act 118 and allows consumers in the State to have access to out-of-state lenders.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$23,000 for each fiscal year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 605-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2136

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a pesticide inspection program to increase compliance with the proper use of restricted use pesticides by agricultural producers, ensure the continued prohibition on the use of chlorpyrifos, and inform the public of the most recent pesticide inspection results for agricultural producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Beyond Organic Consulting, Inc.; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Kanalani Ohana Farm; Green Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawaii Food+ Policy;

and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Sugarland Farms, Inc.; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and CropLife America.

Your Committee finds that restricted use pesticides can cause significant harm to public health and the environment. Restricted use pesticides have been deemed to have a high potential to cause harm to surrounding communities, farm workers, pollinators, the environment, and other crops. Your Committee further finds that comprehensive pesticide use data can help accurately assess risks and ensure that communities are protected from adverse impacts associated with restricted use pesticides. This measure further bolsters the Department of Agriculture's regulatory supervision over pesticide use in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that required the inclusion of specific geospatial data information about restricted use pesticide application locations; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 606-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2758

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Facilitate the control and eradication of invasive species and pests;
- (2) Establish a Plant Nursery Licensing Program;
- (3) Require the Board of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests for control or eradication;
- (4) Impose certain limits on imports and transportation; and
- (5) Update the method by which the Board of Agriculture updates its noxious weed list.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kupuna for the Mo'opuna; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Greenpeace Hawaii; Hanalei Watershed Hui; Elepaio Social Services/NiuNow; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Agriculture; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the State imports eighty percent of its commodities and ninety percent of its food, making border biosecurity critical for preventing new invasive species from arriving and spreading in the State. Your Committee further finds that many other states combat invasive pests by routinely quarantining areas invested with high impact pests and preventing the sale of infested merchandise. Your Committee believes that this measure will grant the Department of Agriculture the tools needed carry out its responsibilities and effectively regulate and prevent new and existing invasive species from entering Hawaii, while also promoting greater biosecurity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Ensuring that persons are afforded due process through:
 - (A) Allowing persons subject to a stop sale or quarantine order or mitigation order to file a request for a contested case hearing; and
 - (B) Specifying that an action to refuse to issue or renew a plant nursery license is subject to the Hawaii Administrative Procedure Act and the administrative rules adopted by the Board of Agriculture;
- (2) Deleting language that prevented the introduction of certain articles subject to a federal order;
- (3) Clarifying that the inspection authority broadened by this measure is specifically for administrative inspections and replacing the associated criminal penalty with a civil penalty;
- (4) Providing that the Department of Agriculture is exempt from the rulemaking requirements for purposes of specifying flora, fauna, pest host material, and other items and materials prohibited from interisland travel or travel between points on an island;
- (5) Clarifying the Department of Agriculture's authority to designate noxious weeds; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2758, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2758, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 2 (Onishi, Pierick). Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 607-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2067

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove from the standard condominium proxy form the option of giving a proxy vote to the board of directors of a condominium association as a whole or to directors present at the meeting; and
- (2) Require a disclosure statement on the standard condominium proxy form informing unit owners that an association may direct elections by electronic, machine, or mail voting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Kokua Council; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii First Realty LLC; Hawaii Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute; Association of Apartment Owners of Honolulu Tower Board of Directors; Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee; Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; Alii Lana Condo Association Board; Waikoloa Village Association Board of Directors; Law Offices of Philip S. Nerney, LLC; AOA Lakeview Sands; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, a proxy vote may be allocated to the board of directors of a condominium association as a whole or to the directors present at the meeting. However, this existing practice may be exploited to enable existing officers of the board to continue to sit on the board. This measure removes those options from the standard proxy form.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2067, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2067, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 608-24 Housing/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2324

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for prefabricated, modular, or kauhale-type housing for homeless individuals and low-income households.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; one member of the Maui County Council; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committees find that "kauhale" traditionally means a Hawaiian village and houses members of an ohana, whether related by blood or not. The concept of kauhale maximizes the sense of community by recognizing and celebrating an individual's skill, knowledge, and experience with others. While significant strides have been made, current attempts to address homelessness in Hawaii remain insufficient, as the State continues to have the highest number of homeless individuals per capita of any state in the nation. Your Committees believe that the kauhale housing model, which is grounded in Hawaiian culture and values, presents an opportunity to improve the lives of people experiencing homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless.

Your Committees note that while this measure is intended to ensure that some of the State's most vulnerable communities are housed and healthy, your Committees acknowledge that more detail regarding the estimated costs to implement and administer the types of housing proposed by this measure is needed to enable your Committee on Finance to make an informed decision and provide the funds necessary to support this measure.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2324, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2324, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 609-24 Housing/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 2326

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Governor for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; one member of the Maui County Council; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and Hawai'i True Cost Coalition.

Your Committees find that the Ohana Zones Pilot Program is an essential innovative approach that serves and houses people experiencing homelessness and fills gaps in homeless housing and services that cannot be done with other sources of funding. Your Committees further find that those residing in an ohana zone would benefit from mobile clinics that provide health care services, such as mental health care or dental care. Mobile clinics are a key way to provide a range of health care services to underserved populations and can reduce emergency room visits, and the associated financial burden, significantly. Your Committees believe that providing for mobile clinics for individuals residing in an ohana zone can build on the success of the Ohana Zone Pilot Program by providing much needed health care services across ohana zones in the State.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting contents that:
 - (A) Explain the purpose and legislative findings of the measure;
 - (B) Require, and appropriate funds for, the Department of Human Services to purchase, staff, and operate two mobile clinics to serve homeless persons residing in ohana zones;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2326, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2326, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 610-24 Housing/Tourism on H.B. No. 2416

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Director of Taxation to develop and administer a one-time tax amnesty program to waive criminal prosecution, fines, penalties, and interest related to general excise tax and transient accommodations tax for certain individuals;
- (2) Provide an income tax exemption for capital gains realized from the sale of certain short-term rental properties; and
- (3) Provide a conveyance tax exemption for certain real property furnished as a transient accommodation during the period from January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; and CARES. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that the housing crisis continues to be one of the State's greatest challenges. Housing costs in Hawaii are among the most expensive in the nation and, compounded by the lack of affordable housing, this puts a heavy burden on low- and moderate-income households. Your Committees further find that in a tight housing market with high prices and barriers to creating new supply, removing supply from the long-term housing market could harm residents by raising costs. Your Committees believe that the State needs innovative solutions to address the housing crisis, such as transforming short-term rentals into long-term rentals by providing certain tax incentives, thereby increasing the housing supply.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have:
 - (A) Required the Director of Taxation to develop and administer a one-time tax amnesty program; and
 - (B) Provided an income tax exemption for capital gains realized from the sale of certain short-term rental properties furnished as a transient accommodation;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2416, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2416, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

Tourism: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kong, La Chica).

SCRep. 611-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.B. No. 2007

The purpose of this measure is to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, and medical institutions to build dwelling units on lands they own that are within the state urban land use district, under certain conditions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawai'i YIMBY; Mission Management Company; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and six individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees find that creative solutions are needed so that the State can streamline building permit approvals for new housing. Your Committees further find there are certain institutions that are willing to convert a portion of their land to provide housing as a means to increase the housing supply in the State. This measure represents a creative solution to address the housing shortage by allowing certain institutions to develop housing units on their lands.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the institution must have owned the parcel of land before January 1, 2024;
- (2) Deleting language that would have prohibited a county from requiring a special use permit, conditional use permit, or other non-ministerial review for the development of dwelling units;
- (3) Exempting industrial areas, hazardous areas, county powers within special management areas, and areas zoned for one primary dwelling unit or less per acre from this measure;
- (4) Requiring dwelling units developed pursuant to this measure to be used for long-term rentals or homeless services;
- (5) Amending the definition of "medical institution" to clarify that it applies to those organizations that have a certificate of need;
- (6) Inserting a sunset date of January 1, 2034; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 2, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kila, Kitagawa).

Water & Land: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Hashem, Takayama).

SCRep. 612-24 Housing/Energy & Environmental Protection on H.B. No. 2358

The purpose of this measure is to exempt from environmental impact statement requirements certain affordable housing projects.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; NAIOP; Stanford Carr Development, LLC; and Building Industry Association of Hawaii. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i and nine individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Advisory Council.

Your Committees find that there is a substantial need for affordable housing in the State. Lengthy regulatory and entitlement processes delay and add unnecessary costs to the development of affordable housing projects, often making them unfeasible. This measure streamlines the regulatory process for qualified affordable housing projects by exempting certain affordable housing projects from environmental impact statement requirements.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have exempted from environmental impact statement requirements the construction of a new affordable housing project located within the state agricultural land use district that is fifteen acres or less, contiguous with a parcel that has a state urban land use district classification, and not designated as important agricultural lands;

- (2) Clarifying that the exemptions under this measure apply to a new affordable housing project that is consistent with existing county zoning classifications that allow housing;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2358, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Perruso, Ward).

SCRep. 613-24 Housing on H.B. No. 2629

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Homeless Services Special Fund;
- (2) Allow counties to apply for matching funds from the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund for housing projects that are subject to a perpetual affordability requirement;
- (3) Amend conveyance tax rates based on property values;
- (4) Repeal conveyance tax rates set separately for conveyances for which the purchasers are ineligible for a county homeowner's exemption on property tax;
- (5) Exempt from the conveyance tax any conveyances of real property to organizations with certain affordability requirements and to certain nonprofit organizations; and
- (6) Allocate collected conveyance taxes to the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund and Homeless Services Special Fund and amend allocations to the Land Conservation Fund and Rental Housing Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Trust for Public Land; Church of the Crossroads; Ka Makani O Kohala Ohana; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Hope Services Hawai'i, Inc.; Kū Pono Ka Leo O Ka 'Āina; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Affordable Housing Connections LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; NAIOP; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Department of Human Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Stanford Carr Development, LLC; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds the lack of affordable housing and cost of living in the State are a significant factor in the number of families moving away and a major contributor to homelessness. Hawaii has the highest number of homeless individuals per capita in the nation and until more can be done to create more affordable housing and provide services for homeless individuals, this problem will continue to get worse.

Your Committee further finds that the conveyance tax is one of the most stable forms of revenue for the State and is an appropriate source to fund affordable housing development, land conservation, and homeless services. However, your Committee notes that increases to the conveyance tax should be appropriate, so as to not discourage investment and not put an undue burden on residents engaging in the transfer of real property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Transferring the Homeless Services Special Fund and its administration from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to the Department of Human Services;
- (2) Deleting the requirement that counties consult with at least one percent of their full-time resident population to qualify to apply for matching funds from the Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund;
- (3) Reverting to existing statutory language for conveyance tax rates and also increasing the tax rates for certain properties;
- (4) Establishing new conveyance tax rates for the sale of a multifamily residential property and inserting a definition for "multifamily residential property";
- (5) Inserting definitions for "permanent affordability" and "price-restricted affordability period";
- (6) Exempting from the conveyance tax the conveyance of real property to an individual who is an owner-occupant or renter-occupant;
- (7) Reducing the allocation of collected conveyance taxes that are paid into the Land Conservation Fund, Rental Housing Revolving Fund, Affordable Homeownership Revolving Fund, and Homeless Services Special Fund;
- (8) Allocating eight percent of collected conveyance taxes to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to fund infrastructure programs in transit-oriented development areas;
- (9) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2629, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Miyake, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 614-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1807

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Works of Art Special Fund's one percent transfer requirement to exclude capital improvement appropriations for the renovation of state buildings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; one member of the Hawaii County Council; HULI PAC; East Hawaii Cultural Center; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Hawai'i Handweavers' Hui; Hawaii Arts Alliance; Capitol Modern; ART+FLEA, MORI by Art+Flea; 808 Breakers; Keiki Breaks; Donkey Mill Art Center; Hula Preservation Society; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; Hawai'i Contemporary; House of Bloom Artist Collective; Kahilu Theatre Foundation; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Works of Art Special Fund has been successful in enhancing the physical environment of state buildings through requiring the State to designate one percent of construction and renovation costs for state buildings for the acquisition of works of art. However, your Committee finds it unnecessary to fund the furnishing of art for construction of site work. Your Committee therefore finds that amending the Special Fund's requirement to exclude the construction of site work from the one percent of transfer requirement for acquiring works of art would better allocate state resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the existing application of the one percent transfer requirement to capital improvement appropriations designated for the renovation of state buildings;
- (2) Excluding from the one percent transfer requirement appropriations that limit work strictly to construction of site work; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1807, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1807, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Tam, Martinez, Garrett, Alcos). Noes, 1 (Kapela). Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 615-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1939

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to provide greater access to the arts for children and communities in need, particularly for those affected by the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Lana'i Arts & Culture Center; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Hawaii Arts Alliance; Hula Preservation Society; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that in the wake of disaster, people may look to the arts for solace, comfort, and connection. Your Committee further finds that developing partnerships with art organizations and establishing a statewide arts program will increase access to the arts for communities in need, help communities heal, and be a symbol for resilience during recovery, particularly for those affected by the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$150,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1939, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1939, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 616-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 1940

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds out of the Works of Art Special Fund to enable the incorporation of works of art projects into the major capital improvement projects that have been planned or are being planned.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; one member of the Hawaii County Council; Hawai'i Cigar; Hula Preservation Society; Hawaii Arts Alliance; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is unable to address the rising demands for culture and arts programs and services because the Works of Art Special Fund expenditure ceiling remains static despite an increase in revenues to the Fund. This measure would increase the ceiling to \$9,000,000 annually.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1940, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 617-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2735

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the exemption of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions; and
- (2) Transfer certain functions relating to cultural grants from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is currently exempt from certain provisions of the law governing administrative supervision of boards and commissions. Your Committee believes that full administrative supervision of the Hawaii Tourism Authority is necessary to increase transparency of the authority. Your Committee further finds that transferring certain responsibilities of the Hawaii Tourism Authority to a more appropriate state agency ensures that perpetuating Native Hawaiian culture is better managed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2735, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 618-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.B. No. 2246

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Transfer the awarding and administration of certain cultural grants from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; and
- (2) Establish a Standing Selection Committee within the Foundation to review and award cultural grants.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the mission of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is to promote, perpetuate, and preserve culture and the arts in the State. However, your Committee notes that the Foundation does not have the explicit statutory authority to award and administer cultural grants that perpetuate the uniqueness of the Native Hawaiian culture and community. Your Committee believes that the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is a more appropriate agency than the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to award and administer such cultural grants, as this function is better aligned with the Foundation's mission.

Your Committee notes that nonprofit organizations, community groups, and events that may receive or benefit from cultural grants from the Foundation through this measure include but are not limited to the Hawai'i International Film Festival; Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture; Pan-Pacific Festival; Queen Lili'uokalani Keiki Hula Competition; Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Festival; Kaua'i Songwriters Music Festival; Eō e 'Emalani i Alaka'i Festival; Hawai'i's Woodshow, Na La'au o Hawai'i; 'Iolani Palace Kama'āina Sundays; Ka Pae 'Āina o Hawai'i Nei Hawaiian Archipelago Mosaic Program; Hāna Arts; Hula Arts at Kilauea; Polynesian Voyaging Society; and Kalihi-Pālana Culture & Arts Society.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 619-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 2710

The purpose of this measure is to require a wireless telecommunications carrier, as a condition for any conservation district use permit to construct, reconstruct, or alter a telecommunications facility on Kaiwa Ridge, to maintain emergency backup power for a minimum of eight hours.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Bluestone Townhomes Board of Directors; Lanikai Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and CTIA. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that during emergencies, cellular phone connectivity is imperative so that residents and visitors can communicate with others and receive warnings and alerts. Your Committee further finds that the provisions of this measure should be applied statewide.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending its requirements statewide;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the legal concern raised by CTIA that mandates like those in this measure are expressly preempted by Section 332 of the Federal Communications Act and that longstanding case law has established that state regulation that attempts to regulate the adequacy of wireless carriers' network facilities and the level or quality of their services constitutes impermissible regulation of market "entry" and is therefore barred by that section. While your Committee recognizes this concern, it also notes that California appears to have similar provisions in place and therefore your Committee believes that there is merit in moving this measure forward while looking into the issue of possible preemption.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2710, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2710, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 620-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2407

The purpose of this measure is to mitigate wildfire risk in the State by:

- (1) Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to convene workshops to assist electric utilities in developing and sharing information for the identification, adoption, and implementation of best practices regarding wildfires;
- (2) Requiring electric utilities to develop and operate in compliance with wildfire protection plans; and
- (3) Authorizing the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization and wildfire protection fees to avoid a disproportionate impact on specific ratepayers or counties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Defense; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaii State Energy Office; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of the Attorney General; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

Your Committees find that the Hawaii State Energy Office conducted a comprehensive energy system risk assessment for Oahu on the interdependencies within the energy sector supply chain and the interdependencies of the energy sector with Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Lifeline

services that are essential to the response and recovery from hazard events. The Office found that wildfire is one of the top two most significant threats to the State's critical energy infrastructure and the emergency response sectors that depend on it. At the same time, power infrastructure in red flag conditions can also be the cause of wildfire.

Your Committees further find that as wildfire risk has increased in a warming climate, many states are starting to adopt best practices for wildfire mitigation or protection plans. These plans are widely available and have been largely based on California's laws and regulations. These laws and regulations may serve as a model for the State and can potentially be adapted to suit the State's unique geography, culture, and overall landscape through workshops, hosted by either the electric utilities or the Public Utilities Commission. This measure moves the State forward to implement best practices in mitigating wildfire risk.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the language proposed by the Department of the Attorney General that refines the securitization process, places additional safeguards for ratepayers, and prioritizes the public interest; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 621-24 Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 407

The purpose of this bill is to effectuate its title.

H.B. No. 407 was introduced as a short-form bill, which is sometimes referred to as a "vehicle" bill primarily used to introduce a bill containing only a general idea as to the purpose of the bill without specific details in the long form.

Your Committee has amended the bill to provide the substantive contents of the bill in long form so that a public hearing may be properly held on its substantive contents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the action to report out H.B. No. 407, as amended herein, and recommends that it be recommitted to your Committee on Health & Homelessness, for the purpose of holding a public hearing thereon, in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 407, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Ilagan, Nishimoto, Garcia). Noes, 2 (Kobayashi, Marten). Excused, none.

SCRep. 622-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 1511

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii is to promote educational, scientific, and literary pursuits through research, training of research personnel, and dissemination of knowledge by publication of research findings and that the Corporation's undertakings shall be limited to acts that are reasonably necessary to carry out this purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that this measure is necessary to ensure that the undertakings of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii meet the purposes for which it was originally established.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the University of Hawaii to consult with, instead of notify, the exclusive representative of the appropriate bargaining unit to review conformance of positions with exceptions to collective bargaining;
- (2) If any civil service employees or programs actively employ civil service employees, requiring the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii to provide justification to the Governor for each civil service position accepted, list the program affected in its next report to the Legislature, and obtain approval from the Governor prior to hiring; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 623-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1915

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the number of required publications of a notice to creditors by a trustee to once a week for two successive weeks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 158, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, updated several articles of the Uniform Probate Code to adjust for inflation, clarify provisions, resolve issues that have arisen in probate practice, and address societal changes in familial relations. This measure will further update the Uniform Probate Code to reduce the required number of publications of a notice to creditors by a trustee.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1915 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 624-24 Housing/Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2090

The purpose of this measure to, beginning on January 1, 2026:

- (1) Permit residential uses in areas zoned for commercial to be considered permitted, under certain circumstances; and
- (2) Require each county to adopt ordinances that allow for adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; NAIOP; Hawai'i YIMBY; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Zoning Atlas; and seven individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Your Committees find that the lack of diverse housing options contributes to the high cost of living in the State, pushing many residents out of Hawaii. Your Committees further find that adaptive reuse of commercial buildings has the potential to expand the State's housing inventory while also facilitating the creation of more vibrant communities. Adaptive reuse will allow for the development of housing in commercial districts and encourage the repurposing of older commercial buildings that are underutilized due to market conditions or functional obsolescence. Your Committees believe that this measure can make an important contribution to easing Hawaii's housing shortage by allowing for the reuse of commercial buildings.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that residential uses in any area zoned for commercial use shall be considered permitted beginning January 1, 2026;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing, Water & Land, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2090, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Todd).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 625-24 Housing/Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1630

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit county zoning ordinances and private covenants for residential lots within a state urban land use district from not allowing four or more residential units per residential lot within an urban district;
- (2) Require the counties to allow for attached and detached additional units or accessory dwelling units, but authorize the counties to impose certain restrictions;
- (3) Require that any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of parcels within the state urban land use district receive final approval from the director of the county agency responsible for land use;
- (4) Require the counties to consider the square footage of a development when determining the development's proportionate share of public facility capital improvement costs; and
- (5) Permit the appropriate board of water supply to calculate impact fees based on total number of fixtures in the development when the public facility impacted is a water or sewage facility.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committees posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which preserves the contents of this measure and amends it by:

- (1) Requiring county zoning ordinances to allow for at least two missing middle housing units on a residential lot within the state urban land use district;
- (2) Clarifying the restrictions and guidelines a county may continue imposing on missing middle housing units;
- (3) Clarifying that long-term rentals are as defined by each county;
- (4) Clarifying that any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of parcels within the state urban land use district that are residentially zoned and at least two thousand square feet in area shall be reviewed and acted upon by the director of the county agency responsible for land use, with certain exclusions; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees received testimony in support of the proposed H.D. 1 from the Land Use Commission; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; County of Maui Planning Department; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; County of Hawai'i Planning Department; County of Kaua'i Planning Department; AARP Hawai'i; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association; Hawaii Zoning Atlas; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Building Industry Association Hawaii; NAIOP; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Aio; Hawai'i Gas; HPM Building Supply; Tori Richard, Ltd.; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; Mana Up; Hawai'i YIMBY; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Holomua Collaborative; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Construction Industry of Maui; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to the proposed H.D. 1 from one individual. Your Committees received comments on the proposed H.D. 1 from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committees find that the State's housing crisis has reached a point where traditional methods are no longer sufficient to meet the increasing demands for affordable housing. Your Committees further find that additional dwelling units are tools that certain counties utilize to increase the housing market by allowing property owners to build smaller dwelling units on their property. Your Committees believe that establishing a framework for the development of additional dwelling units in urban districts across the State is necessary to address the housing crisis. This measure provides a mechanism to allow for the development of additional homes while preserving the counties' authority to impose restrictions and guidelines.

Your Committees have amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1 and further amending the measure by:

- (1) Changing references of missing middle housing to additional dwelling units and deleting the definition of "missing middle housing";
- (2) Deleting language that would have prohibited an ordinance or rule from requiring more than one off-street vehicle parking on-site per additional dwelling unit space;
- (3) Clarifying that for purposes of a subdivision application, certain parcels within a designated historic district are excluded from the requirement that the application be reviewed and acted upon by the appropriate county land use director;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing, Water & Land, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1630, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1630, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Todd).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Chun). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 626-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.B. No. 1588

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the Labor Education Advisory Council shall be advisory to the President of the University of Hawaii on all activities and programs of the Center for Labor Education and Research; and
- (2) Require written responses addressing the Council's advice and adoption of resolutions by the President and Chancellor of the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Labor Education Advisory Council.

Your Committee finds that the Center for Labor Education and Research at the University of Hawaii, West Oahu campus, provides labor education, research, and labor-related programs to workers, their organizations, students, and the general public. Expanding the advisory capacity of the Labor Education Advisory Council ensures that the Center for Labor Education and Research continues to meet the evolving needs of the labor community.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 627-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1650

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Education to invite:

- (1) The exclusive representative for bargaining unit (5) to appoint a nonvoting public school teacher representative to the Board; and
- (2) The exclusive representative for bargaining unit (6) to appoint a nonvoting public school administrator to the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education already invites a student representative and a military representative to the Board as nonvoting members. The student representative and military representative are not voting members of the Board, but they may engage in discussion and deliberation at general business meetings, special meetings, and standing committee meetings. The student representative and military representative do not have other rights or privileges, including the right to make motions, nor can they be counted for quorum purposes or be entitled to be present in executive sessions of the Board unless necessary for the purpose of the executive session. Your Committee believes that adding a current public school teacher and public school administrator as nonvoting members to the Board will provide additional insight from public school employees who directly interact with students and parents and help the Board make better informed decisions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1650, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 628-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1642

The purpose of this measure is to allow an employee or the exclusive representative, if applicable, to file a complaint with the Hawaii Labor Relations Board if the employer fails to comply with section 78-64, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to general employee orientation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, an employer is required to provide newly hired employees with a general orientation on their benefits and rights within twenty calendar days of being hired. This measure will ensure that employers comply with these requirements and if not, are held accountable.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1642, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 629-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2343

The purpose of this measure is to broaden enforcement of orders of wage payment violations to allow for certified copies of orders of wage payment violations to be filed in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Political Action Committee; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations issues orders of wage payment violation when employers are found to have violated their wage payment obligations. However, enforcement proceedings on final orders of wage payment violations must be filed in the circuit court in which the employer conducts business. This measure would allow enforcement proceedings to be brought in district court, improving the efficiency of enforcement and expediting collection efforts to get employees paid their wages.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2343, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 630-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1578

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a shipping container chassis that holds a valid out-of-state certificate of vehicle registration to obtain a certificate of safety inspection; and
- (2) Specify that an out-of-state registration for a shipping container chassis is valid in the State until its expiration in the other state or for one year after a vehicle safety inspection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Young Brothers, LLC; and Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

Your Committee finds that shipping container chassis are a vital part of the flow of commerce. The chassis ensure that containers and the goods inside can be delivered to businesses in the State. Due to the nature of intermodal equipment, shipping container chassis are frequently moved from port to port.

Your Committee further finds that almost every other state in the United States recognizes the intermodal, interstate nature of shipping container chassis and recognizes out-of-state license plates and registrations. Allowing out-of-state registered shipping container chassis to obtain a safety check in the State will ensure the safety and roadworthiness of shipping container chassis and ensure the safe and efficient flow of commerce throughout the State, while also requiring the shipping container chassis to be registered in the State within a reasonable time. This measure provides greater flexibility to allow shipping container chassis to operate efficiently and safely in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1578, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Lowen, Pierick).

SCRep. 631-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1922

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule imposing restrictions or requirements deemed necessary to protect wildlife; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to timely adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that it is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that there may be situations where impacts to natural resources or newly available technology or data necessitate changes to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rules regarding bag limits, size limits, open or closed hunting seasons, or gear restrictions. This measure will provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with greater flexibility to respond to these situations and impose other restrictions or requirements it deems necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1922, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 632-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2315

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the laws regarding the use of electronic voting devices, electronic meetings, and electronic, machine, or mail voting for condominium association voting and meetings.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association; IP Xpert of Honolulu; and six individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Tower AOA and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii First Realty LLC; AOA Waialae Place; AOA Mariner's Village 1; The Continental Apartments; AOA Lakeview Sands; Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that there have been several efforts to utilize technology to expand participation in condominium association governance. Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, authorized condominium associations to use electronic voting devices. Act 83, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, and Act 62,

Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, authorized and clarified the use of electronic meetings and electronic, machine, or mail voting for association meetings and voting in a post-COVID-19 reality. This measure continues those efforts to further clarify and streamline the use of technology in condominium association governance.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2315, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 633-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2316

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the law regarding cumulative voting for condominium association elections by:

- (1) Specifying that cumulative voting is allowed for all candidates regardless of whether the person is nominated; and
- (2) Clarifying that individual votes are used in cumulative voting.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Tower AOA; Palehua Townhouse Association; and seven individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii First Realty LLC; Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; AOA Waialae Place; AOA Mariner's Village 1; The Continental Apartments; AOA Lakeview Sands; Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that existing law provides for cumulative voting only for persons nominated in elections for positions of condominium associations. This does not account for write-in candidates. This measure expands the existing authorization for cumulative voting to include write-in candidates.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2316, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2316, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 634-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2317

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the deadline for proxy votes to be delivered to the secretary of a planned community association or the managing agent for association meetings is 4:30 p.m. Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time; and
- (2) With respect to statements of owners requesting nomination to boards of directors that accompany notices of intent to distribute proxies, specify that the statements are not to exceed one page and require associations to provide an internet link to access statements.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii First Realty LLC; Palehua Townhouse Association; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; AOA Waialae Place; AOA Mariner's Village 1; The Continental Apartments; Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter; Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that, under existing law, planned community associations are allowed to limit statements of owners requesting nomination to boards of directors to one hundred words. This limitation may be insufficient to appropriately convey a person's qualifications. This measure removes the one-hundred-word limitation but keeps the statement within a single eight and one-half inch by eleven inch page.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2317, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2317, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 635-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2318

The purpose of this measure is to exempt planned community associations and condominium associations from the quorum and voting provisions applicable to boards of directors under the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter.

Your Committees find that, under the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, the quorum and voting provisions do not take into account directors who abstain from taking actions based on actual or perceived conflicts of interest. In such cases, the abstention is equivalent to a no vote.

Your Committees further find that, as applied to planned community associations and condominium associations, equating abstentions to no votes would hamper boards of limited size. Boards of directors of planned community associations and condominium associations range in size, with some boards consisting of as little as three members to others consisting of as many as twelve members. This measure would allow planned community associations and condominium associations to have more flexibility in taking actions in the event of any abstentions.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2318, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2318, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 636-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2094

The purpose of this measure is to require a landlord, for any residential rental agreement with a term of six months or greater, to change or rekey all locks to the residential property before the tenant's date of initial occupancy, with a grace period of thirty days.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committees find that, as a good practice, landlords or property managers change the locks or utilize smart locks to rekey doors easily after a tenant moves out. Your Committees further find that tenants who enter into rental agreements for longer terms of tenancy have reasonable expectations of exclusive access to the property. This measure reinforces that expectation by requiring the landlord to change or rekey all locks to the property for any residential rental agreement with a term of six months or greater.

Your Committees note that the intent of this measure is limited to those locks under the control of the landlord that provide exclusive access to the individual living spaces of the tenant and not to the locks that provide access to general or common areas.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2094, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2094, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi, Tam). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 637-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2481

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Your Committee finds that the law creating the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds was enacted in 2013 to increase efficiency and convenience for foreign buyers to purchase time share properties in the State and boost the State's tourism industry. Modeled after Florida's Commissioners of Deeds program, the law authorizes the Lieutenant Governor to appoint commissioners in the United States and its territories. The commissioners are responsible for administering oaths and taking acknowledgments and proofs of a deed, assignment of lease, mortgage contract, power of attorney, or other instruments used in connection with time share interests, for use or recordation in the State.

However, your Committee further finds that there is no record of any Lieutenant Governor appointing any commissioner of deeds pursuant to the enacting law.

Your Committee additionally finds that Act 54, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 54), updated state law regarding notaries public to conform to the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (2018), Hawaii Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, other notary laws, and existing notary practices. The amendments made by Act 54 address any ambiguity and duplication of services and addresses the demand of foreign buyers to expeditiously purchase time share properties in the State. As such, the law creating the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds is now redundant. This measure repeals the unnecessary law creating the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2481, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Belatti, Gates).

SCRep. 638-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1636

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of electronic mail to deliver certain documents when purchasing condominiums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Keeaumoku Development; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that, under existing law, a developer of a condominium project is required to disclose certain documents to prospective purchasers. The disclosure may be delivered either personally, by mail, by facsimile, or by another method as authorized by the Real Estate Commission. This measure will update the statutorily approved methods of delivery to include the modern method of communication through electronic mail.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1636, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1636, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 639-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1825

The purpose of this measure is to authorize out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information to an in-state pharmacy for the initial fill of an out-of-state prescription.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Walgreen Co.; CVS Health; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Pharmacy.

Your Committee finds that an out-of-state visitor may require prescription medication while in Hawaii. In this situation, the visitor will consult with the visitor's out-of-state physician for acute medication, who would typically issue the prescription to a pharmacy in the visitor's home state. Because existing law allows out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information for refills, but not for initial fills, local pharmacists must contact out-of-state physicians for a verbal prescription order. This results in more work for the pharmacy and can cause delays in treatment for the out-of-state patient. This measure will allow out-of-state patients in Hawaii to receive their medication in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1825, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1825, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hashem, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 640-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Health & Homelessness on H.B. No. 1566

The purpose of this measure is to provide privacy protections for Hawaii residents and their consumer health data by:

- (1) Requiring additional disclosures and consumer consent regarding the collection, sharing, and use of consumer health data information;
- (2) Establishing rights for consumers regarding their health data, including the right to have their health data deleted;
- (3) Prohibiting the sale of consumer health data without valid authorization signed by the consumer; and
- (4) Prohibiting the utilization of a geofence around a facility that provides health care services.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Consumer Reports; Save Medicaid Hawaii; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii; ATA Action; and TechNet. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Insurers Council; State Privacy & Security Coalition; and American Council of Life Insurers.

Your Committees find that this measure is necessary to close the gap between data protected by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and other consumer health data. HIPAA requires all individually identifiable health information held or transmitted by covered entities, such as hospitals, pharmacies, and health care providers, to be protected. Consumer health data collected by connected devices and health apps, however, are not currently covered by HIPAA. This measure, which is modeled after legislation from Washington, would ensure that Hawaii consumer's health data is protected.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the prohibition on geofencing does not apply to a covered entity as defined by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, to the extent the covered entity maintains patient information in the same manner as medical information or protected health information as described in this measure;
- (2) Exempting information and documents created specifically for, and collected and maintained by, licensed insurers, producers, or any other persons licensed or required to be licensed, authorized or required to be authorized, or registered or required to be registered, under the Insurance Code;
- (3) Exempting the collection of the privacy-protected and de-identified data by the State Health Planning And Development Agency for the State's All-Payer Claims Database that is used for population health status monitoring and public health purposes;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has concerns regarding enforcement. More information is needed from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to determine whether those concerns should be addressed.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1566, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1566, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 641-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1916

The purpose of this measure is to restrict the information published by the government or private entities that identifies the personal residence and other personally identifying information of certain public servants who are at greater risk of harm due to the important decision-making functions associated with their government jobs.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State Bar Association; American Judicature Society; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Public First Law Center. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees find that threats and inappropriate communications to judges and court personnel have escalated in recent years. Your Committees further recognize that, given the expanded availability of personal information of judges and judiciary staff through various sources, additional measures are needed to ensure the safety of judges and judiciary personnel.

Your Committees additionally find that a similar measure, H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, passed third reading in the House of Representatives and second reading in the Senate before being deferred by the Senate Standing Committee on Ways and Means during the Regular Session of 2023. That measure, which was focused on prohibiting the publication of personal information of judges and judiciary staff, did not receive any written testimony in opposition during the legislative process as the respective standing committees only received written testimony in support of the measure.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the contents of this measure and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 386, H.D. 1, which prohibits posting the personal information of state and federal judges and other judicial staff online with the intent to intimidate or threaten injury, harm, or violence, or when the information would expose them to harassment or risk of harm to life or property;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1916, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hussey-Burdick).

SCRep. 642-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2524

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Real Estate Commission (Commission) to receive and investigate complaints by condominium unit owners against associations that are subject to condominium laws; and
- (2) Require the Ombudsman to issue findings within a certain amount of time after a complaint is filed against the Commission regarding the Commission's duties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Kokua Council; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; District 25 Council of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Real Estate Commission; Honolulu Tower AOA; AOA Lakeview Sands; Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Ombudsman; Hawaii Legislative Action Committee Community Associations Institute; Hawaii First Realty LLC; and one individual.

Your Committees find that this measure will ensure that complaints by condominium unit owners against associations are properly investigated by the Real Estate Commission and timely resolved.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2524, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2524, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Hussey-Burdick).

SCRep. 643-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2339

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Delete the term "enhanced" in reference to 911 services to allow funding of all 911 technologies; and
- (2) Allow the 911 Board to employ staff, in addition to the Executive Director, who are exempt from civil service and collective bargaining laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Enhanced 911 Board; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Honolulu Police Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Hawaii Police Department; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the term "enhanced" in reference to 911 services refers to technology developed more than twenty years ago. However, advancements in technology and changes in terminology have made this term outdated. Your Committee further finds that existing law limits the ability of the 911 Board to use the funding for upgrading to new technologies, despite a national trend of other states upgrading their 911 services to next generation technology. This measure will provide flexibility to fund any upgrades to 911 service technologies, thereby ensuring public safety throughout the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2339, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 644-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2352

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt the administrator of the Law Enforcement Standards Board from civil service laws;
- (2) Clarify membership and certain powers and duties of the Law Enforcement Standards Board; and
- (3) Establish new deadlines for the completion of the Law Enforcement Standards Board responsibilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Law Enforcement; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers and Policing Project at NYU School of Law.

Your Committee finds that the amendments made by this measure provide greater flexibility and stability for the Law Enforcement Standards Board to accomplish its responsibilities. Your Committee further finds that the purpose of establishing statewide law enforcement standards is to ensure that all law enforcement officers, current and prospective, meet those standards.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided an exemption from certification for a person who entered into employment with the applicable county police department or state department before July 1, 2026, and whose termination of employment would violate any valid collective bargaining agreement;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2352, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2352, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 645-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1842

The purpose of this measure is to adopt the recommendation of the Wildfire Prevention Working Group to increase:

- (1) Monetary penalties for violations of state fire protection laws to improve compliance with state and county fire codes; and
- (2) Criminal penalties for arson in the fourth degree during red flag warnings.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Police Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Speaker of the House of Representatives established six working groups to evaluate the aftermath of the Maui wildfires and make recommendations for appropriate legislative action in the Regular Session of 2024. In December 2023, these working groups released a joint final report detailing their findings and recommendations. This measure seeks to deter certain actions that contribute to an increased risk of wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1842, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1842, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 646-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1879

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit certain information included in any digital voter information guide from being released to any requestor in whole or in part before the public release of the entire guide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will make clear that an open records request made for the contents of the digital voter information guide is to be rejected prior to the public release of the guide and will prevent the requestor from receiving any unfair advantage, which could impact elections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the contents of the digital voter information guide shall not be subject to disclosure pursuant to the Uniform Information Practices Act and any other law; and

(2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1879, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1879, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 647-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2351

The purpose of this measure is to amend the annual reporting requirements for the Department of the Attorney General (Department) concerning concealed carry licenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that excluding from the Department's annual report demographic information pertaining to the applicant's age, gender, and race will prevent any unintended stigma being attached to any group of conceal carry license applicants and licensees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2351, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2351, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 648-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2370

The purpose of this measure is to clarify quorum requirements for the Stadium Authority to conduct business.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Stadium Authority; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers.

Your Committee finds that existing law is not specific on the requirements for establishing quorum for the Stadium Authority to conduct business. Your Committee further finds that the Stadium Authority also has issues in meeting the quorum due to board vacancies. This measure will clarify that a majority of the voting members appointed to the Stadium Authority is required to conduct business and to take official action.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2370, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2370, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 649-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2522

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the definition of "beer" to include any alcoholic beverage containing no less than 0.5 percent alcohol by volume obtained by fermentation of any infusion or decoction of malt or any substitute, including alcohol seltzer beverages, but excluding sake, cooler beverages, or other distilled products; and
- (2) Permit brewpubs to sell beer manufactured by the brewpub, or beer manufactured on their premises, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Craft Ohana; Lanikai Brewing Company LLC DBA Lanikai Spirits; Hana Koa Brewing Co.; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the existing statutory definition of "beer" follows the traditional basic ingredients used in historical beer manufacturing. However, this definition does not adequately reflect the expansion of the craft beer manufacturing sector and is not in alignment with the federal definition. This measure will alleviate these inconsistencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2522, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2522, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 650-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1869

The purpose of this measure is to establish the felony offenses of misuse of unmanned aircraft in the first, second, and third degrees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the use of unmanned aircraft systems, or "drones", without clear legal authority creates uncertainty for citizens and government agencies throughout Hawaii. More specifically, drones present a substantial privacy risk. While this rapidly changing technology has positive uses in public safety, it remains important to uphold and protect the privacy rights of individuals and their freedom from unwarranted surveillance that can result from the misuse of drone technology.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a person commits the offense of misuse of unmanned aircraft in the first degree if they intentionally or knowingly use an unmanned aircraft to attempt to transport and introduce contraband, drugs, or dangerous instruments into a prison;
- (2) Exempting Adult Corrections Officers and Correctional Workers acting within the course and scope of their duties or pursuant to a government contract from certain provisions of this measure;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1869, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1869, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 651-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1527

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the exemption for the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine by animal owners and their employees to prohibit any surgical procedure on the owner's animal or animals;
- (2) Specify that a violation of the prohibition on unlicensed surgical procedures by animal owners or their employees is a class C felony; and
- (3) Clarify that the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree does not apply to accepted veterinary practices and cropping or docking as customarily practiced when the procedures are performed by a licensed veterinarian.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Animal Welfare Institute; Hawaiian Humane Society; Kaua'i Humane Society; Animal Rights Hawai'i; Animal Interfaith Alliance of Britain; Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine and Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association.

Your Committee finds that surgical procedures on pet animals, such as dogs and cats, by untrained persons are cruel and harmful to the animals. Your Committee further finds that surgical procedures should only be performed on pet animals by veterinary medical experts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the prohibition on unlicensed surgical procedures by animal owners or their employees to only ban persons who are not licensed to practice veterinary medicine from performing any surgical procedure on pet animals, which are defined as dogs, cats, domesticated rabbits, guinea pigs, domesticated pigs, or caged birds (passeriformes, piciformes, and psittaciformes only) so long as not bred for consumption, and does not include livestock animals;
- (2) Increasing the penalties for violations of veterinary medicine licensing requirements;
- (3) Deleting language that would have specified that a violation of the prohibition on unlicensed surgical procedures by animal owners or their employees is a class C felony;
- (4) Deleting language that would have clarified that the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree does not apply to cropping or docking as customarily practiced when the procedures are performed by a licensed veterinarian;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1527, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 652-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1580

The purpose of this measure is to amend the criminal penalties for various animal cruelty offenses by increasing the category of offense.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Animal Welfare Institute; Hina's Legacy Rescue Foundation; Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Interfaith Alliance of Britain; Waianae Wags; Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that there has been a significant increase in the number of incidents of animal cruelty in the State. According to the Honolulu Police Department, there were seventy-three animal cruelty crimes in 2023 compared to fifty-eight in 2018.

Your Committee further finds that recent research has shown that animal cruelty is a predictive and co-occurring crime with violence against humans, including children, intimate partners, and the elderly. Psychological studies show that seventy percent of violent criminals began by abusing animals. Children

who witness animal abuse are also more likely to abuse animals as teenagers and adults. This measure increases the criminal penalties for various animal cruelty offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the penalty for the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree by:
 - (A) Deleting language that would have made the offense a class C felony;
 - (B) Providing that the enhanced penalty of class B felony applies if the violation results in the death of the animal; and
 - (C) Requiring that any person convicted of the class B felony be prohibited from possessing or owning any animal for a minimum of five years from the date of conviction;
- (2) Deleting language that would have made the intentional interference with the use of a service animal or law enforcement animal a class C felony;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1580, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1580, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 653-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1682

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, require retail stores that sell pet animals to:
 - (A) Maintain records sufficient to document the source and medical history of each pet animal obtained by the store for at least three years following the date the store obtained the pet animal;
 - (B) Verify the identities of breeders and brokers;
 - (C) Maintain physical copies of certain documentation; and
 - (D) Provide certain records related to the respective pet animal to the purchaser of the pet animal before any sale is finalized and to county authorities upon request;
- (2) Prohibit any retail pet store from selling or offering for sale any pet animal unless the retail pet store was in operation in the State before January 1, 2025, under certain conditions;
- (3) Authorize retail pet stores to showcase dogs and cats owned by a nonprofit animal welfare organization; and
- (4) Establish penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Animal Welfare Institute; Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Interfaith Alliance of Britain; Kaua'i Humane Society; Animal Rights Hawai'i; The Humane Society of the United States; Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People; Rainbow Family 808; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Koolau Pets; The Pet Depot; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the State does not regulate retail pet businesses. This places the State in the minority as thirty-three states license commercial pet breeders, thirty-one states set minimum standards of care for breeders, and thirty states regulate the sale of puppies by pet stores.

Your Committee further finds that while a comprehensive regulatory framework may be unnecessary, some level of transparency would alleviate any concerns of unscrupulous business practices. This measure requires retail pet stores to retain certain documentation and to provide that documentation to purchasers and, upon request, to law enforcement agencies.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the penalty to establish a maximum civil penalty amount and duration for the prohibition on selling pet animals;
- (2) Deleting language that would have prohibited any retail pet store from selling or offering for sale any pet animal unless the retail pet store was in operation in the State before January 1, 2025, under certain conditions;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1682, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1682, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 654-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1980

The purpose of this measure is to establish penalties related to cruelty to animals by fighting birds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i; Hina's Legacy Rescue Foundation; Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Welfare Institute; Animal Interfaith Alliance of Britain; Animal Rights Hawai'i; The Humane Society of the United States; Domestic Violence Hurts Animals and People; Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that illegal animal fighting is directly associated with other criminal activities such as illegal gambling, illegal firearms possession, illegal drug distribution, endangerment of minors, and human violence. Your Committee further finds that psychologists and criminologists have long determined that children exposed to human or animal violence, or who engage in animal cruelty, are more likely to escalate to violence against humans, threatening the overall community and public safety. This measure strengthens existing laws relating to animal cruelty by establishing the criminal offenses of cruelty to animals by fighting birds in the first and second degree.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "fight between birds";
- (2) Defining "property" as it relates to forfeiture;
- (3) Providing that if there is any conflict between the offense of cruelty to animal by fighting birds in the first degree and the offense of cruelty to animals in the second degree, then the offense of cruelty to animal by fighting birds in the first degree shall apply;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1980, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1980, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 655-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1595

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Create a state-initiated process to expunge criminal records related to the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree at no cost to the record holder; and
- (2) Require the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center to submit biannual reports to the Legislature until all eligible records are expunged.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; ACLU of Hawai'i; Last Prisoner Project; Marijuana Policy Project; Hawai'i Innocence Project; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws; The Clean Slate Initiative; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Going Home Hawai'i; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Japanese American Citizens League; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee finds that the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree is a drug offense that involves knowingly possessing any marijuana or any Schedule V substance – the lowest schedule in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act – in any amount. Since its enactment, tens of thousands of people have been arrested for and convicted of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree, potentially upending their lives and harming their future prospects over a minor drug offense.

Your Committee further finds that the Legislature has been actively pursuing criminal justice reform, including through the expungement of arrest and conviction records. Act 273, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, decriminalized the possession of three grams or less of marijuana and authorized the expungement of persons who were previously convicted for that offense. Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, required the courts to automatically seal or remove from the Judiciary's publicly accessible databases any information relevant to the arrest or case of a person for whom an expungement order has been entered and transmitted to the court. Your Committee believes that this measure builds upon the Legislature's previous efforts and will help tens of thousands of people achieve better outcomes in life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that required the office of the prosecuting attorney and police department of each county to seal all records relating to eligible cases and update the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center on a monthly basis, and provided immunity for any acts or omissions related to these expungement procedures;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests that this measure be aligned with Act 159, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which takes effect on July 1, 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1595, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1595, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 656-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1766

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the distribution of synthetic media messages in electioneering communications before an election that a person knows or should have known are deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes of a candidate or party.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from SAG-AFTRA; Motion Picture Association; Hawaii Young Republicans; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; IATSE Local 665; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that deepfakes, which are a form of altered and manipulated media, are being used to spread political misinformation and disrupt elections across the United States. This measure would add Hawaii to the growing list of states that punish the spread of misinformation through deepfakes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Prohibiting the distribution of synthetic media messages in advertisements, rather than electioneering communications;

- (2) Deleting language that would have prohibited deceptive and fraudulent deepfakes of a political party;
- (3) Deleting references to artificial intelligence;
- (4) Clarifying when a person may seek injunctive or other equitable relief to prohibit or cease the publication of a deceptive and fraudulent deepfake;
- (5) Clarifying when a person may bring an action for general or special damages;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1766, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1766, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 657-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1884

The purpose of this measure is to clarify disclosure requirements for members of the Legislature related to associated clients of the member, member's partner, or member's employer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 123, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, required legislators to disclose, as part of their disclosure of financial interests, the names of any business partner, employer, officer or director of the employer, or client, who is subject to the mandatory reporting of contributions and expenditures for lobbyists. Your Committee further finds that Act 123 does not require the disclosure of any financial relationship with a lobbying organization. This measure folds in lobbying organizations for purposes of legislators disclosing financial relationships.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1884, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1884, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 658-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1664

The purpose of this measure is to increase the penalties for bribery offenses under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Honolulu Police Department; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i.

Your Committee finds that public servants are in positions of public trust. Your Committee further finds that deterrence of bribery and corruption of public servants should be a high priority. This measure will increase the penalties for bribery offenses by public servants, which will provide law enforcement with tools to adequately deter and commensurately punish public corruption.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Department of the Attorney General which:
 - (A) Increases the penalties for bribery offenses under certain circumstances by establishing new offenses for bribery in the first and second degrees; and
 - (B) Defines "bribery" for the purposes of these offenses;
- (2) Changing the severability clause to a savings clause;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1664, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1664, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 659-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2072

The purpose of this measure is to require certain campaign solicitations that reference disasters to include a disclosure that contains certain specific information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that transparency in the solicitation of funds for disaster relief efforts is critical to ensure accountability and trust. When individuals generously donate money to assist disaster victims, they expect their contributions to directly aid those affected. Requiring certain solicitations that reference disasters to include a disclosure that protects donors from exploitation and fosters greater confidence in relief initiatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that candidates, candidate committees, and noncandidate committees shall not solicit campaign contributions that reference disasters unless the solicitation includes a disclosure as required by this measure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2072, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 660-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2184

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit contributions from persons convicted or found in violation of campaign finance, ethical, or lobbying offenses; and
- (2) Require campaign contributions held by individuals convicted or found in violation of campaign finance, ethical, or lobbying offenses to escheat to the Campaign Spending Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that campaign finance integrity is essential to the preservation of the public trust. Yet, existing state law allows individuals who are convicted or found in violation of certain public corruption offenses to maintain control of the funds in their campaign spending accounts and make political contributions during election cycles. This measure strengthens campaign finance integrity by prohibiting contributions from persons convicted or found in violation of campaign finance, ethical, or lobbying offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that contributions remaining in a campaign account within a depository institution on the date that a person is convicted or found in violation are required to be returned to their respective contributors and, if not, to escheat to the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund;
- (2) Deleting unnecessary provisions with regard to fines and rulemaking authority;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2184, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2184, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 661-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2342

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit carrying or using a firearm in the commission of a separate misdemeanor offense; and
- (2) Amend and clarify prohibitions regarding deadly or dangerous weapons, switchblade knives, and butterfly knives.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Honolulu Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; National Rifle Association in Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that in order to address hazards to public health, safety, and welfare, Hawaii's laws relating to weapons need to be clarified, updated, and revised. While the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony is already prohibited under state law, there is a need to also prohibit the use of firearms in misdemeanor offenses. Additionally, prohibitions regarding deadly or dangerous weapons, switchblade knives, and butterfly knives must be updated.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have prohibited a person from intentionally using or threatening to use a firearm while engaged in the commission of a separate misdemeanor offense;
- (2) Clarifying that the term "misdemeanor" does not include a petty misdemeanor under the offense of carrying of a firearm in the commission of a separate misdemeanor;
- (3) Prohibiting the concealed carry of a deadly or dangerous weapon, switchblade knife, or butterfly knife in a bag or other container carried by a person;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2342, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2342, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 662-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2582

The purpose of this measure is to exclude critical infrastructure information related to the security of critical infrastructure or protected systems from disclosure requirements under the Uniform Information Practices Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Public First Law Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State must establish protections for critical infrastructure information that is created, received, or maintained by government agencies to ensure public health and safety. However, your Committee recognizes that there are other measures before the Legislature that provide program-specific confidentiality provisions related to critical infrastructure information. Thus, your Committee believes that this measure should be narrowly tailored to address only critical infrastructure information related to water supply systems.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and adopting language proposed by the Office of Information Practices which requires critical infrastructure information required by federal or state law to be collected or maintained by a county board of water supply in connection with a federal or state critical infrastructure security and resilience program to be confidential and not available to the public;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2582, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2582, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 663-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2804

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fines for violations of leaf blower restrictions;
- (2) Remove the leaf blower restriction exemption for government entities and their agents; and
- (3) Beginning July 1, 2027, prohibit the sale of leaf blowers and string trimmers that are rated by their manufacturers at greater than seventy decibels when measured at a distance of fifty feet.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that excessive noise can be a pollutant that affects public health. The numerous effects of noise combine to detract from the quality of life for residents of Hawaii and its environment. Your Committee further finds that the sound emissions from leaf blowers and string trimmers are a nuisance and a concern for the State's public health and welfare. Some leaf blowers and string trimmers operate at approximately ninety decibels, which can cause hearing damage after two hours of exposure. Your Committee notes that the technology for quieter leaf blowers and string trimmers is improving and that there are currently viable, quieter alternatives to loud leaf blowers and string trimmers. This measure will encourage the purchase of quieter models and will give sufficient time for retailers to adjust their inventory of sales models.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the noise level rating threshold for leaf blowers and string trimmers to greater than sixty-five weighted decibels (dBA) when measured at a distance of fifty feet;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2804, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2804, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 664-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2064

The purpose of this measure is to include the prevention of activities within an applicant's premises and adjacent areas that are potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and neighborhood as a factor for determining whether a controlled substances registration is in the public interest.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the prevention of activities within the premises and adjacent areas of an applicant for controlled substances registration that are potentially injurious to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and neighborhood will help ensure the safety of a school's faculty, staff, students, and campuses that are in close proximity to these activities.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Law Enforcement provided testimony in support of this measure after the public hearing on this measure had concluded.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2064, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2064, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 665-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2435

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to permit online access to apply for marriage and civil union licenses in lieu of in-person applications as authorized by rules adopted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires couples to appear in-person before an agent authorized to grant marriage and civil union licenses. Your Committee further finds that, under the COVID-19 emergency proclamations, marriage and civil union licenses were allowed to be issued via the Internet. This was found to be efficient, effective, and convenient for staff and customers. This measure permanently allows for the issuance of marriage and civil union licenses via the Internet.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2435, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ilagan).

SCRep. 666-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2311

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the secured areas appurtenant to a multi-unit dwelling are included as dwellings for the purposes of prosecuting offenses under burglary in the first degree; and
- (2) Allow the owner of a multi-unit building or a condominium association to act as a complainant for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting a burglary in the first degree in a multi-unit building.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Honolulu Tower AOA; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there has been an increase in the number of criminal acts by non-residents in areas of multi-unit buildings that are restricted to residents. Your Committee further finds that there is a need to clarify that the areas in multi-unit buildings that are restricted to residents, such as parking and storage areas within apartment buildings and condominiums, are part of the overall dwelling to ensure acts of theft in these areas are properly investigated and prosecuted as a burglary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "dwelling" to:
 - (A) Include parking and storage areas appurtenant to single family homes and other types of dwellings as well as multi-unit buildings; and
 - (B) Delete the requirement that the parking and storage areas be exclusive and secured and instead require that access to the parking and storage areas are clearly restricted to residents by means of signage or security apparatus, or both;
- (2) Clarifying which entities may act as a complainant;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2311, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2311, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 667-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2353

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group to combine its members and functions with certain members and functions of the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission to increase efficiency and effectiveness and eliminate redundancy; and
- (2) Repeal chapter 134C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which established the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that there is some overlap between the purpose and membership of the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group and the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission. This measure would eliminate the redundancy between the two groups and prevent certain members from having to attend multiple, overlapping meetings. Your Committee however finds that this measure, as it is currently drafted, would consolidate the two groups under the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group, which is a temporary group set to expire on July 1, 2029. Since criminal justice data sharing is an ongoing concern, your Committee believes that it would be better to consolidate the two groups under a new group that is permanently established in statute. Your Committee also believes that it is imperative that the new group be exempt from Hawaii's open meetings law to ensure that it can carry out its responsibilities efficiently.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the permanent Criminal Justice Data Sharing and Research Group to consolidate the efforts of the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group and the Gun Violence and Violent Crimes Commission;
- (2) Exempting the Criminal Justice Data Sharing and Research Group from Hawaii's open meetings laws;
- (3) Repealing Act 157, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which established the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Working Group;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2353, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2353, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 668-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2513

The purpose of this measure is to expand expungement eligibility to persons whose convictions for consuming a measurable amount of alcohol while underage or first-time property offenses predated current expungement provisions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; ACLU of Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Crime Victim Compensation Commission and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that persons who were convicted under prior statutes for consuming a measurable amount of alcohol while underage or first-time property offenses are not eligible for expungement under existing law. This measure would expand expungement eligibility to these individuals to promote the purposes of expungement, which includes helping individuals achieve better outcomes in life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting language proposed by the Department of Transportation which clarifies that the expungement for persons operating a vehicle after consuming a measurable amount of alcohol while underage does not apply to persons in possession of a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver's license or convicted in a commercial motor vehicle or while transporting hazardous materials;
- (2) Adopting language proposed by the Department of the Attorney General which clarifies the expungement process for persons sentenced before June 22, 2006, for first-time property offenses;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2513, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2513, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Holt).

SCRep. 669-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2365

The purpose of this measure is to replace the Director of Law Enforcement with the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development was established by Act 130, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to coordinate and facilitate state agency transit-oriented development planning and facilitate consultation and collaboration between the State and the counties on transit-oriented development initiatives.

Your Committee further finds that Act 278, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 278), reorganized the Department of Public Safety into the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Act 278 also replaced the Director of Public Safety with the Director of Law Enforcement as a member of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development. However, as the council advises on state facilities in transit-oriented development areas, the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who has administrative responsibilities for correctional and rehabilitation facilities statewide, would be the more appropriate director to serve on the council. This measure replaces, as a member on the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development, the Director of Law Enforcement with the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2365, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 670-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2447

The purpose of this measure is to establish a disability travel placard to be issued to an existing permittee for use at the travel destination.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows a person to receive one long-term placard and a special license plate for purposes of disability parking permits. However, for permittees who do not opt for a special license plate, an issue arises when traveling as they may not leave their vehicle in a reserved accessible parking space at a Hawaii airport and take their placard with them for use at their destination. This measure authorizes the issuance of a temporary travel placard, which allows permittees without special license plates to leave their vehicles in reserved accessible spaces at Hawaii airports while having placards available for use at their destinations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2447, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2447, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 671-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1597

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide a specific right of action to challenge decisions of the Office of Information Practices relating to the State's open meetings law; and
- (2) Align the enforcement mechanisms for the State's open meetings law with the State's Uniform Information Practices Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices; Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter; and Public First Law Center.

Your Committee finds that there is not a clear statutory path for a person to challenge the decisions of the Office of Information Practices related to open meetings laws and access to an agency's records. This measure is intended to better align the enforcement mechanisms for the State's open meetings law with the State's Uniform Information Practices Act.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1597, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1597, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 672-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1598

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require board packets to be made available two business days, rather than forty-eight hours, before a board meeting; and
- (2) Clarify that public testimony may be distributed to board members before the meeting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public First Law Center; Animal Rights Hawai'i; and Society of Professional Journalists Hawaii Chapter. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices and UNITE HERE Local 5.

Your Committee finds that changing the distribution deadline for board packets to two business days before a board meeting will give the general public and government agencies ample time to review materials prior to the meeting in situations where the meeting may take place following a weekend or holiday. Your Committee further finds that, since written public testimony is among the materials compiled and distributed to board members for use at a board meeting, boards have had to use work-arounds when testimony comes in within forty-eight hours of a meeting in order to avoid violating the forty-eight hour deadline. This measure provides clarity and assists boards in distributing written public testimony to the members in time for those members to read it prior to the meeting.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "business day";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1598, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1598, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 673-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1599

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require public meeting notices to inform members of the public of how to provide remote oral testimony in a manner that allows the testifier, upon request, to be visible to board members and other meeting participants; and
- (2) Recognize a board's authority to remove or block individuals who willfully disrupt or compromise the conduct of a remote meeting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees; Public First Law Center; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that providing the public with information on how to properly provide remote oral testimony and ensuring that boards have the authority to limit disruptions of meetings is essential in promoting public participation. This measure would require public meeting notices to inform members of the public on how to properly provide remote oral testimony and recognize a board's authority to remove or block individuals who willfully disrupt remote meetings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1599, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1599, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 674-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1600

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that board meetings to discuss and act on investigative group's report must occur at least six days after the meeting at which the results of the group's investigation were presented to the board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Information Practices; Public First Law Center; and League of Women Voters of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in some instances, boards have scheduled back-to-back meetings, first for the investigative group to report to the board, and second for the board to act on the report. This measure would require that a board shall only schedule a meeting for deliberation and decision-making on a report by an investigative group six days after the investigative group presented the report of its findings and recommendations to the board.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1600, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 675-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1604

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the court, at any time before trial, to order the defendant to undergo a substance abuse assessment and participate in any necessary treatment; and
- (2) Prohibit the arrest of a parolee, or the revocation of parole, solely due to the parolee having one positive test for drug use.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Paroling Authority; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that a significant number of people charged with crimes struggle with drug addiction. Additionally, certain violations of community supervision have resulted in skyrocketing rates of incarceration and severe overcrowding in state correctional facilities, which have proven costly to the State. This measure focuses on getting defendants into community-based treatment programs that more effectively reduce recidivism, as well as allowing more flexibility when it comes to monitoring drug use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1604, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1604, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Holt). Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 676-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1870

The purpose of this measure is to establish strict liability for crimes against elders with respect to the attendant circumstance that the victim was sixty years of age or older.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Honolulu Police Department; Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs; AARP Hawai'i; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, provided additional protections for the State's senior citizens against physical, emotional, and financial exploitation. However, further clarification to state laws related to these protections is needed. Removing the requirement that a perpetrator knew the age of the victim prior to the offense strengthens the existing laws that ensure the safety and well-being of Hawai'i's kupuna.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1870, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1870, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 677-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1927

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Raise the criminal penalty for the offense of indecent exposure from a petty misdemeanor to a misdemeanor if the victim is less than sixteen years of age; and
- (2) Provide that the state of mind requirement is not applicable to the fact that the victim is less than sixteen years of age and that the actor is strictly liable with respect to the attendant circumstance that the victim was less than sixteen years of age.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kaua'i; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that indecent exposure is a form of sexual violence, which, when perpetrated upon minors, has been correlated with higher levels of depression and other social and psychological problems. While the existing criminal statute fails to account for the additional harm and trauma that occurs when a person intentionally exposes the person's genitals to a minor, this measure raises the criminal penalty for the offense from a petty misdemeanor to a misdemeanor if the victim is less than sixteen years of age.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1927, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1927, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 678-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2458

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate alleged violations of the law when directed to do so by the Governor or when the Director determines that an investigation would be in the public interest; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Law Enforcement to issue subpoenas as part of the investigative powers of the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Law Enforcement was established to consolidate and administer state criminal law enforcement and investigations of various state departments. While the Director of Law Enforcement currently has subpoena powers for the purpose of investigations under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, this measure would expand the subpoena powers of the Director to other investigations conducted by the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2458, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 679-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2470

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that a contested case hearing is not required when a final decision or order has been issued in a contested case proceeding involving an identical or a substantially similar cause of action, claim, controversy, issue, fact, or substantive law; and
- (2) Include administrative contested case proceedings within the scope of the vexatious litigant statute.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Earthjustice and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that requiring agencies to hold multiple contested case hearings on matters that are identical or substantially similar that have been previously adjudicated impedes agencies from acting to address critical issues, could lead to conflicting decisions creating ambiguity, and is unduly burdensome on agency resources. This measure would prevent the relitigating of decided matters in the contested case processes while also protecting due process of a party seeking a contested case for a matter that has not previously been adjudicated.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2470, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2470, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 680-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2581

The purpose of this measure is to remove the ability of the Governor or a mayor to suspend electronic media transmission during a state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Hawaii County Council; Hawaii Association of Broadcasters, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that in times of emergency, electronic media platforms serve as critical tools for disseminating timely and accurate information. Your Committee further finds that this measure, which removes the ability of the Governor and mayors to suspend electronic media transmission during a state of emergency, ensures that the authority granted to those elected officials remains in check.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2581, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 681-24 Housing/Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1633

The purpose of this measure is to remove the leasing restriction on owner-builders who obtain an owner-builder exemption to act as their own general contractor.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Contractors License Board.

Your Committees find that under existing law, an owner-builder who has an owner-builder permit to act as their own general contractor cannot sell or lease, or offer to sell or lease, a structure that was built under an owner-builder exemption until one year after completion. The current restriction on leasing means that property owners who could offer units in Hawaii's rental market are unable to do so during this one-year period. Your Committees believe that the State needs to increase the supply of affordable rentals by reducing government regulations and barriers that hinder the availability of affordable rentals.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that owners who build or improve residential or farm buildings or structures on their own property and who do not offer the buildings or structures for sale are exempt from general contractor licensing requirements;
- (2) Removing lessees from the category of persons who can claim an owner-builder exemption;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing, Water & Land, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1633, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Todd).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 682-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1758

The purpose of this measure is to clarify, for purposes of determining a person's eligibility for licensure as a professional engineer, that lawful experience in engineering work includes plan review of electrical, plumbing, and building plans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Honolulu City Council; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; County of Hawai'i Planning Department; EAH Housing; Stanford Carr Development; Pacific Resource Partnership; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects; and American Institute of Architects, Hawaii State Council.

Your Committee finds that local government agencies are having difficulty recruiting and retaining engineers, as the agencies are unable to compete with private industries and federal agencies that can offer more competitive salaries to engineers. Your Committee further finds that professional-level government engineering experience entails a suitable and comprehensive standard of competency in engineering through the required review and approval of engineering projects under pertinent codes, ordinances, and laws. This measure incentivizes new engineering graduates to pursue an engineering career in public service by providing a pathway to licensure as a professional engineer through relevant professional-level government employment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying with greater specificity that lawful experience in engineering work includes code compliance review of plans for construction applicable to the specific engineering field; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1758, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1758, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 683-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2045

The purpose of this measure is to expand the existing law governing automatic renewal clauses to include contracts with specified terms of one month and with automatic renewal clauses under which the contracts will automatically renew with specified terms of one month.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Motion Picture Association and IHRSA-the Global Health & Fitness Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Service Contract Industry Council.

Your Committee finds that in contracts with automatic renewals, sellers automatically renew consumers' subscriptions when they expire, unless consumers affirmatively cancel the subscriptions. Your Committee further finds that the existing state law regarding the disclosure of an automatic renewal clause and the procedure for cancelling an automatic renewal only applies to consumer contracts with a specified term of more than one month and an automatic renewal clause under which the contract will automatically renew for a specified term of more than one month. This measure expands the existing state law to include contracts with specified terms of one month and automatic renewals with specified terms of one month.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a notice of material change must be sent to a consumer no less than thirty days before the effective date of any material change;
- (2) Exempts affiliates of insurers, providers of service contracts, and affiliates of those providers from the law governing automatic renewal clauses and continuous service clauses;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2045, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2045, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 684-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2298

The purpose of this measure is to support Hawaii's coffee growers by:

- (1) Making it a violation to use a geographic origin in labeling or advertising for blends of roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that contain less than a certain percentage of coffee by weight from that geographic origin, phased in to a minimum of one hundred percent by July 1, 2027; and
- (2) Authorizing retailers who, by June 30, 2024, purchase roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverage blends that do not meet the new minimum labeling requirements to sell their coffee inventory that does not comply with those labeling requirements until December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Pohaku Coffee, LLC; Sanctuary of Mana Ke'a Gardens; Rancho Aloha Coffee Farm; Kona Earth; LaveRock Farm; Kona Coffee Farmers Association; Greenwell Farms Inc.; Kanalani Ohana Farm; Huahua Farm; Hawaii Coffee Association; Ka'u Coffee Growers Cooperative; Absolute Palate, LLC; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; 'Āina Design Corp.; Pohaku Farm; Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council; Cyanotech Corporation; Bea's Knees Farm; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Pacific Coffee Research; Edmund C Olson Trust No. 2; Ka'u Coffee Mill; Paradise Found Hawaii Estate Coffee Farm; Domain Kona; 'Apapane Coffee Farm; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers, Local 996; Kona Coffee Council; Kaiwi Farms; Hawaii Coffee Company; Makapueo Farms; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Aloha Hills Kona Coffee, LLC; Hawaii Coffee Company; Dealer Store Hawaii; Mulvadi Corporation; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Maui Oma Coffee Roasting Co.; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that coffee is an important agricultural crop of the State and a highly valued commodity in Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that the State's coffee labeling law authorizes the use of geographic regions in Hawaii on certain coffee products, even if only ten percent of the coffee in a blended coffee product actually originates in Hawaii. Blended coffees do not always provide the consumer with the proper taste profile and may mislead the consumer about a region's specific flavor qualities. Blended coffees can also depress the price of one hundred percent Hawaii-grown coffees.

Your Committee notes that other jurisdictions require that one hundred percent of the coffee must originate in the geographic area to protect the value, integrity, and reputation of that product and its associated geographic origin name. This measure provides a mechanism by which the State's coffee industry can ensure the authenticity of its products and the consumer can rely upon the veracity of labels and advertising identifying the origin of coffee found in roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverage blends.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the timeline that makes it a violation to use a geographic origin in labeling or advertising of roasted coffee, instant coffee, and ready-to-drink coffee beverages if:
 - (A) Beginning July 1, 2027, less than twenty percent coffee by weight is from that geographic origin;
 - (B) Beginning July 1, 2030, less than twenty-five percent coffee by weight is from that geographic origin; and
 - (C) Beginning July 1, 2033, less than fifty percent coffee by weight is from that geographic origin;

- (2) Requiring wholesalers to sell off their inventory of roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages in anticipation of the phased-in labeling requirements taking effect;
- (3) Deleting language allowing retailers to sell their coffee inventory that does not meet the phased-in labeling requirements;
- (4) Exempting retailers that do not package roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages from liability for the sale of roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that use a label or advertisement in violation of the coffee labeling law;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 685-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2802

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to repeal the Legislature's authority to limit marriage to opposite-sex couples.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Member of the United States House of Representatives representing Hawaii Congressional District 2; Office of the Governor; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; two members of the Honolulu City Council; one member of the Honolulu Liquor Commission; Scarlet Honolulu; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Change 23 Coalition; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Rainbow Family 808; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; North Hawaii Community Action Network; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Indivisible Hawai'i; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Papa Ola Lokahi; O & A Consulting LLC; Techmana LLC; We Are One, Inc.; Hawaiian Ethos; Hawaii Rainbow Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Nurses' Association – OPEIU Local 50; Hawaii Ports Maritime Council; Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the path to recognizing marriages between persons of the same sex in the State has been arduous. In 1991, three same-sex couples sued the State, complaining that the State's refusal to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples violated the Hawaii State Constitution. A plurality of the Hawaii Supreme Court held that restricting marriages to opposite-sex couples discriminated on the basis of sex: "on its face and as applied, HRS § 572-1 denies same-sex couples access to the marital status and its concomitant rights and benefits, thus implicating the equal protection clause of article I, section 5 [of the Hawaii Constitution]." The Hawaii Supreme Court remanded the case to the trial court for review based on a standard of strict scrutiny.

Your Committee further finds that as the case was proceeding through the judicial process on remand, the Legislature passed various legislation to solidify the position of marriage as a union between persons of the opposite sex. The first was Act 217, Session Laws of Hawaii 1994 (Act 217), which "reiterate[d] the original intent of the [L]egislature in enacting section 572-1, [HRS], that that section, and all of Hawaii's marriage licensing statutes, both originally and presently are intended to apply only to male-female, not same-sex couples."

In 1997, the Legislature proposed an amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution (the marriage amendment) that provided the following: "The legislature shall have the power to reserve marriage to opposite-sex couples." The purpose of the marriage amendment was to reserve "the question of whether or not the State should issue marriage licenses to couples of the same sex" to the Legislature. The marriage amendment was approved by the electorate on November 3, 1998, and codified at section 23 of article I of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Your Committee also finds that the Legislature reversed the stance it held in Act 217 by passing the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013 – Act 1, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 – to recognize marriages between individuals of the same sex in the State. With the passage of the Hawaii Marriage Equality Act of 2013, the State joined fourteen other states at the time that extended full marriage rights to same-sex couples.

Your Committee finds that, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 576 U.S. 644 (2015), held that "the right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment couples of the same sex may not be deprived of that right and that liberty. The Court now holds that same-sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry."

However, your Committee further finds that despite the judicial pronouncement in *Obergefell* holding persons of the same sex may exercise the fundamental right to marry, the Supreme Court of the United States has recently taken the unprecedented step to eliminate rights the Court has previously recognized. On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, 597 U.S. 215 (2022), eliminated the right to abortion under the United States Constitution. There is now concern that the Court will revisit its holding in *Obergefell*. If the Supreme Court of the United States holds that the United States Constitution does not confer a right to marry for same-sex couples, then under the marriage amendment of the Hawaii State Constitution, the authority to limit marriage in the State of Hawaii is vested in the Legislature. This measure repeals the Legislature's authority to limit marriage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2802, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2802, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ilgan).

SCRep. 686-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2692

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize two or more members of the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority, including a number of members that would constitute a quorum, to meet during the transition period for stewardship of Mauna Kea, subject to certain conditions; and
- (2) Clarify that the Authority has state sovereign immunity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Public First Law Center; KAHEA: The Hawaiian-

Environmental Alliance; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority was established to provide the Native Hawaiian community sufficient and genuine input on the management of Mauna Kea to further facilitate a more harmonious coexistence of activities atop Mauna Kea in a culturally sensitive manner. Because the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority has a limited amount of time to determine and establish several key frameworks and plans for the management of Mauna Kea, it is critical to provide the Authority with some flexibility during the transition period to meet in settings to find solutions to the difficult matters it faces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2692, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2692, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Souza). Excused, none.

SCRep. 687-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1602

The purpose of this measure is to authorize a forty-eight-hour grace period after a missed initial court appearance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Policing Project at NYU School of Law; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; Community Alliance on Prisons; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that persons accused of committing a crime are required to make an initial appearance in court, and that the failure to appear in court results in the issuance of an arrest warrant. Your Committee notes that arrests consume a significant portion of limited police resources, increase the number of persons held in custody before trial, and contribute to overcrowding in correctional facilities. Your Committee further notes that many factors may cause a person to fail to appear in court and does not necessarily include malicious intent. This measure provides a forty-eight-hour grace period after a missed initial court appearance before an arrest warrant is issued to account for understandable absences.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have allowed a person to voluntarily appear in court during the grace period without the need to provide advance notice;
- (2) Allowing the person's attorney or the person, if the person is not represented by counsel, to contact the court during the grace period to request that the initial appearance be reset on the court's calendar without the issuance of the warrant;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1602, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1602, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, 1 (Holt). Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 688-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1880

The purpose of this measure is to reschedule the post-election assembly of presidential electors to the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December next following their election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections.

Your Committee finds that the United States Congress enacted the Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement Act of 2022, which changed the convening date of the Electoral College from Monday to Tuesday. This measure is a housekeeping measure to conform with federal law regarding the date of the convening of the Electoral College.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1880 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 689-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1541

The purpose of this measure is to change the effective date of Act 36, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, which designates September as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month, from July 1, 2050, to July 1, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that Act 36, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 (Act 36), was enacted to designate the month of September as "Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of suicide prevention education, resources, and support available to individuals, families, and communities in the State. However, Act 36 contained a delayed effective date of July 1, 2050. This measure corrects that oversight and makes Act 36 effective on July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1541 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 690-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1956

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Business Revitalization Task Force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including by mitigating regulatory and tax burdens.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Island Plastic Bags, Inc.; Hawaii Credit Union League; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; FCH Enterprises, Inc.; Watanabe Floral, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1956, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 691-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1959

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist the Corporation's aerospace coordinator.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1959, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 692-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2369

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum interest rate on Community-based Economic Development loans to ten percent.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, 2 (Alcos, Ward). Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 693-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2771

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the continued administration of the Hawaii Healthy Food Incentive Program, commonly known as the DA BUX Double Up Food Bucks Program, and provide matching funds to beneficiaries who participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Office of Economic Revitalization of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; We Are One, Inc.; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; 350Hawaii.org; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Aloha United Way; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawai'i Foodbank; Maui Hub; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hana Farmers Market; Pukalani Superette; Hawaii Farmers Union United Hana Chapter; The Food Basket, Hawai'i Island's Food Bank; North Shore Nutrition; Hualani Farms; Nene's Living Food; American Heart Association; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Ho'ōla Farms; AlohaCare; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Cigar; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Lanakila Pacific; Farm Link Hawai'i; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maka'ala Farms LLC; Suisan; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Agriculture; and Ulupono Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2771, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 694-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1815

The purpose of this measure is to include agritourism in the definition of "enterprise" to authorize the Agribusiness Development Corporation to financially support businesses engaged in agritourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1815, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 695-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1937

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the preparation of an environmental impact statement to drill non-potable water wells on individual parcels at Panaewa and Paho Agricultural Parks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1937, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 696-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2104

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program to support the Hawaii Invasive Species Council in addressing the invasive species crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; The Nature Conservancy; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2104, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 697-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2144

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Access to Local Value-Added Products Act and allow homemade food operations to sell homemade food products, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawaii Master Food Preservers, Inc.; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; DBA MOWEE Fruit Candy; Institute for Justice; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 698-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2329

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a one-year pilot program to reduce the population of rose-ringed parakeets on Kauai using past research and on-the-ground experience to guide future strategies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; County of Kaua'i Office of Economic Development; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 699-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2590

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for food bank purchases from local farmers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Aloha Diaper Bank; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Ulupono Initiative; Hui O Hauula; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; 350.org; Food+ Policy Internship 2024; Residential Youth Services & Empowerment; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Surfing The Nations; Hawaii Medical Service Association; New Life Body of Christ Christian Church; Lanakila Pacific; Lighthouse Outreach Center Assembly of God; Jesus Is Alive Fellowship; King's Oahu; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i SEED; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2590, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 700-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2619

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the biosecurity program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 701-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2758

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Facilitate the control and eradication of invasive species and pests;
- (2) Establish a Plant Nursery Licensing Program;
- (3) Require the Board of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests for control or eradication;
- (4) Impose certain limits on imports and transportation; and
- (5) Update the method by which the Board of Agriculture updates its noxious weed list.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; 'Ahahui o na Kauka Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Land Trust; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kupuna for the Mo'opuna; Livable Hawaii Kai Hui; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Malu 'Aina; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2758, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 702-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1565

The purpose of this measure is to exclude a homeowner-developer from the annual requirement to file a developer's report and pay a fee if the homeowner's development consists of not more than two units, one in which the developer resides and one for which the initial sale of the other unit has been completed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1565, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 703-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1803

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the pass-through entity level tax rate and allow the pass-through entity tax credit to be carried forward to subsequent years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Accuity LLP; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Craft 'Ohana; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; C&Y CPAs LLC; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1803, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 704-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1814

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on how certain other states approach the following subjects as they relate to condominiums: an ombudsman, licenses for management, alternate dispute resolution, governmental regulation, owner education, and owner access to documents; and
- (2) Extend the deadline for the final report and sunset date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Tower AOA; Hawaii Legislative Action Committee Community Associations Institute; Kokua Council; AARP Hawai'i; Palehua Townhouse Association; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1814, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 705-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2048

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the number of public members on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Property Insurance Association; and
- (2) Require the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate, rather than the Insurance Commissioner, to appoint the public members.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2048, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 706-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2056

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the State Reinsurance Exploratory Working Group to study the feasibility of establishing a state-run reinsurance program to ensure affordable coverage for property owners against catastrophic events.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2056, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 707-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2192

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to appoint an organization as the limited owner of a cemetery, under certain circumstances, for the purposes of perpetual care and security measures.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 708-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2313

The purpose of this measure is to permanently allow the use of funds in the Condominium Education Trust Fund initially dedicated to support voluntary binding arbitration to be used for other educational purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2313, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 709-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2393

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to cover mandated services for mammography at least as favorably as coverage for other radiological examinations; and
- (2) Amend external review procedures to improve consistency with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Uniform Health Carrier External Review Model Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Disability and Communication Access Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2393, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 710-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2394

The purpose of this measure is to amend various sections of article 11 of the Insurance Code to adopt revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model #440, Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and American Council of Life Insurers. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Tradewind Group.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Tradewind Group in its testimony regarding an exemption for a domestic insurance holding company system for insurance companies doing business only in Hawaii. Should this measure be returned from the Senate your Committee will defer to the recommendation of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in addressing those concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2394, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 711-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2411

The purpose of this measure is to rename the Hawaii Health Corps Program as the Hawaii Rural Health Care Provider Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2411, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 712-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2523

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, establish licensing requirements, including minimum standards and qualifications, for licensure as a journey worker electric utility lineman and expand the Board of Electricians and Plumbers to include members engaged in electric utility work; and
- (2) Repeal an existing exception to the impending sunset of the limited exemption from electrician licensing requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260; Plumbers and Fitters United Association Local 675; and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1186. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Board of Electricians and Plumbers; and Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2523, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 713-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2686

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Impose a different transient accommodation tax rate for transient vacation rentals and a property insurance surcharge on conveyance tax and use those revenues to capitalize the Hawaii Property Insurance Association (Association) and Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (Fund);
- (2) Expand the statutory authorization for the Association to issue property insurance other than fire insurance for certain real properties organized as a condominium and amend the designated geographic area eligible for coverage to specifically include lava zones 1 and 2;
- (3) Require Association member insurers and licensed property and casualty insurers to recoup assessment costs paid into the Association and Fund through a surcharge on premiums;
- (4) Require coverage limits and deductibles, fund capitalization amounts, and assessment percentages for licensed property and casualty insurers to be established in a plan of operation for the Fund, subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner; and
- (5) Reinstate the special mortgage recording fee to capitalize the Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaii Legislative Action Committee Community Associations Institute; Hawaii Financial Services Association; Hawaii Bankers Association; and Hawaii Credit Union League. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company.

Your Committee finds that the Fund is used to provide hurricane property insurance policies in Hawaii in the event they are not available in the private market. However, due to increased availability of hurricane property insurance coverage from the private sector, the Fund ceased writing hurricane property insurance policies in 2000. Your Committee further finds that the existing funding mechanism of the Fund is preferred to capitalize the Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2686, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 714-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2742

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the notice period for summary possession proceedings from five days to fifteen days for failure to pay rent;
- (2) Require landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers;
- (3) Require landlords to enter into mediation if scheduled by a tenant, which will delay when a landlord may file an action for summary possession except in cases where a tenant cancels the mediation or does not appear;
- (4) Restrict when landlord remedies are available depending on the amount of rent due; and
- (5) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; Mediation Center of the Pacific; and Mediation Centers of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 715-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2801

The purpose of this measure is to allow condominiums to be eligible for commercial property assessed financing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Petros PACE Finance, LLC; Island Insurance Companies; Association of Apartment Owners at Pat's at Punalu'u; Hawaii Legislative Action Committee Community Associations Institute; Hawai'i Energy; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; C-PACE Alliance, Inc.; Nuveen Green Capital; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Holomua Collaborative; Ulupono Initiative; aio; Hawai'i Gas; HPM Building Supply; Hawaii Venture Capital Association; Tori Richard, Ltd.; Mana Up; PACE Loan Group; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Insurers Council; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Credit Union League.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 716-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1805

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that interest earned on payments made by a claimant under protest and paid by the Litigated Claims Fund shall be paid in nontaxation cases at a rate other than two percent if the claimant prevails; and
- (2) Establish a procedure for the disposition of monies and refiling of actions when a payment under protest suit is filed prematurely.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee notes the Department of Taxation's comments in testimony and suggested amendment to align the time limit to bring an action to recover payment of taxes made under protest for a premature payment and for a properly made payment, to both be thirty days. Your Committee finds that this suggestion merits further consideration as this measure moves through the legislative process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1805, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 717-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1806

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal language requiring an appeal from the Tax Appeal Court to be filed with the Tax Appeal Court; and
- (2) Allow an appeal from the Tax Appeal Court to be filed within thirty days of entry of a final judgment.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1806, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 718-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1913

The purpose of this measure is to increase the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel and guardians ad litem in family court proceedings and appropriate funds to pay these increased amounts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Office of the Public Defender; Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i; Hawaii State Bar Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1913, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 719-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1914

The purpose of this measure is to increase the rate of compensation and maximum allowable amounts per case for court-appointed counsel in criminal proceedings and appropriate funds to pay these increased amounts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; and Hawaii State Bar Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1914, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 720-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1953

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code, recommend proposed changes, and appoint an advisory committee to assist in the review.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the Public Defender; and Community Alliance on Prisons. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 721-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2193

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize certain law enforcement officers and county fire department officers and firefighters to enter and inspect any fireworks licensee's or permittee's premises, under certain conditions, to verify compliance with the State's Fireworks Control Law;
- (2) Establish procedures for the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct administrative inspections of controlled premises;
- (3) Require licensees and permittees to keep records, maintain inventories, and report any stolen fireworks or articles pyrotechnic;
- (4) Authorize a law enforcement agency or county fire department to safely dispose of confiscated fireworks and articles pyrotechnic and require violators to be held liable for storage and disposal costs;
- (5) Specify acts that constitute separate violations of the Fireworks Control Law;
- (6) Authorize the Department of Law Enforcement, in addition to the counties, to enforce the Fireworks Control Law; and
- (7) Appropriate funds to implement this measure and continue operations of the Illegal Fireworks Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; Hawaiian Humane Society; and nine individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 722-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2230

The purpose of this measure is to require the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop, and each department employing law enforcement officers to implement, a structured health intervention program to support law enforcement officers' physical and mental health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2230, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 723-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2295

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize stopping, standing, and parking restrictions and prohibitions on property under the respective jurisdictions of the Director of Transportation and the counties; and
- (2) Authorize the counties to issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on all highways and county property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2295, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 724-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to exempt the Hawaii Cybersecurity, Economic, Education, and Infrastructure Security Coordinator from civil service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2461, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 725-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2485

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal an obsolete fee for a certified copy of a tax clearance;
- (2) Add a penalty for failure to comply with reporting requirements under the general excise tax law and transient accommodations tax law for collection of rent by a third party; and
- (3) Raise the unfair competition penalty under the general excise tax law.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2485, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 726-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2486

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Taxation to serve administrative subpoenas outside the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2486, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 727-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2488

The purpose of this measure is to amend the minimum qualifications for the Chairperson of the Taxation Board of Review.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2488, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 728-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2509

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from seventy years to seventy-five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Community Alliance on Prisons; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2509, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 729-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2570

The purpose of this measure is to require petitions or motions for a pro hac vice appearance for a court or arbitration proceeding to be supported by certain evidence to ensure that the applicant and local counsel will pay all state income tax due for Hawaii business activities as well as any other information or documentation required by the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Niwao & Roberts, CPAs, a P.C.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Hawaii Association of Public Accountants; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2570, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 730-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to require cash or protest bonds to be returned to the initiating parties, minus administrative costs as determined by the Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, except in cases where the appeal was frivolous or made in bad faith.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund Political Action Committee; Subcontractors Association of Hawaii; Ralph S. Inouye Co. Ltd.; Nordic PCL Construction, Inc.; S & M Sakamoto, Inc.; Koga Engineering & Construction, Inc.; King & Neel, Pacific, Inc.; and Moss.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires a party protesting an agency decision to put up a one percent cash or protest bond without a cap to prevent the filing of frivolous appeals. However, there is no safeguard language in the statute that allows for the return of the bond, minus the administrative costs associated with hearing the appeal, unless the appeal is found to be frivolous or in bad faith. This measure would include this safeguard language, ensuring a balance that deters frivolous appeals without the unintended consequence of also deterring legitimate appeals on large projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 731-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2071

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that any photo red light imaging detector system's clear and unobstructed recorded image of a motor vehicle license plate shall be prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is the motor vehicle for which the license plate was issued; and
- (2) Require the State, the county, or the State's or county's third party contractor to implement a process to record the date on which the summons or citation was submitted to the post office, which shall be prima facie evidence of the date the summons or citation was submitted to the post office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Disability and Communication Access Board. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to enhance the State's ability to prosecute persons who run red lights by ensuring a clear and unobstructed image of a motor vehicle license plate is accepted as prima facie evidence that the motor vehicle to which the license plate is attached is the motor vehicle to which the license plate was issued. Enforcement of this measure will further improve the safety of pedestrians and other road users.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2071, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Miyake).

SCRep. 732-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1767

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the use of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services if certain conditions are met; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education for the purchase of motorcoaches, small buses, and vans for school bus services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education provides bus services in neighborhoods across the State to ensure broad access to educational opportunities for Hawaii's students. Your Committee further finds that the continuing shortage of qualified school bus drivers in Hawaii has forced the suspension or partial suspension of student bus transportation services at ten high schools on Oahu and four schools on Kauai in the 2023-2024 school year.

Your Committee further finds that the Governor issued an emergency proclamation in August 2023 to address the shortage of school bus drivers in the State by allowing the Department of Transportation to grant exemptions for the use of vehicles other than school buses to transport students. Specifically, this and subsequent related emergency proclamations allow drivers possessing a commercial driver's license with an endorsement authorizing the driving of vehicles carrying passengers to transport students using vehicles other than school vehicles. This measure will help alleviate the lack of school bus drivers in Hawaii by making the exemption permanent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1767, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 733-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1899

The purpose of this measure is to designate various snail species as official state snails based on the results of the Bishop Museum community outreach and voting process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's terrestrial snail fauna hold ecological significance to the State's native ecosystems due to their role as decomposers and as a food source of other native species. Your Committee further finds that many snail species are unique and found only in Hawaii. Unfortunately, it is estimated that over half of the seven hundred fifty terrestrial Hawaiian snail species have gone extinct. This measure is intended to bring more awareness of the importance of Hawaii's terrestrial snails and the urgent need to save the State's remaining snail species from extinction.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1899 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 734-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1950

The purpose of this measure is to designate November 22 of each year as "Kimchi Day" in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Maui Korean Community Association; Hawaii Korean Cultural Center; The United Korean Association of Hawaii; Korean American Foundation Hawaii; and one individual.

This measure is intended to recognize and celebrate the many contributions of Korean Americans to the State's culinary history and culture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1950 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 735-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2354

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Small Business Regulatory Review Board to review legislation affecting small businesses in response to a request from a small business owner.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Small Business Regulatory Review Board; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board does not have the discretion to review legislation affecting small businesses. This measure would ensure that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board is able to review such legislation in response to a request from a small business owner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 736-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2772

The purpose of this measure is to require the use of modern Hawaiian orthography, including the kahakō and ‘okina, on the state seal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State enacted Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, which requires the inclusion of consistent Hawaiian names, words, and spelling in state and county letterhead. This measure would further expand these efforts by requiring the kahakō and ‘okina to be used on the state seal, where appropriate.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2772, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 737-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1546

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "beach restoration" used in laws governing the Board of Land and Natural Resources' powers to engage in beach restoration to include activities undertaken to maintain and improve eroded beaches and degraded dune systems and remove abandoned remnant manmade materials that pose a risk to public and ecosystem health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program; and Climate Resilience Collaborative. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hilton Grand Vacations; Sarn, O'Toole, Marcus & Fisher; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1546, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 738-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2505

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the fines for violations of land use laws; and
- (2) Impose enhanced fines for developers and owners of Important Agricultural Lands who repeatedly use the lands for unintended purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the State established the designation of Important Agricultural Lands to fulfill a constitutional mandate to conserve and protect agricultural lands, promote diversified agriculture, increase agricultural self-sufficiency, and assure the availability of agriculturally suitable lands. However, your Committee notes that there are individuals abusing the Important Agricultural Land designation as much of these lands are fallow and have not actively been used for farming or ranching. This measure will disincentivize any unintended uses of Important Agricultural Lands by imposing enhanced fines for those who do not use these lands as intended.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2505, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 739-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1801

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and to make the constitutionally-required findings that the bond issuance will not cause the state debt limit to be exceeded.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that article VII, section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution requires the Legislature to include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, which shall declare that the issuance of state bonds authorized will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance. Your Committee further finds that the proceeds generated from the general obligation bonds authorized to be issued under this measure will be used to finance the fulfillment of important state objectives.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1801 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 740-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1660

The purpose of this measure is to tax capital gains income at the same rate as ordinary income.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Pride at Work-Hawai‘i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Save Medicaid Hawaii; North Hawaii Community Action Network; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i Labor Caucus; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; ADA Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawai‘i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Ocean Tourism Coalition; Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; NAIOP Hawaii; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State has a capital gains tax rate of 7.25 percent, which is lower than the tax rate many of the State's residents pay on their wages and salaries. Your Committee further finds that this low capital gains tax rate primarily benefits the wealthy, including nonresidents who invest in real estate in the State. This measure will promote tax fairness and generate additional state revenue by taxing capital gains at the same rate as ordinary income.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1660, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1660, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Alcos). Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 741-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1662

The purpose of this measure is to establish a refundable child tax credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Pride at Work-Hawaii; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Save Medicaid Hawaii; North Hawaii Community Action Network; Holomua Collaborative; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawaii Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawaii Labor Caucus; Breastfeeding Hawaii; UNITE HERE Local 5; Catholic Charities Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Commit to Keiki; Aloha United Way; ADA Hawaii; IATSE Local 665; Parents and Children Together; Hawaii Public Health Institute; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawaii HomeOwnership Center; aio; Hawaii Gas; Hawaiian Host Group; Hawaii Community Foundation; Mana Up; Title Guaranty Hawaii; HPM Building Supply; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; CARES; Hawaii Workers Center; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has the highest cost of living in the country at nearly twice the national average. The high cost of living has made it extremely difficult for working families to afford necessities. This measure will provide relief for working families paying for child care and other necessities and help reduce the choice some families may face in deciding whether to start a family.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the refundable tax credit to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1662, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1662, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 742-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2239

The purpose of this measure is to reclassify or abolish certain non-general funds of the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure is pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 24-01. Your Committee also finds that various non-general funds from the various state departments have unencumbered balances that are substantially more than is required to fund the related programs associated with these funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Transferring to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds from various state departments and agencies;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2239, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2239, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 743-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2372

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that of the general funds appropriated to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority in the General Appropriations Act of 2023, a certain amount of funds are to be deposited into the Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund for solar and storage loans.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Climate Protectors Hawaii; PV Tech; Inception Financial LLC; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Shifted Energy; Ulupono Initiative; and 350Hawaii.org. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority to re-lend and re-invest in solar plus storage systems for additional families as loans are repaid.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2372, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2372, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 744-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2376

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to various programs to cover anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability of a department to transfer funds between programs of that department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides for anticipated transfers between departmental programs to address budget shortfalls and other program requirements. Your Committee further finds that this measure is budget neutral.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2376, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 745-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2377

The purpose of this measure is to provide flexibility to the Executive Branch departments to transfer general fund monies previously appropriated to cover anticipated operating shortfalls in certain department programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that this measure addresses budget shortfalls and other program requirements. Your Committee further finds that this measure is budget neutral and will not impact the fiscal year 2023-2024 general fund expenditure ceiling.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2377, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 746-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2399

The purpose of this measure is to exempt an additional administrative assistant position in the Hawaii State Public Library System from civil service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Public Library System.

Your Committee finds that Act 88, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, established an additional administrative assistant position in the Hawaii State Public Library System that was intended to be exempt from civil service similarly to the existing administrative assistant position. This measure explicitly exempts the additional position from civil service.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2399, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 747-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2404

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Director of Taxation to annually recompute the amounts for the standard deduction, itemized deduction, income tax brackets, personal exemption, and applicable percentage used in the calculation of the Child and Dependent Care Income Tax Credit, based on a cost-of-living adjustment factor;
- (2) Make a one-time adjustment to income tax brackets;

- (3) Increase the applicable percentage of the employment-related expenses for which the Child and Dependent Care Income Tax Credit may be claimed; and
- (4) Conforms state tax laws to certain federal deductions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Applesseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide tax relief to low- and middle-income households and working families paying for child care and dependent care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement for the Director of Taxation to annually recompute the amounts for the standard deduction, itemized deduction, income tax brackets, personal exemption, and applicable percentage used in the calculation of the Child and Dependent Care Income Tax Credit, based on a cost-of-living adjustment factor;
- (2) Changing the adjustments to the income tax brackets to unspecified amounts;
- (3) Changing the applicable percentage and minimum applicable percentage of the employment-related expenses for which the Child and Dependent Care Income Tax Credit may be claimed to unspecified percentages;
- (4) Changing the adjusted gross income overage and annual threshold amounts used to calculate the applicable percentage to unspecified amounts;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2404, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 748-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2454

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Health for asbestos remediation and the temporary relocation of the Department's offices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health's main offices at Kinau Hale are in a dilapidated condition with significant risks related to a possible asbestos emergency. Your Committee further finds that the office's location would make it suitable for mixed-use redevelopment and this measure additionally provides funds for preliminary planning for the redevelopment of the site if necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2454, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2454, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 749-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2489

The purpose of this measure is to exempt senior software developers in the Department of Taxation from civil service.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Taxation requires the services of high-level software developers to implement complex system changes. This measure will allow the Department to recruit and hire developers to perform complex system changes, thereby lessening its reliance on contracted services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2489, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2489, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 750-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2652

The purpose of this measure to apply the marital deduction under section 2056 of the Internal Revenue Code to the passage of any interest in property to any immediate family member.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Stanford Carr Development. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Save Medicaid Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; L&L Hawaiian Barbecue; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Foodland Supermarket, Ltd.; Servco Pacific Inc.; Island Insurance; Loyalty Enterprises, Ltd.; Big Island Motors; Big Island Toyota; De Luz Chevrolet; Finance Enterprises, Ltd; Tradewind Group Foundation; FCH Enterprises, Inc.; ALTRES, Inc.; KTA Super Stores; and Business Strategies.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the highest estate taxes in the nation. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's family businesses are critically important to the state economy, as they typically reinvest a significant portion of their profits into valuable but illiquid business assets such as more employees, better facilities, and smarter technology. The imposition of estate taxes upon the death of the owner of a family business has sometimes resulted in the sale of the business due to a lack of liquidity, or has required the business to divert capital to purchase life insurance, in order to pay estate taxes. This measure would expand application of the marital deduction to additional family members who may receive interest in property upon the passing of an owner, which would help family businesses retain ownership of their businesses, better compete against publicly held companies, and continue reinvesting in the local economy and workforce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2652, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2652, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 751-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2653

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Conform Hawaii estate tax laws to the operative provisions of the Internal Revenue Code to decrease the burden on taxpayers and increase efficiencies in the Department of Taxation's monitoring and auditing of estate tax returns; and
- (2) Establish an estate tax deduction for the value of interest in a closely held business that will help ensure locally owned family businesses continue to contribute to the Hawaii economy and help families retain the ownership interest in their family businesses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Island Insurance Companies; L&L Hawaiian Barbecue; Foodland Supermarket, Ltd.; ABC Stores; Servco Pacific, Inc; Stanford Carr Development; Loyalty Enterprises, Ltd; Finance Enterprises, Ltd.; Big Island Motors; Big Island Toyota; De Luz Chevrolet; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Atlas Insurance Agency; Tradewind Group Foundation; FCH Enterprises, Inc.; ALTRES, Inc; and KTA Super Stores. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Save Medicaid Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Business Strategies; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii has one of the highest estate taxes in the nation due to its high tax rate and low exclusion amount, yet the comparable federal exclusion amount is more than double the Hawaii estate tax exclusion amount. This difference complicates estate planning. Your Committee finds that conforming the Hawaii estate tax exclusion amount with the federal exclusion amount would eliminate the costs to monitor and audit for those differences.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's family businesses are critically important to the state economy, as they typically reinvest a significant portion of their profits into valuable but illiquid business assets such as more employees, better facilities, and smarter technology. The imposition of estate taxes upon the death of the owner of a family business has sometimes resulted in the sale of the business due to a lack of liquidity to pay the taxes. This measure is intended to help family businesses retain ownership upon the death of the owner by ensuring business owners are not overly burdened by the state estate tax.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2653, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2653, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 752-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2655

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, and various legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Auditor; Office of the Ombudsman; and Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that this measure appropriates funds necessary to fund public employment cost items and other cost adjustments for employees of the Legislature and legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2655, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2655, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 753-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2664

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Lapse appropriations of general obligation bond funds previously authorized for the planning, design, and construction of a stadium in Halawa by the Stadium Authority;
- (2) Transfer certain special fund monies earmarked for the development of a new stadium in Halawa to the general fund;

- (3) Reappropriate those funds and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to plan, design, and construct a new stadium at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus;
- (4) Rename the Stadium Authority as the Halawa Redevelopment Authority and the Stadium Development District as the Halawa Redevelopment District; and
- (5) Amend the powers and duties of the Halawa Redevelopment Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Church of the Crossroads and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Department of Accounting and General Services; and Stadium Authority. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the lack of progress regarding the New Aloha Stadium and Entertainment District project in Halawa has been detrimental to the State. Your Committee further finds that general obligation bond revenues should be utilized for capital improvement projects that provide affordable housing and help facilitate the University of Hawaii in providing a stadium that meets National Collegiate Athletics Association requirements.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the general obligation bonds authorization amount to \$211,000,000 and specifying that the proceeds shall be used to upgrade the football field at the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus to meet National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I football stadium requirements;
- (2) Deleting the general fund appropriation to the University of Hawaii for the purpose of a new stadium on the Manoa campus;
- (3) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2664, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2664, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Alcos). Noes, 1 (Aiu). Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 754-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2779

The purpose of this measure is to incrementally increase the amount of the income tax standard deduction for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023, through taxable years beginning after December 31, 2033.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State has the highest cost of living in the country at nearly twice the national average, which is hurting families and individuals. Your Committee believes that increasing the amount of the standard of deduction would provide much needed tax relief for Hawaii residents, especially those at lower and middle income levels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the incremental increases in the standard deduction begin for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026, through taxable years beginning after December 31, 2033; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2779, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2779, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 755-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2780

The purpose of this measure is to incrementally amend income tax brackets for every other taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024, through the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2030.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that individual income tax brackets in the State have not been substantially adjusted in many years. However, because wages have risen exponentially during this period, taxpayers have been moved into higher tax brackets. Your Committee further finds that partly because of this occurrence of "bracket creep", Hawaii taxpayers tend to pay much more than taxpayers in other states. As a result, Hawaii is the second highest-taxed state in terms of what a household earning the median income must pay in income taxes--behind only Oregon, which has no sales tax. Your Committee also finds that Hawaii's heavy tax burden contributes to the State's high cost of living, which is a key factor in Hawaii's ongoing population decline. Moreover, your Committee finds that this measure would bring broad-based tax relief to individual taxpayers in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the amendments to the income tax brackets that had been scheduled to apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2026; and
- (2) Changing its effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2780, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2780, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 756-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2484

The purpose of this measure is to conform Hawaii income and estate and generation-skipping transfer tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code as of December 31, 2023.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this annual conformity measure is submitted by the Department of Taxation to ensure state income tax and state estate and generation-skipping transfer tax laws conform to the federal Internal Revenue Code as it exists on December 31 of the preceding calendar year. This measure updates state tax laws with changes made to the federal Internal Revenue Code during the past year that are appropriate for Hawaii law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2484, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 757-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1808

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing mixed-income projects and mixed-use developments; and
- (2) Authorize units in low- and moderate-income housing projects to be made available to households with higher incomes if there is an insufficient number of persons or families who meet income qualifying requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; City and County of Honolulu Office of Housing; City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the counties are authorized to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for developing, constructing, and providing low- and moderate-income housing; however, they are not authorized to use affordable housing bonds to develop mixed-use affordable housing projects. This measure seeks to provide the counties with the same authority as the Corporation with respect to mixed-use development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1808, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1808, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 758-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2238

The purpose of this measure is to reclassify certain non-general funds of the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Accounting and General Services; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure is pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-17. Your Committee also finds that various non-general funds from the various state departments have unencumbered balances that are substantially more than is required to fund the related programs associated with these funds.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Transferring to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds from various state departments and agencies;
- (2) Removing the reclassification of the Washington Place Trust Fund as a special fund;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2238, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2238, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 759-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2388

The purpose of this measure is to align the State's money transmitters law with the provisions of the Model Money Transmitters Modernization Act by:

- (1) Including certain receivables under the definition of "permissible investments";
- (2) Clarifying the tangible net worth that a licensed money transmission business in the State shall maintain at all times; and
- (3) Clarifying the application and license fees related to money transmission businesses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Electronic Transactions Association.

Your Committee finds that this measure incorporates updates from the Model Money Transmitters Modernization Act into existing law to help the Division of Financial Institutions license, regulate, and supervise nationally and globally operating money transmission companies without impacting money transmission businesses that operate regionally or in a single state. This measure will protect customers and consumers by providing assurance that the money transmitter company is operating in a safe and sound manner using national standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2388, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2388, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 760-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1651

The purpose of this measure is to provide increased protection for educational workers by requiring the Department of Education and public charter schools to take certain steps to better address harassment of educational workers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1651, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 761-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1652

The purpose of this measure is to establish a state income tax credit for qualified expenses incurred by teachers and other school personnel employed by the Department of Education, a public charter school, the Hawaii State Public Library System, or as part of a Head Start program in a school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawaii State Public Library System; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1652, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 762-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1653

The purpose of this measure is to provide automatic salary step increases for teachers and educational officers who have satisfactorily completed a certain amount of service and complied with certain requirements, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated for Bargaining Unit (5).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining and Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1653, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 763-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1775

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Education to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students enrolled in a Department school, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; two members of the Hawai'i County Council; IATSE Local 665; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Ka Ohana O Na Pua; Hawai'i Cigar; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Malama Kaua'i; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Hawaii Food+ Policy Internship 2024; Green Party of Hawai'i; Americans for Democratic Action; Hawai'i Hunger Action Network; Healthy Eating + Active Living Coalition; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; American Heart Association; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1775, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 764-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1837

The purpose of this measure is to:

(1) Require:

- (A) The Department of Education to grant public access to emergency action plans that do not pose a security risk to students, staff, or guests of school campuses;
- (B) Each Department of Education school to have a comprehensive school evacuation communication plan for use during emergencies; and
- (C) The Department of Education to collaborate with the Department of Transportation to assess all Department of Education school campuses to determine if there are sufficient emergency evacuation routes for each campus; and

(2) Appropriate funds for the creation of emergency action plans and establishment and implementation of a comprehensive evacuation communication plan for each Department of Education school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; one member of the Maui County Council; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; and Office of Language Access.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1837, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 765-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1903

The purpose of this measure is to expand access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hui for Excellence in Education; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1903, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 766-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1906

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Education to:

- (1) Maintain and enhance its Panorama platform and Trust Circle mobile platform; or
- (2) Create one or more new platforms that provide increased support for mental health, including social-emotional health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and five individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1906, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 767-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1977

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the individualized education programs of blind students to include the instruction of Braille and provision of Braille instructional materials under certain circumstances;
- (2) Require the Department of Education to establish a Braille Literacy Resource Center; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Education to make grants or enter into contracts with qualified entities to provide in-state Braille transcription services or provide financial support to a qualified entity for the establishment of Braille transcription services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Education; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1977, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 768-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2082

The purpose of this measure is to establish comprehensive standards for the Department of Education related to school bus services to ensure equitable access, timely communication, and accountability.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Applesseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2082, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 769-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2222

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to convene a Staggered School Start Times Task Force to study and evaluate the issues and implications of instituting a staggered school start times program throughout the state public school system and submit a report to the Legislature; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Staggered School Start Times Task Force.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Information Practices; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2222, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 770-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2402

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to cover the Department's food service operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2402, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 771-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2661

The purpose of this measure is to enact the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact to reduce barriers to teacher license portability and employment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board and Hawaii Association for Justice.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2661, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 772-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2774

The purpose of this measure is to establish a separate timeline and benchmarks for the Department of Education to increase the percentage of local agricultural products purchased by the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Ulu Cooperative; Center for Getting Things Started; Hawai'i Food+ Policy Internship 2024; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2774, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 773-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2403

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2403, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 774-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1534

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to develop the Hawaii Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program to recruit teachers using an apprenticeship model for training.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1534, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 775-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1535

The purpose of this measure is to expand and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Promise Program to provide scholarships to qualified students enrolled at any University of Hawaii campus, rather than just community college campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly; Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i; and four individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1535, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 776-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1677

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal a statutory minimum funding requirement for the University of Hawaii; and
- (2) Allow the University of Hawaii Tuition and Fees Special Fund to be used to pay salaries for certain positions and exempt the University of Hawaii from reimbursing the State for its contributions to health benefits for those positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1677, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 777-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1784

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily reinstate the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit and expand the definition of "technology-enabled infrastructure" to include data servers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Servpac and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1784, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 778-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1802

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to issue revenue bonds to finance construction, maintenance, and modernization costs of any university project, university system, and network.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1802, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 779-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1826

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Windward Community College for the establishment of positions and a scholarship program to support the statewide expansion of Windward Community College's mental health-related programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Mental Health; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1826, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 780-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2113

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Assess a pharmacist workforce assessment fee on licenses and permits issued by the Board of Pharmacy; and
- (2) Establish the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy Special Fund, to be funded in part by pharmacist workforce assessment fees, to support pharmacist workforce assessment and planning efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; KTA Super Stores; Maika'i Health Corporation dba Maika'i Health Community Clinic; Keto Prescription Clinic; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Board of Pharmacy; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Hawai'i Pharmacists Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2113, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 781-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2359

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Identify and address any remaining obstacles to digital equity in all areas of the State; and
- (2) Establish the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants and create an environment in which all individuals and communities in the State have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in society, democracy, and the economy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Disability and Communication Access Board; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Broadband Hui; Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Kapolei Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 782-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2498

The purpose of this measure is to allow adults and minor students to be eligible for the resident tuition fee for enrollment at any University of Hawaii campus if they graduated from a Hawaii high school within a certain time frame and are enrolling in an undergraduate degree program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Education; and Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2498, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 783-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2500

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund and authorize the University of Hawaii to establish accounts under the fund to facilitate the administration of the fund for conference center programs among various campuses and operating units of the University of Hawaii System; and
- (2) Repeal the Conference Center Revolving Fund for the University of Hawaii at Hilo and lapse funds to the University of Hawaii Conference Center Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2500, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 784-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2501

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the reporting requirement to identify the cost impacts to the State of providing workers' compensation coverage for University of Hawaii students.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2501, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 785-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2502

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the authority of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents to regulate conflicts of interests and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2502, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 786-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2503

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the University of Hawaii Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program to help transform the products of research and instructional activities into viable economic enterprises.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2503, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 787-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2683

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the exemption of laboratory school programs of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Hawaiian Language from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Kūpuna for the Mo'opuna; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; 'Aha Pūnana Leo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2683, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 788-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1643

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Shorten the time within which a disbursing officer must notify an employee of indebtedness to the government resulting from salary or wage overpayment;
- (2) Amend the criteria for an actionable cause of action; and
- (3) Amend the amount a disbursing officer must deduct to begin immediate recovery of indebtedness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 789-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1967

The purpose of this measure is to change the administrator of the Human Trafficking Victim Services Fund from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of Community Services; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; Imua Alliance; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1967, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 790-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2235

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reclassify or repeal certain non-general funds of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-06, and to transfer any unencumbered balance of any repealed fund to the general fund; and
- (2) Exempt the Boiler and Elevator Special Fund from central services expenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2235, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 791-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1771

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Executive Office on Aging for the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership to improve the health and well-being of kupuna.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawai'i; Pearl City Community Church; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on Aging.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1771, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 792-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1772

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Alzheimer's Association – Hawaii; AARP Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1772, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 793-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1773

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Law Enforcement Standards Board to develop training materials related to the recognition and signs of Alzheimer's disease and related types of dementia and provide the materials to law enforcement officers at no cost; and
- (2) Require law enforcement officers to review training materials for at least one hour per year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Papa Ola Lokahi; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Alzheimer's Association – Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1773, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 794-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1774

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a Silver Alert Program to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Papa Ola Lokahi; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Law Enforcement; and Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1774, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 795-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1974

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the monthly needs allowance for certain long-term care facilities;
- (2) Clarify that the needs allowance is not intended to replace or affect funds received from the federal Supplemental Security Income program;
- (3) Require certain long-term care facility operators to pay for generic toiletries, linens, and meals and snacks;
- (4) Clarify the individuals who are eligible to receive the needs allowance; and
- (5) Require the Department of Human Services to perform an annual review of the needs allowance and report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Executive Office on Aging.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1974, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 796-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2215

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase the funding of certain Medicaid home and community-based services and require the Department of Human Services to obtain the maximum federal matching funds available for the expenditure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; AARP Hawai'i; Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii; United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2215, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 797-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2309

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to establish a Homeless Triage Center Program that focuses on serving homeless individuals with substance abuse issues or mental illness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2309, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 798-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2535

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Human Services to establish and implement a Child Care Classroom Contracts Pilot Program to contract directly with child care center providers in licensed infant and toddler child care centers and group child care centers that meet certain criteria; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for a position to support the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2535, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 799-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2712

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase funding for the Department of Human Services' Med-QUEST Division reimbursement for applied behavioral analysis services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Behavioral and Therapeutic Services of Hawaii; Maui Learning Academy; Mau Loa Learning; Autism Behavior Consulting Group, Inc; The Council of Autism Service Providers; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; BAYADA Behavioral Health; Malama Pono Autism Center; Platter Behavioral Consulting; Easterseals Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2712, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 800-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2713

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to provide additional support and resources to families receiving benefits through the State's adoption assistance and permanency assistance programs.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2713, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 801-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2427

The purpose of this measure is to specify that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors Program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each program year, after which applications shall be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hui for Excellence in Education; and Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2427, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 802-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2790

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to reinstate the Hula Mae Single Family Loans Program through the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Aloha United Way; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 803-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1691

The purpose of this measure is to require newly installed or modified individual wastewater systems that are near the shoreline, or likely to pollute groundwater, to include denitrification capacity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Kauhakō 'Ohana Association; Hawaii Marine Education and Research Center; Terraformation; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1691, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 804-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1759

The purpose of this measure is to require cesspools attached to or used by housing or lodging that provides transient accommodations to be upgraded, converted, or connected before January 1, 2035, for priority level 1 cesspools and before January 1, 2040, for priority level 2 cesspools, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1759, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 805-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1735

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to expand programming and training for the Comprehensive Offender Reentry Program to reduce recidivism and increase inmate marketability and work-force-readiness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the Public Defender; Hawaii Paroling Authority; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1735, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 806-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2241

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for civilian auxiliary aviation services performed by the Civil Air Patrol.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2241, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 807-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1530

The purpose of this measure is to require that an employer of firefighters maintain its fire staffing service at a level of no less than four on-duty firefighters in each company, pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or executive policy in effect on and after July 1, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Collective Bargaining. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; State Fire Council; County of Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety; and Honolulu Fire Department.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1530, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kahaloa). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 808-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1639

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Effective January 1, 2025, increase the employer base composite monthly contribution by 5.2 percent; and

- (2) Effective January 1, 2026, provide that the employer base composite monthly contribution will be based on the change in Medicare Part B premiums from 2024 to 2025 and at a two-year lag thereafter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1639, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 809-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1640

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require an employer to initiate negotiations on repricing of classes within a bargaining unit within thirty days of its receipt of the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate; and
- (2) Establish that an employer's failure to initiate the negotiation within the required time frame and the parties' failure to reach an agreement within ninety days of the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate or by January 31 of a year in which the collective bargaining agreement is due to expire, whichever is earlier, constitutes an impasse to which impasse procedures under existing law shall apply, unless the impasse occurs within one hundred eighty days after a collective bargaining agreement has been reached between the employer and the exclusive representative of the bargaining unit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Association of School Psychologists; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development and County of Maui Department of Personnel Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and City and County of Honolulu Department of Human Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 810-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1645

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Human Resources Development to submit, as part of its annual report to the Legislature, information and data on vacancies in the Executive Branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1645, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 811-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1832

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency and to immediately interview the applicant; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; and Hawai'i State Public Library System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 812-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1889

The purpose of this measure is to expand workers' compensation medical benefits for firefighters to include coverage for breast cancer and cancer of the female reproductive organs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; State Fire Council; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i Fire Department; County of Maui Department of Fire and Public Safety; Honolulu Fire Department; International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO; and six individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1889, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 813-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1945

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Leave Cash-Out Pilot Program for Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation employees who work in any state correctional facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1945, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 814-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2069

The purpose of this measure is to permit the Department of Accounting and General Services to employ persons exempt from civil service and collective bargaining in support of communications, change management, and business process improvement programs as part of the State's information technology modernization efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 815-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2196

The purpose of this measure is to remove the requirement of a college degree for any state position, unless the degree is relevant to licensing or certification as it relates to the duties and responsibilities of the position or when the position in question requires specialized knowledge, skills, or subject-matter expertise relevant to the degree.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Human Resources Development; University of Hawai'i System; and Grassroots Institute of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2196, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 816-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2395

The purpose of this measure is to make Hawaii National Guard service members activated by the Governor or the Governor's designated representative to state active duty ineligible for enrollment in the Employees' Retirement System based on the active duty.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2395, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 817-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2396

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the payment of allowances for TRICARE Reserve Select coverages to junior officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Hawaii National Guard ordered to active duty for more than thirty days in service to the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2396, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 818-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2401

The purpose of this measure is to allow newly graduated high school students to be eligible for workers' compensation coverage during the summer following their high school graduation while participating in Department of Education-sponsored work-based learning programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2401, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 819-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2480

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non-apostille certification; and

(2) Establish and appropriate funds into and out of the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 820-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2496

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add alternative procurement methods to the types and methods of source selection; and
- (2) Allow an alternative procurement method when the federal government provides for or approves the alternative procurement method and the head of the purchasing agency makes a written determination that it is neither practicable nor advantageous to use the existing statutory procurement methods.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2496, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 821-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2499

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the authority of the President of the University of Hawaii to act as the University of Hawaii's Chief Procurement Officer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Procurement Office and University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 822-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2552

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend, under certain conditions, the family leave period for up to eight additional weeks for employees who are unable to perform their employment duties due to the birth of a child who is required to stay in a neonatal intensive care unit; and
- (2) Require the Civil Rights Commission to amend its administrative rules to include neonatal care as a related medical condition for purposes of sex discrimination.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Breastfeeding Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; and Society of Human Resource Management Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2552, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 823-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2641

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reestablish the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to begin on September 30, 2024; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Real Estate Valuation Advocacy Association; Hawaii Bankers Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Financial Services Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 824-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2658

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the requirement that the Director of Human Resources Development must submit a report to the Legislature before reclassifying and abolishing vacant positions within state departments and agencies that are under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2658, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 825-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1900

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to improve the State's water resource management and hydrologic data collection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply; Pū'ā Foundation; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; North Shore Hydrological Services; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1900, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 826-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2016

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the installation of a new outdoor emergency siren in the Pacific Palisades area of Oahu.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2016, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 827-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2331

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Dam and Reservoir Working Group to ensure and enhance the continued availability and safe operation of dams and reservoirs in the State and consider their role in drought mitigation and the maintenance of a dependable water supply.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Aina Hookupu o Kilauea; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2331, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 828-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2237

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Hazard Mitigation Special Fund, pursuant to a recommendation made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-16.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2237, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 829-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2460

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish protections for critical infrastructure information received or maintained by the Office of Homeland Security for use regarding the security of critical infrastructure and protected systems; and
- (2) Define and protect critical infrastructure information that is crucial for the direct support of the security and resilience of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Office of Information Practices.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2460, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 830-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2467

The purpose of this measure is to permanently allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve rent credits for demolition and infrastructure costs for public land leases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 831-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2473

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to operate and approve conservation bank and conservation in-lieu fee mitigation programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Earthjustice.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2473, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 832-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2453

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, in accordance with federal regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 833-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2478

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission; and
- (2) Establish procedures for selection and succession of commissioners representing Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 834-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2515

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the types of events that constitute disasters and emergencies for the purposes of emergency management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2515, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 835-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2626

The purpose of this measure is to specify certain findings the Board of Land and Natural Resources must make for a lease of a government-owned Hawaiian fishpond.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Nature Conservancy; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 836-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2579

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Board of Land and Natural Resources shall not unilaterally amend the terms and conditions of any lease of public lands being extended pursuant to Act 149, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, except as otherwise provided therein; and
- (2) Require that if the Board of Land and Natural Resources wishes to amend the terms and conditions of any lease of public lands being extended to reflect the Board's most current lease form and leasing practices and policies, such lease form and leasing practices and policies must be included in the rules of the Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2579, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 837-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2610

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Disaster Relief Match Special Fund to provide the local match for projects under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Maui Wildfires Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that implement mitigation measures to prevent and minimize the impacts of natural hazards affecting the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds from the Special Fund as the local match for projects under the Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Hazard Mitigation Forum and three members of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2610, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 838-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2611

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Statutorily establish a Department of Land and Natural Resources transaction fee for each recording in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court to be used to increase the efficiency and productivity of the Bureau of Conveyances;
- (2) Authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to adopt, amend, or repeal administrative fees, including transaction fees, for recordings in the Bureau of Conveyances and Land Court separate from the administrative rulemaking process;
- (3) Amend the authorized uses of monies in the Bureau of Conveyances Special Fund; and
- (4) Repeal language that required the Bureau of Conveyances' microfilm fees to be established by rules.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from NAIOP Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2611, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 839-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2695

The purpose of this measure is to require each county board of water supply or water board to prioritize the sustainable recharge of aquifers, ensure the health of watersheds, and, when allocating water for new development, prioritize the development of affordable housing over other types of development; provided that these requirements shall not be construed to affect allocations of water for agricultural purposes or developments under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply and County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2695, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kahaloa). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 840-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2696

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for the Lahaina Recovery Oversight Commission to oversee and guide the recovery of Lahaina from the 2023 wildfires; and
- (2) Require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to assist in establishing a website for the Commission that will serve as a clearinghouse for information related to the Lahaina wildfire recovery and a forum for public input.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor and Department of Accounting and General Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2696, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 841-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1544

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a minimum penalty and amend the maximum penalty per violation of the State Water Code, expand the types of potential violations of the State Water Code, and make each day that a violation exists or continues to exist a separate offense;
- (2) Require the Commission on Water Resource Management to consider certain factors when imposing penalties; and
- (3) Make the setting, charging, and collecting of administrative fines by the Commission on Water Resource Management mandatory, rather than discretionary.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Mahi Pono and the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii. Your

Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Hawai'i Department of Water Supply; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1544, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kahaloa). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 842-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1581

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop a Native Plant Nurseries and Seed Bank Initiative Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; one member of the Maui County Council; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1581, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 843-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1592

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum amount of conveyance tax revenues allocated to the Land Conservation Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; and The Nature Conservancy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1592, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 844-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1781

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Panaewa Community Development District to allow for planning, development, and maintenance of public lands in Panaewa, Hawaii, and amend the membership of the Hawaii Community Development Authority to include representatives of the Panaewa Community Development District.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Community Development Authority. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1781, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 845-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1835

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Distribution Management Advisory Board within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to develop and advise on the Statewide Distribution Management Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from AARP Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1835, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 846-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1919

The purpose of this measure is to establish a State Boating Facility Lease Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to lease one state small boat harbor for private development, management, maintenance, and operation in a county with a population of less than 900,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Explore Kauai Scuba, LLC; Komohana Charters LLC; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; UNITE HERE Local 5; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Sarn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1919, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Morikawa, Alcos). Noes, 2 (Kahaloa, Kobayashi). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 847-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2174

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the existing conditions under which government entities may seek reimbursement for search or rescue expenses and instead require a government entity of the State to impose and collect a fee for search or rescue expenses for persons who require rescue after leaving a hiking trail to enter an area closed to the public or hiking on a trail closed to the public, with a sign giving notice of the closure; and
- (2) Require a report or documentation of the search and rescue to be submitted to the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Fire Council; Maui Fire Department; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2174, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 848-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2248

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a north shore beach management and climate adaption plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo‘o (Sharks Cove) area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai‘i Region; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program and University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Climate Resilience Collaborative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 849-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2407

The purpose of this measure is to establish a process for electric utilities to develop and submit wildfire protection plans to the Public Utilities Commission for approval and allow the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization, while avoiding a disproportionate impact on a specific ratepayer or county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Hawai‘i State Energy Office; Hawai‘i Emergency Management Agency; and one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; Public Utilities Commission; Life of the Land; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Kaua‘i Island Utility Cooperative; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kobayashi, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 850-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2477

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Revise provisions relating to boating and ocean recreation fees and permits; and
- (2) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue all new commercial use permits for commercial ocean recreation activity in an Ocean Recreation Management Area that are not renewals or reissuances by public auction.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association; Activities and Attractions Association of Hawaii; Fair Wind, Inc.; Kapalua Kai Sailing, Inc. DBA Hula Girl Sailing Charters; Crystal Seahorse LTD DBA Shangri-La Sailing Charters; Ocean Tourism Coalition; Banyan Tree Divers Maui; Splashers Ocean Adventures DBA Kona Snorkel Trips; Kona Coast Expeditions; Kona Dream Sportfishing; Gemini Charters; Lahaina Divers Inc.; Komohana Charters LLC; Makai Adventures; Na Pali Experience; Anela Kai Catamarans, Inc.; Islands Beach Activities, Inc.; Explore Kauai Scuba; Woodbridge Inc. DBA Waikiki Sailing Company; Mona H. Incorporated, DBA Bwana Sportfishing; Holo Holo Charters; Kona Zodiac Ltd dba Captain Zodiac; Kona Honu Divers; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua‘āina Ulu ‘Auamo; Starn O’Toole Marcus & Fisher; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2477, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Garrett, Lamosao, Morikawa, Alcos). Noes, 3 (Kahaloa, Kila, Kobayashi). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 851-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1674

The purpose of this measure is to authorize candidates and their candidate committees to donate residual campaign funds to the general fund of the State or real property tax general fund of any county of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1674, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 852-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1886

The purpose of this measure is to authorize monies in the Reduced Ignition Propensity Cigarette Program Special Fund to be administered and expended by the State Fire Council to defray the cost of statewide fire prevention, education, life safety, and preparedness programs, especially as those programs relate to youth, seniors, and persons with disabilities, including the hiring of administrative personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1886, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 853-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1976

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of Elections to annually request funding for the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Office of Elections for the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee to carry out its mandate.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Statewide Elections Accessibility Needs Advisory Committee.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1976, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 854-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2058

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define what constitutes a dangerous dog; and
- (2) Establish rights, requirements, and penalties for owners of dangerous dogs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Hawai'i County Council; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Aloha Animal Advocates; Hawaiian Humane Society; Hawai'i Animal Welfare Association; Animal Rights Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 855-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2444

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for permits to process hemp biomass or prepare a manufactured hemp product.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2444, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 856-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2455

The purpose of this measure is to, effective January 1, 2024, transfer the responsibility and management of certain private security contracts from the Department of Law Enforcement to the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, and Department of Defense for their respective facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2455, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 857-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2622

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Law Enforcement for the State's Gun Buyback Program.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2622, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Ward). Noes, 1 (Kila). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 858-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2657

The purpose of this measure is to establish judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Women Lawyers; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2657, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 859-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2735

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions; and
- (2) Transfer certain functions relating to cultural grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2735, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kahaloa, Poepoe, Alcos). Noes, 3 (Kobayashi, Lamosao, Ward). Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 860-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1777

The purpose of this measure is to authorize dental hygienists under the general supervision of a licensed dentist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply preventive dental sealants in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Dentistry; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; Hawaii Dental Service; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; AlohaCare; Hawaii Dental Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that dental hygienists are trained to identify when sealants may be appropriate and to apply sealants to teeth. However, under existing law, dental hygienists are only able to apply sealants when certain requirements are met: a child must be a patient of record with a dental provider and have a treatment plan from that provider before receiving a protective sealant. These requirements create administrative barriers that hinder efficiency and effectiveness of school-based oral health programs.

Your Committee further finds that allowing dental hygienists to apply sealants at the time of screening in a school-based setting is an effective, cost-free solution that improves oral health outcomes. While dental hygienists perform these key prevention activities, supervising dentists can prioritize patients' advanced care needs. This measure promotes good oral health practices by increasing access to dental hygienist services, which will improve the sustainability, efficiency, and effectiveness of school-based oral health programs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1777, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 861-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1828

The purpose of this measure is to extend the State's energy-efficiency portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045, update the standards, and authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish interim goals and adjust the 2045 and interim standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency of the City and County of Honolulu; Blue Planet Foundation; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Wild Kids Hawai'i; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaiian Electric; Hawai'i Energy; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Energy-Efficiency Portfolio Standards have been a successful policy for the State, serving as a critical component in support of the State's clean energy and decarbonization goals. Since the standards were established, they have generated many successful energy-saving programs for Hawaii residents and businesses. According to the Market Potential Study (2020), the State is on track to meet and exceed the established 2030 target of four thousand three hundred gigawatt hours of energy savings. This measure challenges the State to further exceed the goal by establishing a new long-term goal of six thousand gigawatt hours by 2045.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1828, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Belatti).

SCRep. 862-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2337

The purpose of this measure is to amend the membership of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides by replacing the statutory requirement for representatives from the pineapple and sugar industries with representatives from the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides is to advise and assist the Department of Agriculture in developing or revising pesticide laws and rules and to advise on pesticide problems.

Your Committee further finds that the membership of the Advisory Committee is specific and broad-based and includes representatives from industries that make or use pesticides. However, under existing statute, the industries selected to be represented no longer reflect the contemporary configuration of the agriculture industry in the State. Due to the loss of the sugar industry in Hawaii, the dramatic decrease in pineapple production, and the rise in acreage and economic significance of the diversified agriculture and coffee industries, it is appropriate that the Advisory Committee membership be statutorily updated to reflect the contemporary configuration of the agriculture industry in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2337, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 863-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2462

The purpose of this measure is to clarify who may access information stored in the Electronic Prescription Accountability System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that federal law requires the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services to report a broad range of information regarding the use of and treatment for various different drugs, particularly opioids. Some of that information is only available through the State's Electronic Prescription Accountability System. This access also allows the Med-QUEST Division to ensure compliance by Medicaid-contracted providers. Your Committee further finds that access to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System allows health care providers to make informed decisions when prescribing medications. By providing access to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System, prescribers employed by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs are able to make better informed decisions as to the appropriate care for their patients. This measure provides access to the Electronic Prescription Accountability System for authorized employees of the Med-QUEST Division of the Department of Human Services and to prescribers employed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2462, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 864-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2654

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that no state or county building code can prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with any applicable safety standards and use conditions; and
- (2) Require the State Building Code Council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; and Environmental Investigation Agency.

Your Committee finds that hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are primarily used as refrigerants in air conditioners and refrigerators and are also used in applications such as fire suppressants, solvents, foam blowing agents, and aerosols. HFCs are greenhouse gases with global warming potentials that can be hundreds to thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide. Their use has been rapidly increasing worldwide due to the global phaseout of ozone-depleting substances and increased demand for refrigeration and air conditioning. In many cases, alternatives are available or under development that are either non-fluorinated or are HFC and HFC blends with lower global warming potentials than the HFC or HFC blends they replace.

Your Committee further finds that the federal American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 (42 U.S.C. 7657) authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency to address HFCs by providing new authorities in three main areas: to phase down the production and consumption of listed HFCs, manage these HFCs and their substitutes, and facilitate the transition to next-generation technologies through sector-based restrictions. This measure ensures that substances determined to be appropriate refrigerant substitutes may be used in the State by eliminating the barrier posed by applicable building codes and standards.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2654, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 865-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1526

The purpose of this measure is to extend the deadline for a county's legislative body to take action on an affordable housing project's application from forty-five days to sixty days.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; NAIOP Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Hawai'i YIMBY. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that, under existing law, housing projects developed by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation are allowed to be exempt from certain laws, if, among other things, the county council either approves or takes no action on the housing project. To ensure that there is no undue delay in the approval process, the county council is required to take action within forty-five days or, if no action is taken, the project is deemed approved on the forty-sixth day.

Your Committee further finds that a decision that would allow a project to be wholly exempt from certain laws requires due consideration, including allowing sufficient time for public participation and input on a proposed project. This measure therefore extends the periods for a county council to consider a housing project from forty-five days to sixty days.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1526, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 866-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1539

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the penalties for repeated traffic violations, reckless driving violations, and violations of excessive speeding;
- (2) Increase the fines for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance; and
- (3) Increase motor vehicle insurance minimums to protect residents from repeat offenders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Association for Justice; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; American Property Casualty Insurance Association of America; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; and American Car Rental Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii Insurers Council; and Turo.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities and injuries in Hawaii have increased, with a record high of one hundred seventeen traffic fatalities and five hundred seventy serious traffic-related injuries in 2022. In the first six months of 2023, Hawaii had forty-three traffic fatalities, with two deaths occurring immediately outside of public schools. Your Committee recognizes that these tragic events demonstrate the need for greater safeguards and deterrents to improve safety on Hawaii's streets and better protect Hawaii residents. This measure increases the penalties for various violations to create a greater deterrent to dangerous driving behaviors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1539, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Pierick). Excused, none.

SCRep. 867-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1577

The purpose of this measure is to authorize towing companies to charge additional amounts for overturned vehicles.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Towing Inc.; Aizeah'z Towing; SS Towing HI; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that tow truck operators provide a variety of roadside assistance services to motorists, including on-demand passenger car towing, commercial vehicle towing, and roadside vehicle repair. They also perform essential traffic incident management functions in coordination with fire, police, and emergency medical services in the aftermath of motor vehicle crashes by removing disabled vehicles, clearing incident debris, and cleaning up spilled cargo. Your Committee further finds that overturned vehicles present unique challenges for tow truck operators. In these instances, experience and specialized equipment allow tow truck operators to efficiently and safely remove the vehicles. This measure authorizes an additional fee for these challenging tows.

Your Committee notes that the additional charge allowable to towing companies under this measure is currently unspecified. Your Committee also notes that during the public hearing on this measure, a suggestion from a towing company was for this charge to be \$300.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 868-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1991

The purpose of this measure is to establish:

- (1) Primary and optional coverage requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies; and
- (2) Disclosure requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Association for Justice and Turo Inc. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Avis Budget Car Rental, LLC; Enterprise Mobility; and American Car Rental Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that there is a lack of parity in insurance requirements between the different sectors of rental vehicles. For traditional rental car companies, the required insurance coverage for rental vehicles is the coverage required for passenger cars. For peer-to-peer car sharing companies, the required insurance coverage is four times the coverage required for passenger cars. This measure would create parity between the two sectors of rental vehicles by requiring traditional rental car companies to have coverage equal to four times the coverage required for passenger cars.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1991, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Gates). Noes, 2 (Onishi, Pierick). Excused, none.

SCRep. 869-24 Education on H.B. No. 1904

The purpose of this measure is to establish a process for school placement for children whose parent or guardian has transferred or is pending transfer from another state to a military installation in Hawaii while on active military duty pursuant to an official military order.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense and Hawaii Military Affairs Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Department of the Attorney General; Special Education Advisory Council; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that military service members are routinely reassigned to new duty stations due to mission and training requirements and receive their official military orders detailing their upcoming assignment thirty days to six months prior to their move. Providing military families greater flexibility to enroll their children in school will help facilitate their uninterrupted educational progress and smooth integration into their new communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the Department of Education shall accept an application for a child for school or program enrollment and course registration with receipt of a military order, subject to available space.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1904, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1904, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Perruso, Quinlan).

SCRep. 870-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2292

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment and hiring one Project Manager III position for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of Project Manager III positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2292, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2292, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 871-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1631

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the School Facilities Authority to work with the Department of Education to prioritize projects for the construction of educator workforce housing for teachers and staff employed by the Department of Education;
- (2) Require the School Facilities Authority to include in its annual report to the Legislature its planned actions to increase educator workforce housing; and
- (3) Require the Department of Education to collaborate with certain state and county agencies to submit a preliminary report to the Legislature on the status of lands designated to be transferred to the Department of Education pursuant to Act 307, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; School Facilities Authority; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; aio; Hawaiian Host Group; Hawai'i Community Foundation; HPM Building Supply; Mana Up; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Holomua Collaborative; and three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1631, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 872-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1760

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a county to establish a bond recycling program;
- (2) Allow the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation or a county to secure a line of credit or other instrument of indebtedness for the bond recycling program;
- (3) Require a reserve to be maintained for the unsecured portion of debt incurred for the bond recycling program and establish a reserve for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation in a subaccount of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund; and
- (4) Require a county or issuer to submit a report to the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on the status or use of its portion of the volume cap that is being recycled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 873-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1761

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects;
- (2) Exempt bonds issued by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes, with exceptions;

- (3) Include proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts; and
- (4) Authorize regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawai'i Community Development Authority; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from NAIOP Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1761, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 874-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1763

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the allocation of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to be issued pursuant to a priority system;
- (2) Amend the priority for which funds in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund are to be used; and
- (3) Require the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to add new criteria and point allocations to the Qualified Allocation Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; AARP Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 875-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1833

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds into and out of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to provide loans or grants for mixed-income rental projects or units in mixed-income rental projects for qualifying individuals and families; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for finance specialist positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Partners in Care; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Chamber of Commerce Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1833, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 876-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2091

The purpose of this measure is to exempt from school impact fees the development of certain housing developments with income restrictions and additional or accessory dwelling units.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; City and County of Honolulu Office of Housing; Housing Hawai'i's Future; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; School Facilities Authority; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; NAIOP Hawaii; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2091, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 877-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2218

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, to increase the loan limit for direct loans provided by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from fifty percent to seventy-five percent of the maximum single residence loan amount allowed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaii Community Lending.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2218, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 878-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2357

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Homebuyers' Club Program under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2357, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 879-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2358

The purpose of this measure is to exempt certain affordable housing projects from environmental impact statement requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and NAIOP Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Free Access Coalition; Kupuna for the Moopuna; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; CleanEarth4Kids.org; Livable Hawaii Kai Hui; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2358, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, 1 (Poepoe). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 880-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2416

The purpose of this measure is to exempt from the conveyance tax the conveyance of certain properties that had been furnished as transient accommodations during a certain time period and for which all relevant taxes have been paid.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and UNITE HERE Local 5.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2416, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 881-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2514

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Education to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers;
- (2) Expand the authorized uses of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund to include the Teacher Housing Assistance Program; and
- (3) Appropriate funds out of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund to provide housing vouchers through the Teacher Housing Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2514, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 882-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2642

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Modify the notice requirements when terminating a rental agreement on or after November 1, 2024;
- (2) Require tenants and landlords to engage in mediation and delay filing an action for summary possession if a tenant schedules or attempts to schedule mediation;
- (3) Require landlords to provide specific information to tenants; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Aloha United Way; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Waipahu Safe Haven Center; Partners in Care; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Hawaii Community Lending; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2642, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 883-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1812

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Restrict the use of solitary confinement in state-operated and state-contracted correctional facilities, with certain exceptions;
- (2) Require the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Department) to develop written policies and procedures regarding solitary confinement by July 1, 2025;
- (3) Require the Department to develop policies and procedures to review committed persons placed in solitary confinement and develop a plan for committed persons currently in solitary confinement by April 1, 2025; and

(4) Require the Department to submit a report to the Legislature and Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Disability and Communications Access Board; Community Alliance on Prisons; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawaii; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Life of the Land; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that there are insufficient restrictions, policies, and procedures on the use of solitary confinement in the State. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need by restricting certain solitary confinement practices and requiring the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop policies and procedures for solitary confinement.

Your Committee notes that the effective date for the substantive provisions of this measure is July 1, 2025, which should give the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation sufficient time to effectuate this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the initial hearing for the placement of an individual into solitary confinement to occur within twenty-four hours of placement, instead of seventy-two hours, and deleting the requirement that a review occur every fifteen days thereafter;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to notify and transmit documentation and evidence to the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission following the initial hearing for the placement of an individual into solitary confinement;
- (3) Establishing requirements for the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission to review certain housing placements; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1812, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1812, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 884-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1782

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Health to conduct criminal history record checks on applicants for permits to process hemp biomass or prepare a manufactured hemp product.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Act 14, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020 (Act 14), reformed the regulation of hemp in the State following the promulgation of new regulations by the United States Department of Agriculture. Act 263, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 263), further amended the regulatory framework established by Act 14. Following the amendments made by Act 263, an applicant for a hemp processor permit must either possess a valid United States Department of Agriculture hemp license that required fingerprinting and a federal background check or consent to fingerprinting and a criminal history record check to be conducted by the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center. This measure implements the statutory authority for the Department of Health to conduct the criminal history record check.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2027, to align with the sunset date of the hemp processors chapter codified under chapter 328G, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1782, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1782, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 885-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2336

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make imposition of the fine penalty applicable to any violation of the commercial hemp production licensure requirement as well as restrictions on growing and transporting hemp;
- (2) Repeal the requirement for additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting, arising out of the activities of hemp growers; and
- (3) Clarify that the Department of Agriculture shall not require testing or sampling of hemp that duplicates testing and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that, under the existing laws regulating commercial hemp production, the Department of Agriculture is only authorized to impose penalties for failing to hold a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture and is explicitly prohibited from imposing penalties for any other conduct with respect to the production of hemp. This explicit prohibition constrains the Department of Agriculture from enforcing other laws, including the Hawaii Pesticides Law. This measure will provide the Department with greater authority to enforce the laws of the State.

Your Committee further finds that regulations by other governmental agencies, including the Department of Health and county land use ordinances, adequately address nuisance issues and any effort by the Department of Agriculture would likely be duplicative. Therefore, this measure also repeals the requirement for the Department to adopt rules addressing nuisance issues.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2336, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 886-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1861

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require license plates issued on or after January 1, 2025, to include an 'okina in the word Hawai'i; and
- (2) Authorize the use of all uppercase letters, all lowercase letters, or initial capital letters for the words "Hawai'i" and "Aloha State" in license plates.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i and Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State enacted Act 170, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, which requires the inclusion of consistent Hawaiian names, words, and spelling in state and county letterheads. This measure would further expand these efforts by requiring an 'okina in the word "Hawai'i" on state license plates.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 887-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2736

The purpose of this measure is to adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the shaka is emblematic of Hawaii's culture and the Aloha spirit. This measure would formally acknowledge and recognize the shaka as the official state gesture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including a description of a shaka.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2736, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2736, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 888-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2227

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the existing state exemption for United States Department of Defense-certified child care providers to those operating off federal property; and
- (2) Require Department of Defense-certified child care facilities with clients who are not children of enlisted families or who receive a child care subsidy from the Department of Human Services to have a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Department of Defense; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that United States Department of Defense family child care providers are certified via the military departments and are the largest contributor to the military services' ability to deliver child care needs. However, your Committee further finds that the state licensure and registration requirements are duplicative of the certification the providers receive from the military services. By exempting the providers from the state licensure and registration requirements, this measure would allow providers to provide child care services without further delay and improve the quality of life and economic security for providers and families.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2227, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 889-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2555

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Child Protective Act by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "harm" to include when a parent has committed family violence; and
- (2) Requiring a service plan to include an evaluation or assessment of family members in the family home who are perpetrators of domestic violence by a service provider trained in domestic violence in cases of alleged or confirmed domestic violence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of the Child Protective Act is to make paramount the safety and health of children who have been harmed or are in life circumstances that threaten harm. This measure will clarify, under the Child Protective Act, one of the ways a child's psychological well-being has been injured.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised in written testimony that the amendments made to the definition of "harm" under the Child Protective Act, as proposed under this measure, creates inconsistency with the definition of "child abuse or neglect" under Hawaii's child abuse reporting laws. Your Committee believes this concern warrants further deliberation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2555, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2555, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 890-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2426

The purpose of this measure is to clarify when a relative seeking to be a resource caregiver for a child is entitled to an administrative appeal for denial of a foster home license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help make the process for a relative to become a resource caregiver more transparent and provide clarity on how to challenge a decision if a relative's application is denied.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2426, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 891-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2428

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Child Protective Act by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "exigent circumstances" and amending the definitions of "harm" and "imminent harm";
- (2) Clarifying when the police may take a child into protective custody and when the Department of Human Services may assume temporary foster custody of a child when exigent circumstances are present; and
- (3) Authorizing the court to order a child to be placed into protective custody and temporary foster custody without notice or a hearing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure updates and clarifies the procedures for removing children from unsafe homes, with and without court orders, while taking into consideration concerns regarding maintaining family integrity, the due process rights of parents, and federal case law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "exigent circumstances" to include situations where there is reasonable cause to believe that immediately assuming temporary foster custody of a child is necessary to protect the child from serious harm that is likely to occur before a court order can be obtained;
- (2) Amending the requirements for the Department of Human Services to file a petition and seek an order for protective custody when there is reasonable cause to believe that a child is subject to imminent harm by:
 - (A) Deleting the requirement that the ex parte motion be for immediate protective custody; and
 - (B) Amending the type of documentation that must accompany an ex parte motion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Senate, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider inserting an effective date of July 1, 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 892-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2183

The purpose of this measure is to establish safe harbor protection for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Imua Alliance; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that sex trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Your Committee further finds that immunizing sex trafficking survivors from prosecution would help advance the delivery of social services, help end the social stigma of sexual exploitation, and empower victims to utilize the legal system to achieve justice. This measure would establish safe harbor protections for survivors of sexual exploitation who seek medical or law enforcement assistance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2183, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2183, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 893-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2479

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits seaward from the shoreline through special activity permits approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for research, education, management, or propagation purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that existing law prohibits the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits seaward from the shoreline, except under certain limited circumstances, including when the taking is inadvertent or part of traditional cultural practices. This prohibition currently includes taking for research, education, management, or propagation purposes. Your Committee further finds that the existing law was intended to prohibit large-scale sand collection, and was never intended to prohibit the collection of marine deposits for research, education, management, or propagation activities. This measure is intended to address this oversight by enabling the Department of Land and Natural Resources to grant permits for the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits for these purposes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2479, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2479, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 894-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2471

The purpose of this measure is to establish a framework for inspections of public land leases, licenses, and revocable permits by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that although the Department of Land and Natural Resources has the authority to periodically inspect premises that are under lease, license, or revocable permit, its land agents are typically not architects, engineers, or licensed contractors and may not be qualified to identify components of existing structures on the premises that are in need of repair or replacement. Your Committee further finds that even if the Department's agents do identify items requiring repair or replacement, the Department lacks the leverage to compel lessees to make the necessary repairs or replacements under existing lease terms. This measure is intended to improve the safety and sustainability of leased public lands by establishing a regulatory framework for the inspection of public land leases, licenses, and revocable permits by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 895-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1529

The purpose of this measure is to allow an Island Burial Council member whose term has expired to continue in office as a holdover member under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to address delays in the nomination, appointment, or reappointment of members to Island Burial Councils by allowing members to continue to serve as holdover members until the member's reappointment is confirmed or a successor is nominated and appointed, up through the end of the fourth regular session of the Legislature following the expiration of the member's term.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Takayama, Evslin).

SCRep. 896-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1554

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' rulemaking authority to include any rule to impose restrictions or requirements deemed necessary to protect certain aquatic life; and
- (2) Expand the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in light of newly available technology or data.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Miloli'i Makai Watch; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is tasked with managing and administering the aquatic life and aquatic resources of the State. However, your Committee finds that the Department's rulemaking authority with respect to aquatic life and aquatic resources is limited, and the Department is unable to take action on many issues affecting aquatic life and aquatic resources. This measure broadens the Department's rulemaking authority to adequately address issues pertaining to aquatic life and aquatic resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1554, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Souza). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 897-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1923

The purpose of this measure is to specify that overnight camps in operation prior to January 1, 1961, may be approved through the special permit process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Rory Frampton Consulting Inc.; Maui Surfer Girls, Inc.; Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council; and Girl Scouts of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Supreme Court, in *Ho'omoana Foundation v. Land Use Commission*, 152 Haw. 337, 526 P.3d 314 (2023), held that uses explicitly excluded as a use on class A and B agricultural land could not be permitted through the special use permit process, overruling the Court's holding in *Maha'u'lepu v. Land Use Commission*, 71 Haw. 332, 790 P.2d 906 (1990). Your Committee further finds that on Maui there are two campgrounds whose permits will be expiring within the next two years. As a result of *Ho'omoana Foundation*, these two campgrounds, and others who operate pursuant to special permit, would be required to obtain a district boundary amendment to change the land use classification from agricultural to urban, which is an onerous and expensive process. This measure allows these overnight campgrounds to continue to operate pursuant to a permit issued by the Land Use Commission through the special permit process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1923, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 898-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1542

The purpose of this measure is to authorize each county planning commission, between July 1, 2024, and December 31, 2026, to petition for the redistricting of land from an agricultural district to a rural district through the Land Use Commission's declaratory ruling process.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Land Use Commission.

Your Committee finds that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development's report, "State Land Use Review of Districts," found that the reclassification of established rural subdivisions and rural centers from agricultural districts to rural districts accommodates lower density rural settlement patterns and subsistence farming lifestyles. Your Committee further finds that there are existing residential communities that are classified as agricultural districts. This measure will allow the counties to efficiently reclassify these communities to align with state and county land use policy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1542, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1542, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 899-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2029

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume historic preservation review of any proposed project for lands under its jurisdiction, except for projects affecting properties listed or nominated for inclusion in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places; and
- (2) Establish certain written notice requirements for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation and one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is required to consult with the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the effect of any proposed project relating to lands under the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' jurisdiction on historic properties or burial sites. Your Committee recognizes that this review process, which takes about one hundred sixty-five days, is delaying projects that would provide housing for beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Streamlining this process by allowing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assume review of these projects, as intended by this measure, will allow the construction of these proposed projects to be expedited.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2029, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2029, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 900-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2148

The purpose of this measure is to establish a statute of repose for professional land surveyors by prohibiting the commencement of an action after twenty years has elapsed from the completion of a contract or final payment for land surveying work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds land surveyors are included in the definition of "design professional", despite not providing the same professional services related to safeguarding life, health, and property as other design professionals. This measure would establish separate protections against litigation for land surveyors by establishing a statute of repose that prohibits the commencement of legal action after a certain period has elapsed following the completion of a contract or final payment of land surveying work.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the statute of repose is only applicable to civil actions;
- (2) Changing the period after which bars the commencement of a civil action from twenty years to ten years;
- (3) Clarifying that the period is calculated from the latter of the date of completion of a contract or final payment for professional land surveying work; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2148, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2148, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 901-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2067

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal from the standard condominium proxy form the option of giving a proxy vote to the board of directors of a condominium association as a whole or to directors present at the meeting; and
- (2) Require a disclosure statement on the standard condominium proxy form informing unit owners that an association may direct elections by electronic, machine, or mail voting.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; District 25 Council of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kokua Council; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Law Offices of Philip S. Nerney, LLC; Hawaii Council of Associations of Apartment Owners; Legislative Action Committee of the Community Associations Institute, Hawaii Chapter; Hawai'i State Association of Parliamentarians Legislative Committee; Law Offices of Mark K. McKeller, LLC; Honokowai East Association of Apartment Owners; Association of Apartment Owners Lakeview Sands; Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Hale Kai O'Kihei Association of Apartment Owners; Hawaiian Properties, Ltd.; Hawaiiana Management Company, Ltd.; Makaha Surfside; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that proxy voting unfairly benefits incumbent members on boards of directors of condominium associations who often use proxy votes to continue sitting on the board. This measure will improve the ability for condominium owners to hold elected board members accountable and ensure that board members are acting in alignment with their fiduciary duties by repealing the option to allocate a proxy vote to the board of directors as a whole or to directors present at the meeting.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2067, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2067, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 902-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2278

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify labeling requirements for macadamia nuts; and
- (2) Require the country of origin to be included on the principal display panel of a consumer package of raw or processed macadamia nuts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Island Harvest Inc.; Hawai'i Macadamia Nut Association; Edmund C Olson Trust No. 2; Ka'u Farms Management LLC; Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaiian Macadamia Nut Services, LLC; Synergistic Hawai'i Agriculture Council; Macadamia Growers of Hawai'i; M. Nakamura Nursery, LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaiian Host Group; Maunaloa Macadamia; Kapua Orchards, Inc; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the macadamia nut industry is a significant contributor to the State's agricultural economy. Your Committee further finds that the industry faces significant economic pressure as a result of macadamia nut products' misleading use of Hawaiian names and images when only a portion or none of the macadamia nuts within the products were sourced from within the State. This measure bolsters the State's existing protections on the labeling of the origin of macadamia nuts to protect the Hawaii brand.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the country of origin be included on the principal display panel of a consumer package of raw macadamia nuts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Agriculture's capacity to enforce packaging and labeling requirements is currently undersized as a result of position reductions. Your Committee notes that consideration should be given to the Department of Agriculture's request of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent position at a salary of \$63,000 to bolster the Department's enforcement capacity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kong, Miyake). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 903-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1611

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) Law enforcement agencies and the Law Enforcement Standards Board to consult the National Decertification Index and ensure the reporting of officer misconduct to the Index; and
- (2) The reporting of certain domestic violence records to the National Decertification Index, notwithstanding any contrary law or court order regarding the sealing of those records.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Policing Project at NYU School of Law; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers.

Your Committee finds that the Law Enforcement Standards Board should be more transparent with other law enforcement agencies regarding the decertification of law enforcement officers in the State. This measure ensures that individuals applying to become law enforcement officers are properly scrutinized and that the decertification of current law enforcement officers is reported to a national registry available to participating state government agencies across the nation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble;
- (2) Amending the information that must be reported to the National Decertification Index;
- (3) Deleting language that would have required the reporting of certain domestic violence records to the National Decertification Index, notwithstanding any contrary law or court order regarding the sealing of those records;
- (4) Requiring the Law Enforcement Standards Board to periodically communicate with the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training, or review the National Decertification Index website, or the website of any successor index, to determine if the National Decertification Index is accepting any additional information or records; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests the Senate, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider changing the effective date to July 1, 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1611, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 904-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2400

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Teachers Standards Board to revoke a teacher license if the teacher resigned or retired during the pendency of any investigation into allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of a student.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

Your Committee finds that teachers who are under investigation for allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of students can avoid having their teaching licenses revoked by resigning or retiring before the completion of the investigation. Your Committee believes that these teachers should be required to surrender their licenses so that their names are added to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification database – the national collection point for professional educator disciplinary actions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring a teacher to surrender their teaching license if the teacher resigns or retires during the pendency of any investigation into allegations of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or other physical abuse of a student, rather than having the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board revoke the license;
- (2) Requiring the surrender of the teacher's license to be reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2400, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 905-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2710

The purpose of this measure is to require, as a condition of the issuance of any broadband-related permit, a wireless telecommunications carrier to maintain emergency back-up power for a minimum of eight hours.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kailua Alert & Prepared and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from CTIA. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that, in the event of an emergency, access to reliable communications is critical for persons to contact emergency services or their loved ones. Your Committee further finds that communications over cellular channels is an effective method for emergency management agencies to disseminate vital information. This measure ensures that communications services are available in the case of emergency by requiring telecommunications facilities to have back-up power.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the conditions for the issuance of any broadband-related permit to require that a telecommunications facility maintain emergency back-up power for a minimum of:
 - (A) Eight hours if the wireless telecommunications carrier is constructing, reconstructing, or reconfiguring a telecommunications facility that is a component of the core network or provides a backhaul link within a wireless telecommunications carrier's network; and
 - (B) Four hours if the wireless telecommunications carrier is constructing, reconstructing, or reconfiguring a telecommunications facility that is not a component of the core network and does not provide a backhaul link within a wireless telecommunications carrier's network; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2710, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2710, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 906-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1897

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit lodging establishments from providing small plastic containers containing a personal care product to any person staying in a sleeping room accommodation, in any space within the sleeping room accommodation, or in any bathroom used by the public or guests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef & Ocean Coalition and Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Plastics Industry Association and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that single-use plastics are goods made from fossil fuel-based petrochemicals that are intended to be disposed of shortly after use. Your Committee further finds that plastic debris has deleterious impacts on wildlife and their habitats and is a critical natural resource issue in the State. Your Committee also finds that hotels and other lodging establishments frequently provide complimentary toiletries that are packaged in single-use plastic containers. However, this is not in alignment with the Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan, which cites the goals of promoting sustainable tourism, preserving natural resources, and advocating for responsible tourism in Hawaii that minimizes negative environmental impacts. This measure represents a way for the State to reduce harmful plastic waste, while also promoting a more sustainable visitor industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the application of penalties established by this measure;
- (2) Clarifying that the Attorney General, rather than the Director of Health, may bring an action in the circuit Environmental Court to impose a civil penalty for violations of the prohibitions established by this measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1897, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Belatti).

SCRep. 907-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2390

The purpose of this measure is to require the Public Utilities Commission to consider the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions when making determinations of the reasonableness of costs pertaining to electric or gas utility system capital improvements and operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that Act 238, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, required the Hawaii State Energy Office to analyze pathways and develop recommendations for achieving the State's economy-wide decarbonization goals. As part of its report, the Office highlighted the importance of considering lifecycle emissions as more biofuel-powered projects and biofuel contracts would be before the Public Utilities Commission for approval. This is because the lifecycle carbon intensity for different biofuels is wide-ranging and is highly dependent on feedstock characteristics, fertilizer application, growth characteristics, and processing methods. Therefore, the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions from bioenergy may not always exhibit emissions lower than fossil fuel.

Your Committee further finds that a lifecycle greenhouse gas analysis, also known as lifecycle assessment, quantifies or evaluates the environmental and climate warming impact of specific products or activities throughout their entire lifecycle, including extraction, distribution, use, and disposal. A lifecycle assessment provides a framework for the Public Utilities Commission to consider the environmental and greenhouse gas implications of projects seeking Commission approval, facilitating informed decision-making and the Commission's requirement to protect the public interest. This measure requires the Commission to consider lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions when determining the reasonableness of costs pertaining to electric or gas utility system capital improvements and operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions assessment";
- (2) Requiring the Public Utilities Commission to consider lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions when making a determination on the reasonableness of costs for projects involving the combustion of fuel; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Belatti).

SCRep. 908-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2020

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the definition of "renewable energy producer" that is used to determine the Board of Land and Natural Resources' disposition of public lands to renewable energy producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, to be eligible for public lands as a renewable energy producer, the producer is required to sell all of the net power produced from the demised premises to an electric utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission. Evolving renewable energy technology now includes far more than electricity generated by solar panels, and the governing statutes should reflect this reality. Removing the requirement that power be sold to an electric utility would provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with greater flexibility to generate revenue to support its mission. This measure amends the definition of "renewable energy producer" to include a broad range of technologies and uses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Prohibiting energy from renewable energy producers from being wheeled over existing utility lines; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Belatti).

SCRep. 909-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1896

The purpose of this measure is to, beginning December 31, 2026, prohibit the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, distribution for sale, and distribution for use of any food packaging, food service ware, cosmetic, or personal care product that contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Americans for Democratic Action Hawai'i; Hawai'i Reef & Ocean Coalition; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Food+ Policy Internship 2024; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Consumer Brands Association.

Your Committee finds that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, also known as PFAS, are called "forever chemicals" because they do not naturally break down in the environment and can contaminate drinking water, bioaccumulate in fish and wildlife, and have multiple adverse health effects on humans. PFAS can be found in a diverse range of products, including clothing, food packaging, disposable cutlery, shaving creams, and mascara, and can enter the human body when consumed, applied directly on the skin, and after eating food that is packaged in materials containing PFAS.

Your Committee further finds that Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, prohibits, beginning July 1, 2024, the manufacture, sale, and distribution of food packaging and class B firefighting foam containing intentionally introduced PFAS. However, in light of past incidents concerning products containing PFAS, your Committee believes that further action is needed to prevent future releases of these substances into the environment and drinking water sources. This measure will further protect residents against toxic chemicals by expanding the range of PFAS-containing consumer products subject to the prohibition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the prohibition established by this measure begins on January 1, 2027;
- (2) Excluding from the prohibition established by this measure:
 - (A) Products approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration from the prohibition established by this measure; and
 - (B) Products that do not contain intentionally added PFAS but do contain an added chemical where PFAS are intentional breakdown products;
- (3) For purposes of determining whether PFAS were intentionally added, deleting consideration of PFAS chemicals that are intentional breakdown products of an added chemical; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1896, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Belatti).

SCRep. 910-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1936

The purpose of this measure is to require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by stevedoring companies registered in the State, with certain exceptions for vessels operating on behalf of an authorized intrastate or transpacific water carrier.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142 and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Island Plastic Bags; Hawaiian Cement; American Marine Corporation; Hawaii Shippers' Council; Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Centerline Logistics; Par Hawaii; Hawai'i Cost of Living Coalition; Aloha Marine Lines; Island Energy Services, LLC; American Waterways Operators; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your

Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i Gas; Sause Bros., Inc.; and Building Industry Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there is no existing requirement for out-of-state companies to utilize trained longshore linespersons to secure vessels to the commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, bulkheads, and landings in the State. This measure will ensure the safe securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to the various marine vessel landings in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required, with certain exceptions, that the securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a stevedoring company;
- (2) Inserting language that mandates the Department of Transportation to require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by labor subject to collective bargaining; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1936, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 911-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2112

The purpose of this measure is to require moped operators to carry an insurance policy.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaiian Style Rentals & Sales; Moped Garage; Moped Doctors Inc.; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that, under existing law, mopeds are not required to be insured under a liability policy. Your Committee further finds that according to the Department of Health, in 2021 and 2022, a total of seven hundred forty-four injured moped riders were transported to hospitals. The medical charges from these injuries totaled \$17,200,000 in 2021 and \$17,400,000 in 2022. Your Committee further finds that in 2023, there were four hundred seventeen collisions involving mopeds. Of these, two hundred forty-one involved another motor vehicle, six involved bicyclists, and five involved pedestrians. This measure will protect moped operators and other persons and property involved in a collision by requiring mopeds to be insured under a liability policy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including mopeds into various other provisions of the law governing motorcycle and motor scooter insurance, including provisions concerning:
 - (A) Prerequisites for obtaining insurance;
 - (B) The relationship between the insurance provisions and tort law;
 - (C) Proof of insurance cards;
 - (D) Penalties and persons exempt from the general penalties;
 - (E) The insurer's obligation to file certain documents for moped insurance with the Insurance Commissioner; and
 - (F) The Insurance Commissioner's authority to implement and evaluate insurance rates in compliance with rate regulation provisions under the Insurance Code; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2112, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2112, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, none.

SCRep. 912-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to, for purposes of regulating commercial activity under the laws regulating ocean recreation:

- (1) Include advertisements and offers within the definition of "commercial activity";
- (2) Provide that advertisements and offers of unpermitted commercial ocean use activities or commercial ocean recreational equipment are prima facie evidence that:
 - (A) The owner of the advertised or offered commercial activity disseminated or directed dissemination of the advertisements or offers; and
 - (B) The commercial activity is operated at the location advertised or offered; and
- (3) Establish that a person charged with a violation of commercial activity restrictions bears the burden of proof that the person is not conducting illegal commercial activity or is otherwise authorized by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct the activity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that there has been a rapid expansion of commercial ocean activity within a relatively short period of time, leading to overuse of boating facilities, strain on natural resources, and user conflicts between recreational and commercial ocean users. Your Committee further finds that, under existing law, the authority to regulate commercial ocean activity is limited to the provision or attempted provision of the activity. This limits enforcement to catching persons in the act. However, when the Department of Land and Natural Resources has made efforts to enforce unpermitted commercial ocean activity by catching operators in the act, operators have claimed that they are not providing services for compensation. This measure bolsters the Department's enforcement authority by allowing the Department to regulate the offering and advertisement of illegal commercial activity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 913-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 2089

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the State Building Code Council to adopt, amend, or update the International Building Code and International Residential Code within two years of every other official publication of the applicable code, rather than every publication; and
- (2) Specify that if a county does not adopt the Hawaii State Building Codes within two years, then the Hawaii State Building Codes become the applicable interim county building code until superseded by the adoption of an amended version of the Hawaii State Building Codes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Hawai'i Planning Department; Stanford Carr Development; NAIOPI Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; HPM Building Supply; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; aio; Hawai'i Gas; Hawaiian Host Group; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Mana Up; Title Guaranty Hawai'i; Holomua Collaborative; Gentry Homes, Ltd.; Pacific Resource Partnership; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Institute of Architects Hawaii State Council; International Code Council; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; D.R. Horton Hawaii LLC; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawai'i Energy; American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers; and RMA Sales.

Your Committee finds that the chronic understaffing of appropriate county departments has required employees to spend significant time and resources on code updates, which diverts their time away from plan review and inspections. Your Committee further finds that the constant amendments to the applicable codes results in many professionals being unfamiliar with the updates, leading to delays in permit approval. This measure provides more stability to the code process by only requiring the State Building Code Council to adopt, amend, or update the International Building Code and International Residential Code upon every other official publication by the International Code Council.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 914-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1836

The purpose of this measure is to, during a state of emergency, allow pharmacists to refill prescriptions of up to a thirty-day supply of controlled substances if the practitioner is unavailable to authorize the refill and if, in the pharmacist's professional judgment, failure to refill the prescription may interrupt the patient's ongoing care and have a significant adverse effect on the patient's well-being.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Pharmacy; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Association; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and Walgreen Co.

Your Committee finds that prescription refills play an important role in allowing patients to get their medication without frequent office visits and support patient adherence to medications for chronic conditions. Typical pharmacotherapy requires a patient's adherence to the regimen to achieve the therapeutic outcome, especially in patients with chronic conditions. Abrupt cessation or unplanned interruption of therapy may lead to undesirable outcomes.

Your Committee further finds that, during times of emergency, patients may face significant challenges that impede their ability to timely receive a necessary prescription for a refill. This measure, by authorizing pharmacists to refill prescriptions during a state of emergency, promotes patient health and safety.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the authorization to refill for up to a thirty-day supply applies to prescriptions but does not apply to prescriptions for controlled substances; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 915-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.B. No. 1989

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the sale of raw milk, raw milk products, and raw milk dairy products directly to consumers for human consumption, with certain restrictions; and
- (2) Authorize the direct sale of raw goat milk for pet consumption.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Weston A. Price Foundation; Kanaani Ohana Farm; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that raw milk is milk that has not undergone the process of pasteurization, which is the process by which milk is mildly heated to destroy pathogens. Your Committee further finds that there is a consumer demand for raw milk in Hawaii. However, under existing administrative rules, milk is only available to the public if it has undergone the process of pasteurization. Your Committee notes that goat milk is similarly prohibited unless it has undergone the process of pasteurization. This measure is intended to provide consumers and their pets with more milk beverage choices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1989, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Amato, Tam). Noes, 1 (Onishi). Excused, 1 (Gates).

SCRep. 916-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2644

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Ant Lab in mitigating the effects of little fire ants in the State, including for the hiring of staff, community outreach, and operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawaii Pest Control Association; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation and number of additional positions to the Hawaii Ant Lab on Oahu to unspecified amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 917-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2140

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui County Farm Bureau; East O'ahu County Farm Bureau; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and two individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2140, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2140, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 918-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2131

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture for the mitigation and control of the two-lined spittlebug and recovery efforts in areas affected by infestation; and
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kealia Ranch; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; University of Hawai'i System; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 919-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2133

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Invasive Species Grant Pilot Program to provide grants through the Department of Agriculture to qualified applicants for the eradication of invasive species on the applicants' property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 920-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2136

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement a pesticide inspection program to increase compliance with the proper use of restricted use pesticides by agricultural producers, ensure the continued prohibition on the use of chlorpyrifos, and inform the public of the most recent pesticide inspection results for agricultural producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Food+ Policy; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2136, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 921-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2146

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize agricultural tourism activities, including certain overnight accommodations, under certain conditions and only in counties that have adopted ordinances regulating agricultural tourism uses and activities; and
- (2) Require the Land Use Commission to adopt rules that establish requirements applicable to all farming operations that undertake agricultural tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Land Use Commission; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Agribusiness Development Corporation; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2146, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Kobayashi, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 922-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2236

The purpose of this measure is to reclassify, repeal, or abolish certain non-general funds of the Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the recommendations made by the Auditor in Auditor's Report No. 23-13.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2236, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 923-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2546

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow for the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species; and
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish a registration program for purchasers of fine meshed nets in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 924-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1780

The purpose of this measure is to designate September 21 of each year as World Peace Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1780, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 925-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1939

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to provide greater access to the arts for children and communities in need, with a focus on those affected by the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1939, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 926-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Malama Puuloa.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 927-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1807

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Works of Art Special Fund's one percent transfer requirement to exclude the construction of site work.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from CARES. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; King Kamehameha Celebration Commission; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawaii Arts Alliance; Kaua'i Museum; East Hawaii Cultural Center; HULI PAC; Maui Dance Council; Kean Arts Inc.; Hawai'i Contemporary; Hawaii Craftsmen; Kahilu Theatre Foundation; Kamamo House; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; IATSE 665; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the exclusion of the construction of site work from the Works of Art Special Fund's one percent transfer requirement and instead applying the requirement to capital improvement appropriations for the original construction of state buildings;
- (2) Adding two appropriations for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to support performing arts initiatives and the expansion of arts programming in schools; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1807, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1807, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 928-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1940

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds out of the Works of Art Special Fund to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the integration of works of art projects into several major capital improvement projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts; Maui Arts & Cultural Center; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 929-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1957

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Narrow the qualifying criteria for the Research Activities Tax Credit to qualified high technology businesses that are small businesses registered in the State;
- (2) Increase the maximum amount of tax credits that can be certified per year; and
- (3) Extend the sunset date of the Research Activities Tax Credit by five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Oceanit; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; VisionSafe Corporation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the provision that excluded the applicability of the base amount in the Internal Revenue Code in determining qualified research expenses; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1957, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 930-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2384

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the means of financing for a portion of funds appropriated for deposit into the School Facilities Special Fund to an appropriation from general obligation bond revenues; and
- (2) Extend the lapse date of funds appropriated into and out of the School Facilities Special Fund to expand access to pre-kindergarten to eligible children to June 30, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the School Facilities Authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an amount of \$100,000,000 for the maximum amount of general obligation bonds authorized to be issued and general obligation bond revenues to be deposited into the School Facilities Special Fund;
- (2) Repealing the funds appropriated into and out of the School Facilities Special Fund in Act 257, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, as amended by Act 175, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2384, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Ward).

SCRep. 931-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2242

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for four full-time equivalent Career Foundations Certificate Program teachers for the McKinley Community School for Adults.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2242, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 932-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1779

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year summer tuition pilot program to offset the costs of aligning resident tuition rates for the summer semester with resident tuition rates for the spring and fall semesters at University of Hawaii community colleges.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kapi'olani Community College-Student Congress; University of Hawai'i Student Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1779, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1779, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 933-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1624

The purpose of this measure is to require insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for standard fertility preservation services for policies, contracts, plans, and agreements issued or renewed after December 31, 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Hawai'i Section; Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology; Association for Clinical Oncology; Alliance for Fertility Preservation; Advanced Reproductive Medicine & Gynecology of Hawaii, Inc. dba Fertility Institute of Hawaii; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1624, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 934-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1675

The purpose of this measure is to, beginning on January 1, 2026, exempt medical services provided by licensed physicians and advanced practice registered nurses acting in the capacity of primary care providers from the general excise tax.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; one member of the Maui County Council; Christopher West LMHC LLC; Hawaii Provider Shortage Crisis Task Force; Hawaii Independent Physicians Association; The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists – Hawai'i Section; Maui Orthopedic Institute; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association, dba Big Island Docs; 'Ahahui o

nā Kauka; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; Hawaii Institute for Pain; Philippine Medical Association of Hawai'i; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, Legislative Committee; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Oahu Kidney Care LLC; Joyful Living, LLC; Hawaii County Medical Society; West Hawaii Independent Physicians; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawaii Dental Service; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Counselors Association; Pilgrim Behavioral LLC; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1675, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 935-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2159

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of the Attorney General to assist with the preparation and filing of petitions for assisted community treatment and with the presentation of cases, unless declined by the petitioner;
- (2) Repeal language entitling the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to legal representation by a public defender;
- (3) Provide a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain nonviolent defendants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment; and
- (4) Authorize courts to require certain probation violators to undergo a mental health evaluation and treatment program as a condition of continued probation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; Disability and Communication Access Board; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and ACLU of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Department of the Attorney General.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2159, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 936-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1845

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the amount of funds available to candidates who qualify to participate in the Partial Public Financing Program;
- (2) Adjust the minimum amount of qualifying contributions certain candidates must receive to participate in the Partial Public Financing Program; and
- (3) Increase the matching fund payments to candidates in the Partial Public Financing Program for excess qualifying contributions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the amounts increased and adjusted and number of positions funded in this measure to unspecified amounts and an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1845, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1845, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 937-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1881

The purpose of this measure is to update the maximum administrative fines allowed for violations of state laws regarding standards of conduct, including the State Ethics Code, and lobbying.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1881, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1881, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 938-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1968

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated; and
- (2) Allow a court to order the personnel of a legal entity against whom a claim is brought to undergo training on trauma-informed response to allegations of sexual abuse.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; RAINN; The Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Hawaii Association for Justice; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 939-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2425

The purpose of this measure is to clarify:

- (1) That a confirmed report of child abuse or neglect, harm, or threatened harm will result in the perpetrator's name being maintained in the Department of Human Services central registry of reported child abuse or neglect cases; and
- (2) When a person's name may be expunged from the central registry of reported child abuse or neglect cases, and establish a process for expungement upon request.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2425, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 940-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2482

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices, rather than requiring the timely posting of notices in a central location in a public building.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the amendment that would have required the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices;
- (2) Repealing the existing statutory requirement for:
 - (A) A board to file a copy of the notice of any regular, special, emergency, rescheduled meeting, or executive meeting when anticipated in advance, with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or appropriate county clerk's office; and
 - (B) The Office of the Lieutenant Governor or appropriate county clerk's office to timely post paper or electronic copies in a central location in a public building; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2482, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 941-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1917

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for collective bargaining cost items and cost adjustments for Judiciary employees and their excluded counterparts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1917, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 942-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1608

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for four deputy public defender positions within the Office of the Public Defender and require that one of the positions be assigned to the family court section.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the full-time equivalent positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1608, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 943-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1912

The purpose of this measure is to establish one additional district court judgeship in the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary, Office of the Public Defender, and Hawaii State Bar Association.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1912, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1912, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 944-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2231

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish as a goal of the State the increased representation of female law enforcement officers in the State by 2030; and
- (2) Require each law enforcement agency to recruit law enforcement officers from diverse backgrounds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2231, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2231, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Alcos, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 945-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2340

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds and approve payments for claims against the State, its officers, and its employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating \$401 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Civil Beat Law Center for the Public Interest v. Department of Public Safety; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 946-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the sunset date of the authorization for primary caregivers to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients; and
- (2) Clarify that primary caregivers may continue to cultivate medical cannabis for qualifying patients, subject to certain restrictions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Care Wailua; 434 Custom Tattooing; Ganja War Veterans of Hawai'i; Oahu Cannabis Farm Alliance; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Aloha Green Apothecary; Akamai Cannabis Consulting; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 947-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2457

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all divisions and sections of the Department of Law Enforcement, rather than just the Sheriff Division, to pursue and obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA); and
- (2) Establish five CALEA Coordinator positions, exempt from civil service, within the Department to ensure that it meets and maintains CALEA standards and accreditation and that the Department's law enforcement officers meet standards set by the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 948-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1556

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for permanent positions within the Employee Staffing Division of the Department of Human Resources Development for the recruitment and retention of state employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 949-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1827

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to:

- (1) Support the Public High School Health Care Workforce Certificate Program;
- (2) Renovate and equip certain public high school classrooms to be used for health care training; and
- (3) Support the Glidepath Program for certified nurse aides.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Ohana Pacific Health/Hale Makua Health Services; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawai'i - American Nurses Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriations to unspecified amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 950-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1946

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year pilot program, including the hiring of three full-time positions, in the Office of the Governor for an Office of Process Improvement to conduct process and efficiency evaluations for various offices and agencies and make recommendations for process improvement.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1946, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1946, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Kahaloa, Poepoe, Alcos). Noes, 3 (Aiu, Kila, Lamosao). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 951-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2463

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "employee" in Hawaii's wage and hour law by repealing the definition's categorical exclusion of any employee who receives guaranteed compensation totaling \$2,000 or more a month.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the repeal of the exclusion of any employee who receives a guaranteed compensation totaling \$2,000 or more a month; and
- (2) Changing the guaranteed compensation amount to \$4,000 or more a month for an employee to be excluded from the definition of "employee" under the State's wage and hour law; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2463, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Alcos, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 952-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2373

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (1) and (10) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2373, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 953-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2374

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (2), (3), (4), (9), (13), and (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 954-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1638

The purpose of this measure is to give the counties the authority to:

- (1) Require employers to disclose information regarding their employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, except for employees primarily engaged in harbor-related operations; and
- (2) Deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; City and County of Honolulu Office of the Mayor; two members of the Maui County Council; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; two members of the Honolulu City Council; Pacific Resource Partnership; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1638, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 955-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1686

The purpose of this measure is to increase the reimbursement rate for chiropractic treatments for personal injury protection benefits under motor vehicle insurance from \$75 to \$100.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Insurers Council; Klein Natural; Tanaka and Associates Chiropractic & Massage; Aloha Family Chiropractic; Hawaii State Chiropractic Association; Dr. Jill Dawrs Family Chiropractic Clinic; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kila, Lamosao). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 956-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1844

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for temporary adjunct faculty positions at the University of Hawaii Maui College to train persons in construction trades.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii Professional Assembly. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1844, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 957-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1902

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers shall be consistent with the state constitution;
- (2) Clarify the scope of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan;

- (3) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency; and
- (4) Shorten the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 958-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1949

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1949, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 959-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1839

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for long-term monitoring of air quality for communities impacted by the Maui wildfires and to support research efforts to better understand the environmental concerns linked to urban fires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; Lāhainā Strong; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of full-time equivalent positions established by this measure to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1839, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1839, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 960-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1841

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for operating expenses, equipment, the establishment of positions, and capital improvement projects to support wildfire emergency response, prevention, and post-fire restoration.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; State Fire Council; Hawai'i Fire Department; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and The Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions established by this measure to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1841, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1841, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 961-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1843

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to direct fire protection efforts statewide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Fire Department; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and State Fire Council.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of administrative staff positions to be established to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1843, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kila, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 962-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1925

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Holomua Collaborative; aio; Hawai'i Gas; HPM Building Supply; Mana Up; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to support the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 963-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2107

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish the position of Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; The Legal Clinic; Pacific Gateway Center; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Center; Kaibigan ng Lahaina; Hawai'i Workers Center; AARP Hawai'i; Roots Reborn; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Office of Language Access; and Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator positions to be established to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 964-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2263

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds and establish positions for the Agribusiness Development Corporation to maintain and improve the East Kauai Irrigation System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Kaua'i Office of the Mayor; County of Kaua'i Office of Economic Development; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Local Food Coalition; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Kalepa Koalition; East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii High School Bass Fishing Club; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Agribusiness Development Corporation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2263, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2263, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 965-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1932

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Transportation to acquire, including by condemnation, any real, personal, or mixed property for certain immediate or future uses and own, hold, improve, rehabilitate, sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, or dispose of any real, personal, or mixed property acquired;
- (2) Amend the definition of "public lands" to exclude lands to which the Department of Transportation holds title; and
- (3) Authorize the Department of Transportation to directly acquire any real property for its purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Signature Aviation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 966-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1934

The purpose of this measure is to require the Director of Transportation to convene an Intoxicated Driving Reduction Working Group, under the leadership of Hawaii's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, to recommend amendments to existing laws to reduce incidents of intoxicated driving and require the Department of Transportation to submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, Department of Law Enforcement, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1934, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 967-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2015

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to identify an emergency egress route other than Komo Mai drive from Pacific Palisades or, if no other route can be found, determine the feasibility of constructing an alternate emergency egress route.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2015, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 968-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2065

The purpose of this measure is to amend the appropriation for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Noise Traffic Pilot Program of the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2065, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2065, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 969-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2446

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Examiner of Drivers of a county to suspend the driver's license of a person displaying a parking permit issued to a person who was deceased at the time the permit was displayed;
- (2) Remit fifty percent of a fine for a violation of using a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation; and
- (3) Authorize each county to enact ordinances to enforce the design and construction requirements relating to accessible parking spaces, including the establishment of penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communications Access Board; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the proposed remittance of fifty percent of a fine for a violation of using a parking space reserved for persons with disabilities to the law enforcement agency that issued the citation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 970-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1997

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish a discounted rate by tariff for water carriers that engage in the interisland transport of renewable hydrogen.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from 350Hawaii.org. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Gas; and Young Brothers, LLC.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 971-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2175

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Transportation to develop a community-based long-range transportation plan for the Kaaawa, Punaluu, and Hauula communities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2175, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 972-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2270

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force to develop and explore alternate routes into and out of the Waianae Coast, including through Kolekole pass and opening the Waianae Coast emergency access road.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Emergency Management of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation and Department of Defense.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2270, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 973-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2673

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the counties to use county surcharge revenues for the maintenance of public roadways and private roadways that are open to the public; and
- (2) Require the counties to use fuel tax revenues for the reconstruction, improvement, repair, and maintenance of private roadways that are open to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Citizens for Affordable and Sustainable Property Insurance; Mainstreet Pahoa Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2673, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 974-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2380

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to disburse monies in the Mass Transit Special Fund.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 975-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2490

The purpose of this measure is to increase the caps for the total contract value of any one capital advancement contract (CAC) and the total aggregate value of CACs in a fiscal year entered into by the Department of Transportation with private parties for harbor improvements and add reporting requirements for the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; and Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the caps for the total contract value for any one CAC and the total aggregate value of CACs to unspecified amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 976-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2650

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds, subject to a match by public utilities, to the Department of Transportation for the coordinated removal of Albizia and other invasive trees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawaiian Electric; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2650, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 977-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2702

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for equipment and one full-time equivalent position with the Department of Transportation to conduct improvements to Hana Highway.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Changing the number of positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2702, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2702, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 978-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1533

The purpose of this measure is to increase the amount of death benefits paid by the Department of Human Services to cover the cremation and disposition costs for a deceased person who was eligible for medical or financial assistance at the time of the person's death and whose body is unclaimed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Dodo Mortuary, Inc.; Hawaii Funeral & Cemetery Association, Inc.; and Mililani Group, Inc. d.b.a. Mililani Memorial Park & Mortuary. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the amount of the increase to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 979-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2430

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Education; State Procurement Office; Hawai'i Public Health Institute's Healthy Eating + Active Living Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Foodbank; Hawaii Food Industry Association; ABC Stores; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the numbers of full-time equivalent program specialist positions to unspecified numbers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 980-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2217

The purpose of this measure is to research and make recommendations on the most appropriate services for individuals twenty-six years of age or younger with autism spectrum disorder or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and how services may be covered under amendments to the Medicaid State Plan or Medicaid 1925(c) waiver.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Action Group; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Mau Loa Learning LLC; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Health; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 981-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2662

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to establish a two-year Recreation and Education Upward Mobility Pilot Program for youth tenants in public housing; and
- (2) Permit the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to contract with outside parties to implement the pilot program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and Kalihi Community Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2662, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 982-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1769

The purpose of this measure is to establish a refundable Family Caregiver Tax Credit for nonpaid family caregivers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Executive Office on Aging; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the maximum family caregiver tax credit amount to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1769, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1769, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 983-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1776

The purpose of this measure is to increase a taxpayer's applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that may be claimed for the household and dependent care services tax credit for five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Imua Alliance; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Save Medicaid Hawaii; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the cost-of-living adjustment factor for the annual threshold amount;
- (2) Changing the applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that may be claimed by taxpayers for credit purposes to an unspecified percentage;
- (3) Changing the adjusted gross income overage and annual threshold amounts used to calculate the applicable percentage to unspecified amounts; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1776, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 984-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1964

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Department of Human Services to establish and implement a Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program to provide subsidies to retain the existing child care workforce in licensed infant and toddler child care centers, group child care centers, and group child care homes and bonuses to registered family child care homes; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for a program specialist to carry out the implementation and monitoring of the Child Care Provider Subsidy and Bonus Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Hui for Excellence in Education; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Mana Up; Title Guaranty of Hawai'i; HPM Building Supply; Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children; Holomua Collaborative; aio; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Save Medicaid Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and University of Hawai'i at Mānoa College of Education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the minimum hourly subsidy rate for child care workers to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the minimum annual bonus for family child care homes to an unspecified amount; and
- (3) Changing the number of full-time equivalent positions established by this measure to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1964, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 985-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2216

The purpose of this measure is to increase the cap on state supplemental payments for type I adult residential care homes, licensed developmental disabilities domiciliary homes, community care foster family homes, certified adult foster homes, and type II adult residential care homes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Community Home Care Association of Hawaii; Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawaii; United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; Alliance of Professional Primary Care; Association of Care Administrators; The Primary Care Provider; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; and five individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the caps on state supplemental payments for the various care facilities to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2216, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 986-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2224

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Executive Office on Aging to create a comprehensive long-term care master plan to accomplish long-term care policy goals and ensure the availability of a full continuum of institutional and community-based services; and
- (2) Establish and fund a long-term care planner position to oversee the development and implementation of the long-term care master plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; AARP Hawai'i; and Ohana Pacific Health/Hale Makua Health Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of long-term care planner positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 987-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1654

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Qualified Internship Grant Program to provide grants to businesses and organizations that provide qualified interns with work-based learning experiences through a qualified internship program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Special Education Advisory Council; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Hawaii Business Roundtable; Watanabe Floral, Inc.; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; ACT; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Alzheimer's Association; FCH Enterprises, Inc.; Zippy's Restaurants; Hawaiian Telcom; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; HawaiiKidsCAN; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 988-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1655

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Education to work with the Board of Education to create a public digital platform by the 2027-2028 school year that shows how schools statewide are adopting high-quality instructional materials for K-12 English language arts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Literacy Coalition; HawaiiKidsCAN; Teach for America Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1655, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 989-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1657

The purpose of this measure is to require all public schools to implement universal screenings for students in kindergarten through third grade to identify students who are at risk of dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i State Literacy Coalition; HawaiiKidsCAN; Teach for America Hawai'i; ExcelinEd in Action; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1657, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 990-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2577

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Health to require the Department of Education to report on COVID-19 potential outbreaks or other public health emergencies and other related information in a manner most appropriate to public health and safety, as determined by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Repeal the requirement that the report be published on a weekly basis on the Department of Education's website.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2577, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 991-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2578

The purpose of this measure is to exempt prekindergarten-only public charter schools from certain statutory provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Hui for Excellence in Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2578, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 992-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1969

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Shade Tree Program in the Department of Education to support educational activities and encourage propagation of native shade trees for planting in Department schools; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Shade Tree Program and for an arborist position to support the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; 350Hawaii.org; Trees for Honolulu's Future; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Farm to School Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of arborist positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1969, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 993-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2043

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Create a registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as a result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish one full-time equivalent position within the Department of Education to manage the registry and carry out the requirements of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Hawaii Council of Private Schools; and Punahou School. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development and Early Learning Board.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 994-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2074

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of three full-time equivalent Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and ten full-time equivalent Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Education; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; 'Aha Kauleo; Hui Makua O Pū'ōhala; Nā Leo Kāko'o o O'ahu; numerous individuals; and a petition with numerous individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions to unspecified numbers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 995-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2620

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products that are less than \$100,000 from the electronic procurement system requirement; and
- (2) Require at least three written quotes for Department of Education purchases of local edible produce and packaged food products of \$15,000 to less than \$100,000.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Ulu Cooperative; Center for Getting Things Started; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the minimum and maximum procurement thresholds for local edible produce and package food products to be exempt from the electronic procurement system and for the three-quote requirement to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2620, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 996-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2759

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to maintain seventy-five health technician positions within the Department of Education for the Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i American Nurses Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of health technician positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2759, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2759, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 997-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2483

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to search criminal histories and fingerprint records of volunteers and certain contracted and subcontracted service providers of the State's correctional facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2483, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 998-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2420

The purpose of this measure is to effectuate the intent of the Legislature in appropriating \$600 million in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, for expenditure through fiscal year 2025 by lapsing that appropriation at the end of fiscal year 2024 and appropriating additional funds for expenditure through fiscal year 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing an Act 279 Special Fund to be used for the purposes of Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022;
- (2) Requiring the unexpended or unencumbered funds to lapse into the Act 279 special fund in order to give practical effect to the legislature's intent for the appropriation in Act 279;
- (3) Appropriating funds from the Act 279 Special Fund;
- (4) Sunsetting the Act 279 Special Fund on June 30, 2026; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Nishimoto, Poepoe).

SCRep. 999-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1960

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for temporary positions within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to support the activities of a district organization for a Statewide Economic Development District.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions to be established to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1960, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1000-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2005

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require evidence of reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable requirements under title 14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than actual compliance, to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit; and
- (2) Require taxpayers to be given notice of and an opportunity to cure any failure to meet the requirements for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Motion Picture Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting language that would have required productions to provide evidence of reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable requirements under title 14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2005, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2005, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1001-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2356

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program and Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program;
- (2) Add purchasing of renewable energy systems as an eligible expense, and clarifies that training on new and existing manufacturing equipment is an eligible expense, for the Manufacturing Development Grant Program; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Hawaii Small Business Innovation Research Program, Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program, and Accelerator Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai‘i System; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Samurai, Inc.; Sultan Ventures; HIplan; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; Dana Labels, Inc.; Craft ‘Ohana; Hub Coworking Hawaii; OceanBit; Hawaii Ulu Cooperative; Hawaii Biotech, Inc.; Purple Mai’a Foundation; Meadow Gold Dairies Hawaii; Aloha Shoyu Company, Ltd.; WaiHome; Oceanit; PacMar Technologies; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Mana Up; Hawaii Venture Capital Association; Blue Startups, LLC; Holomua Collaborative; and three individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the per-grant cap for awards to assist businesses applying for the Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program or Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Program to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Specifying that any renewable energy technology system purchased by a business that receives a grant under the Manufacturing Development Program shall not be eligible for the Renewable Energy Technologies Tax Credit under section 235-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to install or place that system in service; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2356, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2356, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1002-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2046

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and counties to collaborate on feral chicken management projects; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish one full-time equivalent Natural Resources Management Specialist position related to feral chicken management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Hawai‘i Food+ Policy; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawaiian Humane Society; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of Natural Resources Management Specialist positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2046, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2046, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1003-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2134

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish Grant Specialist positions within the Department of Agriculture to assist farmers and ranchers in applying for, obtaining, and fulfilling the requirements of grants offered by federal, state, county, or private entities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Maui County Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Local Food Coalition; Aina Hookupu o Kilaua; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent Grant Specialist positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2134, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1004-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1591

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and establish a regulatory framework for microenterprise home kitchens;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to establish minimum health and food standards applicable to the operation of microenterprise home kitchens; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health for operating and implementation costs for the regulation of microenterprise home kitchens.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1591, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1005-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1830

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish provisional or associate-level licensure requirements and insurance reimbursement allowances for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists in training;
- (2) Require psychologist license applicants to possess a doctoral degree and complete certain supervised experience requirements before sitting for the licensing examination; and
- (3) Authorize insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern, in certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Mental Health; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Parents and Children Together; Hawai'i Counselors Association; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Psychology; Hawaiian Islands Association for Marriage and Family Therapy; Hawai'i Psychological Association; National Association of Social Workers - Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Keep It Kailua.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions established to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1006-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2544

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year Essential Medical Air Transport Pilot Project to make chartered plane seats available to patients and medical insurers to consistently and dependably transport residents of certain medically underserved rural communities to an urban island for medical care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from 'Ahahui o nā Kauka; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Hawaii Medical Service Association; The Queen's Health System; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Health; and AlohaCare.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2544, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1007-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2556

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the sources of funding for the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund;
- (2) Amend the authorized uses of monies in the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program Trust Fund, including providing incentive payments to Hawaii public school ABLE savings account owners;
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Budget and Finance to fund the incentive payments; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health to establish one position within the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to support the Hawaii ABLE Savings Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Disability and Communication Access Board; Executive Office on Aging; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent permanent positions established within the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2556, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2556, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1008-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2744

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) An Oral Health Task Force to review information and data on the status of oral health in the State and make recommendations to improve the State's oral health infrastructure; and
- (2) One permanent full-time equivalent program specialist V position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawaii Dental Service; AlohaCare; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Papa Ola Lokahi; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawaii at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; Office of Information Practices; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Hawaii Dental Association.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of program specialist V positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2744, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1009-24 Finance on H.B. No. 408

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Health to certify, in its discretion, community care foster family homes for a fourth adult who is a Medicaid recipient and has documented housing instability, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Human Services; and Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 408, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1010-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1831

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds for a Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Council on Mental Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawaii; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Community Alliance on Prisons; Hawaii Medical Association; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; AlohaCare; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; The Queen's Health System; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1831, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1011-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1834

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to increase the Department of Human Services' Homeless Programs Office's base budget.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Parents and Children Together; Aloha United Way; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Human Services; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Partners In Care; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1834, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1012-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1941

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Special Fund to the Department of Health to implement quality improvement recommendations at the Hawaii State Hospital.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and Mental Health America of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Budget and Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1941, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett, Poepoe).

SCRep. 1013-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2042

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health to contract for the provision of youth mental health and wellness services to address the mental health and wellness needs of youth in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Disability and Communication Access Board; YMCA of Honolulu; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Mental Health America of Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Office of Youth Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1014-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2084

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a Vacated Homeless Encampment Clean Up Task Force within the Department of Transportation to:

- (1) Identify parcels of land that require intergovernmental coordination to clean up vacated homeless encampments located on land managed by government agencies, including but not limited to the United States Army Garrison Hawaii; and
- (2) Execute a memorandum of agreement to coordinate clean-up of vacated homeless encampments located on the identified land parcels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Castle & Cooke Homes Hawaii, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2084, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1015-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2415

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow the Governor to enter the State into the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact to allow nurses who are licensed by a home state to practice under a multistate licensure privilege in each party state;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2026, require nurses who hold multistate licenses issued by a state other than Hawaii to complete demographic data surveys; and
- (3) Allow the State Board of Nursing to charge different fees customarily and historically charged for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who hold a multistate license issued by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Disability and Communication Access Board; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Ohana Pacific Health; Hale Makua Health Services; Hawaii Military Affairs Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i Pacific Health; The Queen's Health System; Adventist Health Castle; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Liberty Dialysis; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawai'i Care Choices; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i– American Nurses Association; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pride At Work - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Board of Nursing; and Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1016-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2451

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the examinations of defendants via telehealth;
- (2) Amend the conditions for certain petty misdemeanants' release or examination of fitness to proceed;

- (3) Provide a mechanism for the automatic screening of certain petty misdemeanants for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to provide additional positions and resources necessary for the implementation of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; State Council on Mental Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and Hawai'i Psychological Association.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to the Department of Health to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2451, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1017-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1545

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources, in cooperation with appropriate state and county agencies, to prepare and revise regional-scale adaptation pathways plans to lower the risk of flooding and loss due to the sea level rising progressively over time; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Department to identify appropriate communities for and initiate preparation of one regional sea level rise adaptation pathways plan per county.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; one member of the Maui County Council; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Climate Resilience Collaborative; and Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1545, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1545, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1018-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1840

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support long-term water quality monitoring and pollution source detection.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three members of the Maui County Council; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Resources Legacy Fund; Lāhainā Strong; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the numbers of full-time equivalent aquatic biologists to unspecified numbers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1840, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1840, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1019-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1907

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and implement a two-year Manoa Stream Maintenance Reimbursement Pilot Program to reimburse homeowners adjacent to Manoa Stream for clearing debris in Manoa Stream.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions established by this measure to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1020-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2690

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Policy Coordinator and other positions within the Office of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for coordination of Red Hill WAI initiatives; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the positions and for ecosystem monitoring of the area surrounding the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; Honolulu Board of Water Supply; and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of positions established to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2690, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1021-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2361

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Community Development Authority, upon request, to render services to assist and enter into cooperative agreements with state and county agencies for projects within and outside designated community development districts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawai'i Community Development Authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1022-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2805

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study and develop and maintain a registry regarding the health effects of the 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Public Health Association; 'Ahaui o nā Kauka; Hawaii Medical Association; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawai'i Psychological Association; Tagnawa; Roots Reborn; Maui Medic Healers Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i System; and Papa Ola Lokahi.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2805, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1023-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2700

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from catastrophic wildfires in the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funding for one Administrator position to support the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and the Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; Public Utilities Commission; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Hawaiian Electric; Ulupono Initiative; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent Administrator positions to support the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund Corporation to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2700, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Lamosao). Noes, 1 (Kobayashi). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1024-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1829

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the design of all new state building construction where parking is to be included to provide that at least twenty-five percent of parking stalls be electric vehicle charger-ready;
- (2) Require the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a survey and identify certain high-priority state facilities that include parking to be retrofitted to include electric vehicle charging infrastructure;
- (3) Establish a goal of the State to retrofit state facilities to be electric vehicle charger-ready; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to assess the costs of, and install, retrofits and electric vehicle charging systems at high-priority state facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Greenpeace Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Hawaiian Electric; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Carbon Cashback Hawai'i; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1829, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1025-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1972

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Electric Vehicle Battery Recycling and Reuse Working Group to examine how to maximize the recycling and reuse of electric vehicle batteries and recommend electric vehicle battery management practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; and Climate Protectors Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Radius Recycling; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and Redwood Materials.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1026-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2366

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2366, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1027-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2367

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Chief Energy Officer, rather than the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, shall be responsible for supporting renewable portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawaii State Energy Office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2367, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1028-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2517

The purpose of this measure is to allow the counties to establish, by ordinance, an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes on the land or improvements thereon that are actively used to produce or store renewable energy that is sold to an electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Ulupono Initiative; Longroad Energy; Clearway Energy Group; Hawaiian Electric; and Hawaii Solar Energy Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2517, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1029-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2614

The purpose of this measure is to require government entities in the State that issue building permits to:

- (1) Implement, by January 1, 2025, SolarAPP+ or a functionally equivalent online automated permitting platform that processes and issues permits to licensed contractors for solar distributed energy resource systems in real time; or
- (2) Adopt a self-certification process for solar distributed energy resource systems that are not SolarAPP+ compatible in areas served by an investor-owned electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i State Energy Office; one member of the Maui County Council; Ulupono Initiative; Canadian Solar Inc; Photonworks Engineering; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Sunnova Energy International, Inc.; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; Green Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Blue Planet Foundation; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Tesla; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Amcon Companies LLC; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Sunrun; Hawai'i Unified Industries; Hawai'i Executive Collaborative Climate Coalition; Sol-Ark; Blue Planet Energy; Alternate Energy Hawaii Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Contractors License Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2614, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1030-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1688

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to conduct a statewide needs assessment and establish an advisory council to determine what would be needed to transition to a more circular system with less waste generation, more reuse, and an extended producer responsibility program for packaging materials and paper products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the County of Hawai'i Department of Environmental Management; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Mr. K's Recycle & Redemption Center; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Just Zero; Product Stewardship Institute; Hawaii Environmental Change Agents Solid Waste Task Force; Zero Waste Hawai'i Island; Zero Waste Kauai; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Consumer Technology Association; American Beverage Association; Foodservice Packaging Institute; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting the definition of "producer" as the needs assessment is required to consider an appropriate definition of "producer" for an extended producer responsibility program in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1688, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1688, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1031-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2103

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaii Renewable Hydrogen Program and Hydrogen Investment Special Fund to include a broader focus on long duration clean energy storage and transfer responsibility for the program to the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2103, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2103, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1032-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2685

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) The Solar Hui Program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest in a Solar Hui Investment Fund, which will provide loans to low- and moderate- income households to install solar energy systems; and
- (2) A Solar Hui Program Fund Manager to manage the investment fund and market the Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawaii Bankers Association; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Greenpeace Hawaii; Hawai'i Executive Collaborative Climate Coalition; Hawaii Credit Union League; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1033-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2738

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require state agencies to assess the feasibility of installing distributed energy resource systems at each state facility and submit a report detailing their findings;
- (2) Require state agencies to implement and install the distributed energy resource systems detailed in the required reports no later than five years from the issue date of the reports; and
- (3) Assign priority for the required energy efficiency measures to first responder facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Greenpeace Hawaii; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Green Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, state agencies to assess and report on the feasibility of installing distributed energy systems, implement and install the distributed energy systems within five years of the issue date of the report, and assess the feasibility of developing resilience hubs;
- (2) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the prioritization of the authorized energy efficiency measures for first responder facilities; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2738, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1034-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2767

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the dollar amount and extend the credit period of the renewable fuels production tax credit;
- (2) Establish an additional tax credit for the production of sustainable aviation fuel;
- (3) Change the maximum amount of tax credits that can be claimed by a taxpayer;
- (4) Reset taxpayer's ability to claim credits, if they already claimed credits, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; and
- (5) Amend the maximum total amount of tax credits allowed for all eligible taxpayers in a calendar year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Airlines for America; Pono Pacific; and Hawaiian Airlines. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii State Energy Office; Pacific Biodiesel; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Par Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the increased credit amount to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the ten-year credit period to an unspecified timeframe;
- (3) Changing the maximum total amount of tax credits allowed for all eligible taxpayers in a calendar year to an unspecified percentage; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2767, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2767, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, 2 (Aiu, Kila). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1035-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2406

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Climate Health and Environmental Action Special Fund in the Department of Land and Natural Resources to minimize the impacts of, and respond to, climate crises;
- (2) Levy an additional \$25 tax on transient accommodations; and
- (3) Narrow the Transient Accommodations Tax exemption for accommodations furnished at no charge or on a complimentary or gratuitous basis to accommodations for the purpose of providing emergency housing to persons displaced as a result of a state of emergency or state disaster.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Hyperspective; Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Trust for Public Land; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Care for 'Āina Now Coalition; Wild Kids; Surfrider Foundation Hawaii; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawai'i Land Trust; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Kupu; The Nature Conservancy; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kohala Coast Resort Association; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Taxation; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Starn, O'Toole, Marcus & Fisher; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions in the Department of Land and Natural Resources to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2406, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2406, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kahaloa, Ward). Noes, 1 (Kobayashi). Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 1036-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1892

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Accelerate the dates for required upgrades, conversions, or connections to 2035 for priority level 1 cesspools and to 2040 for priority level 2 cesspools, with certain exceptions;
- (2) Authorize and appropriate funds to the Department of Health to retain qualified consultants as necessary to identify necessary public outreach and education resources and tools and develop a comprehensive public outreach strategy and website to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information and resources for homeowners and wastewater industry professionals related to cesspool upgrade, conversion, and connection; and
- (3) Appropriate funds and establish positions for the implementation of the Cesspool Compliance Pilot Grant Project.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Indivisible Hawaii; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Puakō for Reefs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the numbers of full-time equivalent positions to unspecified numbers; and

(2) Changing the deadlines for cesspool upgrades, conversions, or connections to unspecified dates.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1892, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila). Noes, 1 (Alcos). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1037-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2264

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year New Wastewater System Demonstration and Implementation Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Reef & Ocean Coalition; Indivisible Hawaii; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2264, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2264, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, 2 (Kila, Alcos). Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1038-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2743

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require each county to develop and maintain a wastewater management plan;
- (2) Authorize the Director of Health to exempt a county from creating a wastewater management plan if the county has an existing wastewater management plan that substantially meets certain requirements;
- (3) Require the counties to identify specific priority areas in which the county sewer system or other centralized treatment system will be expanded or constructed to reduce or eliminate cesspools before January 1, 2050, and provide for the designation of these areas as sewer improvement districts;
- (4) Authorize each county to assess a monthly cesspool pollution fee beginning on July 1, 2025, on real properties containing a cesspool;
- (5) Authorize the counties to use cesspool pollution fee revenues for certain activities that eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of cesspools, including the expansion of county sewer systems and the issuance of grants and low-interest loans to property owners; and
- (6) Provide appropriations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawai'i Water Resources Research Center; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i State Association of Counties; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; The Nature Conservancy; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Indivisible Hawaii; Ocean Preservation Society; Keiko Conservation; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Public Access to SunScreens Coalition; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Public Works of the County of Kaua'i; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions to unspecified numbers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1039-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1988

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing mixed-income projects and mixed-use developments; and
- (2) Authorize units in low- and moderate-income housing projects to be made available to households with higher incomes if there is an insufficient number of persons or families who meet income qualifying requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; one member of the Maui County Council; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1988, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1040-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2328

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to acquire and renovate parcels and buildings located between Bethel Street, Pauahi Street, Fort Street, and Chaplain Lane in Honolulu, Oahu, for affordable housing purposes;
- (2) Require units to be affordable to households having an income that does not exceed a certain percentage of the area median income; and

(3) Require contracts awarded under this measure to be subject to the competitive sealed proposal method under the State's Public Procurement Code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2328, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1041-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the conveyance tax rate for certain properties;
- (2) Exempt conveyances of certain real property from the conveyance tax;
- (3) Establish a new conveyance tax rate for multifamily residential properties;
- (4) Eliminate the cap on the amount of conveyance tax collections allocated to the Land Conservation Fund and Rental Housing Revolving Fund; and
- (5) Allocate ten percent of conveyance tax collections to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to fund infrastructure programs in transit-oriented development areas.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawai'i Community Development Authority; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network SPEAKS!; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Partners in Care; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; NAIOP Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Taxation; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; The Nature Conservancy; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Kū Pono ka Leo o ka 'Āina; Hawaii Community Lending; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the conveyance tax rates to unspecified amounts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2364, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2364, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Alcos, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1042-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2548

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program to provide loans and technical assistance grants for the development of accessory dwelling units; and
- (2) Establish the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Revolving Fund and appropriate funds into and out of the Revolving Fund to implement the Accessory Dwelling Unit Loan Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; one member of the Maui County Council; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i YIMBY; Hawaii Community Lending; Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the maximum interest rate on loans to non-depository community development financial institutions and the range of the interest rate on an accessory dwelling unit loan to an eligible borrower to unspecified percentages.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2548, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2548, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1043-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2787

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum amount of deductible contributions for individual housing accounts; and
- (2) Require and appropriate funds for the Department of Taxation to create and implement a public awareness campaign about individual housing accounts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the maximum amounts of deductible contributions for individual housing accounts to unspecified amounts.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2787, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2787, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1044-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2083

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Education to establish a recognition program to incentivize schools to submit to the Department a plan for the school to reach the local farm to school meal goal of thirty percent of food served in the school to consist of locally sourced products by 2030; and
- (2) Require the Department of Education to establish a Plant-Based Meal Pilot Program at Mililani High School to provide a plant-based meal as an option under the school meals program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Climate Future Forum; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Down to Earth Organic and Natural; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Youth Food Council; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Department of Education; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Kaua'i Climate Action Coalition; Greenpeace Hawaii; and three individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing, rather than requiring, the Department of Education to:
 - (A) Establish guidelines for the farms to school meals rewards recognition program; and
 - (B) Establish a Plant-Based Meal Pilot Program at Mililani High School; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2083, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Morikawa). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1045-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2705

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Agriculture to conduct a study on the requirements and restrictions related to the Department's dispositions of non-agricultural park land and submit a report of its findings to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2705, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Poepoe, Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1046-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2139

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish and implement an Invasive Species Inspection Placard Program to enhance the control, removal, and eradication of invasive species on the premises of an agricultural producer and inform the public of the most recent invasive species inspection results for agricultural producers; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to mitigate the spread of the little fire ant and coconut rhinoceros beetle in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Food+ Policy; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; O'ahu Invasive Species Committee; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1047-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2081

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the Transient Accommodations Tax rate to 10.25 percent;
- (2) Require an additional \$50 Transient Accommodation Tax to be levied per night for each furnishing of a transient accommodation; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the protection, management, and restoration of the State's natural resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hypersperspective; Trust for Public Land; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawai'i; Care for 'Aina Now Coalition; Wild Kids Hawai'i; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Kua'aina Ulu 'Auamo; Kupu; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; Oceanic Preservation Society; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kohala Coast Resort Association; Kama'aina Occupied Short Term Rentals O'ahu; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; American Resort Development Association - Hawai'i; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Coral Tree Residences Collection; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a \$10,000 per day penalty for nonpayment of Transient Accommodation Tax;
- (2) Amending the additional \$50 Transient Accommodation Tax to a \$20 tax per night for the furnishing of a transient accommodation in exchange for points, miles, or other amounts provided through a membership, loyalty, or rewards program;

- (3) Changing the base Transient Accommodations Tax rate and temporarily increased rate to unspecified rates; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2081, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1048-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2246

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Transfer the awarding and administration of certain cultural grants from the Hawaii Tourism Authority to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;
- (2) Establish a standing selection committee within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to review and award cultural grants; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for grant administrator positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of grant administration positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2246, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kahaloa, Poepoe, Alcos). Noes, 3 (Kobayashi, Lamosao, Ward). Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 1049-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2563

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop and publish, through a contract with a third party, a mobile application that includes all online application processes and fee collections for reservations to conduct regulated recreational and commercial activities;
- (2) Establish the Tourism Enterprise Fund;
- (3) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to issue a request for proposals to contract for the development and publishing of the mobile application; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of mobile application manager positions to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila).

SCRep. 1050-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2012

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove an exemption that allows owners of multiple parking facilities to electrify fewer parking spaces than required in one or more properties if they fulfill the requirement in aggregate spaces on all of their owned properties; and
- (2) Authorize counties to regulate electric vehicle charging systems for places of public accommodation with fewer than one hundred parking spaces.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; one member of the Maui County Council; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaiian Electric; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and NAIOP Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that an unintended loophole in Act 75, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, allows owners of multiple properties to provide fewer electric vehicle charging stations than required in an individual parking lot if they have fulfilled the requirement in aggregate by providing more than the required number of charging stations in a different parking lot. As a result, county enforcement of state laws regulating the designation of electric vehicle charging stations at places of public accommodation is nearly impossible, as county officials do not have the capacity to determine if a property owner is in compliance with the law. This measure is intended to remove this loophole and clarify the counties' authority to enforce state law relating to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2012, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Miyake). Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 1051-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2492

The purpose of this measure is to comply with new federal regulations for commercial driver's licenses when the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse prohibits a driver from operating a commercial vehicle due to alcohol and drug violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that, on October 7, 2021, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published a final rule establishing requirements for state driver licensing agencies' access to and use of driver-specific drug and alcohol program violation information contained in the FMCSA's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. The final rule requires that:

- (1) Agencies must not issue, renew, upgrade, or transfer a commercial driver's license (CDL), or commercial learner's permit (CLP), as applicable, for any individual prohibited under FMCSA's regulations from performing safety-sensitive functions, including driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to one or more drug alcohol program violations;
- (2) Agencies must, upon receipt of notification that a driver is prohibited from operating a CMV due to a drug and alcohol program violation, initiate the downgrade process to remove the CDL or CLP privilege from the driver's license within sixty days; and
- (3) Drivers completing the return-to-duty process before the downgrade process is completed would no longer be prohibited from operating a CMV and thus would no longer be subject to a downgrade.

State driver licensing agencies have until November 18, 2024, to comply with these requirements. This measure brings the State into compliance with the requirements of the October 7, 2021, final rule.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2492, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1052-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2491

The purpose of this measure is to update the special penalties related to commercial motor vehicle employer and driver out-of-service violations and railroad-highway grade crossing violations to conform with federal regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that it is necessary to update the civil penalties for certain violations by commercial driver's license drivers and their employers to comply with federal regulations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2491, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 1053-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2493

The purpose of this measure is to create two new commercial driver's license restrictions relating to operating a commercial motor vehicle in excess of eighteen thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating and operating a commercial motor vehicle on Lanai and Molokai only.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that getting a standard commercial driver's license (CDL) on Molokai and Lanai is impossible without traveling to another island for testing. This results in high out-of-pocket travel costs for CDL applicants and a shortage of CDL licensed drivers. Furthermore, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has determined that a modified CDL road test on Lanai and Molokai would not meet the federal standard. Accordingly, this measure creates a new CDL restriction for persons operating commercial motor vehicles on Lanai and Molokai only.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2493, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1054-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1856

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to regulate or impose restrictions on the manner of use of certain streets, highways, thoroughfares, or roadways.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Maui County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; and Hawai'i State Association of Counties.

Your Committee finds that the heightened usage of streets, highways, thoroughfares, and roadways has led to traffic congestion that surpasses original capacity. Your Committee further finds that many of these streets, highways, thoroughfares, and roadways were not initially constructed to meet robust safety standards and lack the necessary infrastructure to support the current level of usage. As a result, the counties are unable to fully address the inherent risks associated with antiquated designs. This measure will empower counties to establish access limits, thereby ensuring the safety of residents and visitors who use these streets, highways, thoroughfares, and roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the authority to restrict access does not include pedestrian access;
- (2) Clarifying that properties exclusively accessible via the streets, highways, thoroughfares, or roadways being regulated or restricted shall remain accessible without undue impediment; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1856, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1856, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1055-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2526

The purpose of this measure is to increase penalties for certain offenses relating to the unauthorized driving or operation of a vehicle without a license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that unlicensed drivers make up a disproportionately large percentage of drivers involved in fatal crashes. This measure would implement stricter penalties for these drivers with the goal of preventing crash fatalities and injuries in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a preamble;
- (2) Amending the penalty for certain offenses related to the unauthorized driving or operation of a vehicle without a license to provide that for the third or subsequent offense within a five-year period:
 - (A) The person is guilty of a class C felony – the maximum penalties for which includes a \$10,000 fine and five years imprisonment; and
 - (B) The court, as part of the person's sentencing, is authorized to order the vehicle used by the person in the commission of the offense to be subject to forfeiture;
- (3) Deleting language that would have amended the penalties for the offense of operating a vehicle after license and privilege have been suspended or revoked for operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2526, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 1056-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2748

The purpose of this measure is to establish statewide vehicular law enforcement pursuit policies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Policing Project at NYU School of Law. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department and State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that although sometimes necessary, law enforcement vehicle pursuits can be dangerous, posing risks of serious injury or death to members of the public and law enforcement officers. Establishing statewide vehicular pursuit policies for state and county law enforcement agencies will ensure that law enforcement officers are only engaging in pursuits when necessary and when the public safety benefits of the pursuits outweigh the risks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying when a law enforcement officer may engage in a vehicular pursuit;
- (2) Establishing reporting requirements and requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules for the collecting and reporting of data;
- (3) Clarifying which vehicles may be used by a law enforcement officer in a vehicular pursuit;
- (4) Clarifying the definition of "vehicular pursuit" and "pursuit"; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2748, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2748, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Holt). Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza).

SCRep. 1057-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2775

The purpose of this measure is to establish a communication and optical resolution process through which patients and their families, health care providers, and health care facilities can engage in open communication about how an adverse health care incident occurred, how a future incident will be prevented, and what compensation, if any, will be offered to the patient or their family.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that despite the best efforts of hospitals, doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals, about one in ten patients is harmed in health care. Your Committee further finds that the Communication and Optimal Resolution (CANDOR) process is an alternative resolution process that allows health care institutions and practitioners to respond in a timely, thorough, and just way when unexpected events cause patient harm.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2775, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2775, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1058-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2253

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit all law enforcement officers to carry an opioid antagonist while on duty;
- (2) Permit, and provide immunity for, law enforcement officers to administer an opioid antagonist;
- (3) Require funds for the purchase of opioid antagonists used by law enforcement officers employed by a county to come from that county's general revenues or share of any opioid litigation proceeds;
- (4) Allow the Department of Health to establish education and training projects on drug overdose response and treatment for law enforcement officers; and
- (5) Allow the Department of Health to require all restaurants and hotel establishments to maintain an available inventory of Naloxone.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Health; Honolulu Police Department; and Hawai'i Public Health Institute.

Your Committee finds that opioid antagonists, such as Naloxone, are safe medications to prevent opioid overdose deaths. Your Committee further finds that increased access and the timely administration of opioid antagonists to persons suffering from opioid overdoses will save lives. This measure would increase access to and promotes the timely administration of opioid antagonists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Incorporating the substantive provisions of this measure into the Overdose Prevention and Emergency Response Act, where those provisions are not currently covered under existing law; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that this measure will authorize the Department of Health to require restaurants and hotel establishments statewide to maintain an available inventory of Naloxone to respond to emergency situations. However, this measure does not currently specify what is considered an "available inventory" or who is expected to administer Naloxone at the restaurants and hotels. Your Committee recognizes that in 2023, the City and County of Honolulu passed Ordinance No. 23-24 to require certain liquor establishments to maintain Naloxone on their premises. In that ordinance, covered businesses in the City and County of Honolulu are required to maintain a minimum of two doses of Naloxone and train all managers in the proper administration of Naloxone.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Takayama, Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1059-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older;
- (2) Authorize pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a pharmacist to administer vaccines to persons between the age of three and seventeen, if certain requirements are met; and
- (3) Authorize licensed pharmacists to order the administration of vaccines for persons between the ages of three and seventeen.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Pharmacy; CVS Health; Hawaii Pharmacists Association; Moloka'i Drugs, Inc.; Walgreens Co.; National Community Pharmacists Association; KTA Super Stores; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that vaccinating minors against diseases is vital to protecting their health and the health of the community. However, vaccination coverage among Hawaii kindergarteners for routinely recommended childhood vaccines has declined by nearly ten percentage points between the period of 2017–2022 and remains below the national average. Your Committee further finds that due to the limited number of pediatricians and primary care providers throughout the State, the presence of pharmacies can improve access to health care, particularly in rural areas, due to dispersed locations and extended hours. This measure would ensure continued expanded access to vaccines in pharmacies, thereby improving immunization outcomes for children in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1060-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Relax the requirements for prescribing certain controlled substances as part of gender-affirming health care services;
- (2) Expand the protections established under Act 2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, to include gender-affirming health care services; and

- (3) Clarify jurisdiction under the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for cases involving children who obtain gender-affirming health care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Health; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Hawaii Medical Board; Board of Nursing; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; QueerDoc; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Rainbow Family 808; Pride at Work Hawai'i; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women; Moms for Liberty Honolulu; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association and Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that dozens of states across the nation have either passed or are considering passing laws prohibiting gender-affirming health care services to people of all ages. These laws are contrary to the public policy of Hawaii which supports an individual's right to obtain gender-affirming health care services. Individuals who receive, seek, provide, or aid and abet the provision of gender-affirming health care services that are lawful in Hawaii should not fear State complicity in civil or criminal actions under the laws of other jurisdictions. Accordingly, your Committee believes that it is essential for the State to affirmatively protect an individual's right to obtain gender-affirming health care services within the State's boundaries.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2079, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 3 (Holt, Kong, Souza). Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1061-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2007

The purpose of this measure is to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, and medical institutions to build dwelling units on lands zoned within the urban district, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i YIMBY; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the limited diversity in housing options in the State increases the price of housing, ultimately forcing many residents out of Hawaii. Your Committee believes that by expanding options in the housing market, the State can alleviate price pressure on the private market, prevent the displacement of long-standing residents, and ensure that the State remains accessible across diverse housing prices and forms. This measure would increase the supply of housing by allowing certain institutions to build dwelling units on lands within the state urban land use district, under certain conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1062-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 2261

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "historic property" to remove the qualification that the property must be over fifty years old and instead require the property to be listed on the Hawaii or National Register of Historic Places or be built before August 21, 1959; and
- (2) Require historic review for proposed projects on existing privately-owned single-family detached dwelling units or townhouses only if the unit or townhouse is historic property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; NAIOP Hawaii; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Historic Hawai'i Foundation and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, any structure built before 1974 must undergo a historic preservation review before a proposed project may be commenced. Your Committee believes that this requirement is overly broad since many of these structures are not historically, architecturally, archaeologically, or culturally significant. This measure would narrow the definition of "historic property" to only include those buildings, structures, objects, districts, areas, or sites that are listed on the Hawaii or national register of historic places or were built before August 21, 1959.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2261, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2261, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1063-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.B. No. 1838

The purpose of this measure is to allow the counties to enact a zoning ordinance to amortize or phase out nonconforming single-family transient vacation rental units over a reasonable period of time.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Honolulu City Council; two member of the Maui County Council; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Hotel Alliance; Lāhainā Strong; Housing Hawai'i's Future; UNITE HERE Local 5; Keep It Kailua; Sen3Metry Group LLC; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawai'i YIMBY; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; The American Hotel and Lodging Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Maui Vacation Rental Association; Hawaii Legal Short Term Rental Alliance; Rental By Owners Awareness Association; Pacific View; Loving Goodness; REALTORS Association of Maui, Inc.; O'ahu Short-Term Rental Alliance; West Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Mid and Short-Term Rental Alliance; Kama'āina Occupied Short Term

Rentals Oahu; Honolulu Board of REALTORS; Maui Paradise Properties; Kina's Maui Condo Rentals LLC dba Aloha Vacation Rentals; Tropical Bound Condo Rentals Inc.; Destination Maui Vacations; Diamond Shine Cleaning LLC; Valley Isle Property Management Team; Papakea; Alaka'i Real Estate LLC; Po'Okela Real Estate LLC; Sunshine Infectious Disease Medical Group; Hana Kai Maui; BGH LLC; 2 Papayas, LLC; Honomu Tropical Farm, LLC; Island Condo Cleaners LLC; Maui Luxury Realty LLC; RLK Kalaheo LLC; EIG River Road Investment Inc; Oceans Cleaning; Two Redheads Cleaning; Kuilima Estate at Turtle Bay, LLC; Gates Laundry Service Inc; Hawai'i Island REALTORS; Seattle Police Relief Association; Kaua'i Board of REALTORS; Oceans Real Estate; Kona Kai LLC; The Edge of Paradise, LLC; Ali'i Resorts; Khana Reef Maui Rental; Myrtle Beach Shores Resort LLC; Maui Vista Condos; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Ala Wai House LLC; Kaleialoha LLC; Kaylyn's Custom Cleaning LLC; C & D Management Group, LLC; House of Organic Life; Hale Alana Vacation Rental; Tropica USA Corp.; C & O Ohana; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Airbnb; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law only allows the counties to amortize or phase out nonconforming uses of buildings or premises in commercial, industrial, resort, and apartment zoned areas, and expressly prohibits the amortization or phasing out of nonconforming uses of buildings or premises used for residential (single-family or duplex) or agricultural uses. Your Committee further finds that transient accommodation uses, or short-term rentals, may be interpreted as "residential uses" for which amortization or phasing out is not allowed. This measure would clarify that the counties have the authority to amortize or phase out nonconforming transient vacation accommodations which may allow the counties to better control short-term rentals in certain areas if necessary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 2 (Kong, Souza). Excused, 2 (Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1064-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2684

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Institute of Indigenous Education, Science, and Outreach within the University of Hawaii at Hilo to develop and strengthen the Hawaiian-language education pathway, provide language education services, and provide outreach.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Aha Pūnana Leo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2682, which:
 - (A) Authorizes the Hawaiian Language College Revolving Fund to receive monies from any revenue source and to be used to support the University of Hawaii at Hilo Imiloa Astronomy Center;
 - (B) Requires the Hawaiian Early Learning Trust Fund to be used for the Hawaiian Language Medium Education Pathway; and
 - (C) Prohibits the University of Hawaii from limiting the amount of revenue deposited into either fund and establishes a cap on individual deposits into both funds; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2684, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Garrett, Kila, Ward).

SCRep. 1065-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2504

The purpose of this measure is to increase the cigarette tax and allocate the increased amount to the Hawaii Cancer Research Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; University of Hawai'i Cancer Center; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; The Friends of Kamalani & Lydgate Park; Hawaii COPD Coalition; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Smokers Alliance; ABC Stores; Cigar Association of America; Waikiki Old Country Market; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a floor inventory tax on the inventory of cigarettes and little cigars held by licensees before any increase in the cigarette tax is set to take effect;
- (2) Changing the cigarette tax rate and the disposition of those tax revenues to various special funds to unspecified amounts;
- (3) Conforming the application of the amendments to the subject of this measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1066-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2341

The purpose of this measure is to stabilize funding for the Tobacco Enforcement Unit within the Department of the Attorney General by increasing:

- (1) The ceiling for the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from \$500,000 to \$750,000;

- (2) The cigarette tax stamp fee and the percentage of the cigarette tax stamp fee value deposited to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund; and
- (3) The amount to be deposited to the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from tobacco settlement monies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i; and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Smokers Alliance and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing a stamp fee floor inventory tax on the stock inventory of stamps held by licensees before any increase in the stamp fee under the cigarette and tobacco tax laws is assessed and levied;
- (2) Changing the ceiling for the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund to an unspecified amount;
- (3) Changing the cigarette tax stamp fee and the percentage of the cigarette tax stamp fee deposited to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund to unspecified percentages;
- (4) Changing the amount to be deposited to the credit of the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund from tobacco settlement monies to an unspecified amount; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2341, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2341, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Aiu, Cochran, Garrett).

SCRep. 1067-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2382

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the Employees' Retirement System's eligibility requirement definitions for service-connected disability and accidental death benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2382, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1068-24 Finance on H.B. No. 2720

The purpose of this measure is to establish a collective bargaining unit for graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5; Hawaii State Teachers Association; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Academic Labor United; Rainbow Family 808; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Academic Labor United; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Graduate Student Organization; National Education Association; University of Hawai'i Student Caucus; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 153, AFL-CIO; and Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Your Committee has amended this measure by reverting to the H.D. 1 version, which exempts graduate assistants employed by the University of Hawaii and its community college system from collective bargaining until they petition the Hawaii Labor Relations Board and the Board determines the graduate assistants are ready to be placed in a bargaining unit, at which point a collective bargaining unit for the graduate students will be established.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2720, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Cochran).

SCRep. 1069-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1911

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs of the Judiciary Branch for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

The Judiciary Appropriations Act of 2023, Act 70, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, appropriates:

Operating

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$185,148,711	\$189,015,776
All Means of Financing	\$197,865,224	\$201,861,529

Capital Improvements

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$3,000,000	
All Means of Financing	\$20,995,000	

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing various appropriation amounts; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As amended, this measure appropriates:

Operating

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$185,148,711	\$192,101,264
All Means of Financing	\$197,865,224	\$204,947,017

Capital Improvements

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$3,000,000	
All Means of Financing	\$20,955,000	\$19,000,000

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Morikawa, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1070-24 Finance on H.B. No. 1800

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs of the Executive Branch for fiscal biennium 2023-2025.

The General Appropriations Act of 2023, Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, included appropriations for operating expenses and capital improvement projects (CIP) that totaled:

Operating

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$10,736,611,097	\$9,896,004,553
All Means of Financing	\$19,026,771,466	\$18,206,398,573

Capital Improvements

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$384,265,000	\$254,877,000
All Means of Financing	\$2,933,046,000	\$1,354,190,000

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Education; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Defense; Department of Agriculture; Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Accounting and General Services; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; Department of Health; Department of Taxation; Hawai'i State Public Library System; Stadium Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; University of Hawai'i System; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Early Learning Board; Hawai'i Community Development Authority; Office of Planning & Sustainable Development; Executive Office on Early Learning; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; State Public Charter School Commission; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Department of Law Enforcement; Executive Office on Aging; Board of Education; Criminal Justice Research Institute; Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Public Utilities Commission; Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; Hawai'i Early Intervention Coordinating Council; Life of the Land; Community Alliance on Prisons; Hawai'i True Cost Coalition; Early Childhood Action Strategy; The University of Texas at Austin Prison and Jail Innovation Lab; National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement; Hui For Excellence in Education; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Going Home Hawai'i; Local Food Coalition; Care for Aina Now Coalition; Microsoft; FAMM; Committee on Weights XIII; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Women's Prison Project; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Kane'ohe Elementary School. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Department of Human Services; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii Harbors Users Group; ACLU of Hawai'i; Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition; Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the constitutional responsibility and power to appropriate rests solely with the Legislature.

The biennium budget was enacted in June 2023. A short time later and after the Legislature's Regular Session of 2023 had adjourned, Lahaina and Upcountry Maui experienced devastating wildfires and burned.

On October 30, 2023, over two months after the wildfires, the Administration issued Executive Memorandum 23-08, which diverted \$172,000,000 appropriated by the Legislature for various other purposes and initiatives in order to pay for expenses associated with the wildfires. This diversion was accomplished pursuant to the Emergency Proclamation when the Legislature was not in session. Although the action was proper under existing law, your Committee notes that in managing the crisis brought on by the wildfires, there is still a lack of a clear, comprehensive plan from the Administration to address the myriad of issues that have come to light over the past eight months.

The supplemental budget submitted by the Administration in December 2023 accounted for more than an additional \$200,000,000 in wildfire-related expenses. Granted, fully determining what the State's exposure will be is an extremely challenging task; however, it is disappointing that no comprehensive plan or official funding request for known costs associated with several initiatives and liabilities has yet to be submitted or included as part of the Administration's financial plan and supplemental budget. These include:

- A victims' relief fund announced in the media in November 2023;
- A housing program that was announced in the media in November 2023;
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) ineligible housing costs associated with contract extensions that occurred in February 2024;
- Expenses incurred by state agencies responding to critical needs on Maui;
- Costs incurred by the State pursuant to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, through which the State received aid from other states across the country; and
- Other potential subsidies.

Your Committee notes that Governor's Messages requesting additional funding were received late and did not provide this Committee with details or time to properly evaluate such requests.

Your Committee further finds that it is well known that during disasters like the wildfires, the federal government will assist states in mitigating recovery costs. Reimbursements, however, are almost never immediate; it may take several years for the State to receive these funds.

Consequently, fiscal prudence requires the focus and priority of your Committee to ensuring accountability and transparency in the budget. All known potential costs for programs associated with assisting survivors of the wildfires have been appropriated in this budget to remove the necessity to transfer money appropriated by the Legislature for specific purposes.

Communication, coordination, and cooperation among all branches of government will be needed in the coming days, months, and years to develop and implement solutions for survivors. In total, more than 10 percent of the general fund budget may be needed to respond to this disaster. Therefore, this budget appropriates \$1,051,100,000 and is allocated as follows:

- State share of federal assistance (\$135,300,000);
- Expenses not eligible for federal funding (\$77,400,000);
- Victim relief (\$65,000,000);
- Temporary housing for FEMA ineligible housing costs (\$122,500,000);
- Other non-congregate sheltering (\$500,000,000); and
- Additional subsidies (\$150,900,000).

The costs to ensure the safety and recovery of our communities will be enormous. At the same time, we need to make sure that essential services are maintained. These include:

- Mental health services, not only for wildfire survivors, but for many in our community suffering the lingering effects of the pandemic, homelessness, and a host of other difficulties;
- Health care, long term care, and home- and community-based care for disabled and kupuna; and
- General life basics for all communities, including:
 - Business and workforce development;
 - Child care and schools;
 - Housing; and
 - Food and nutrition for the vulnerable.

Preserving, maintaining, and enhancing these fundamental services are priorities of this budget.

Upon consideration, your Committee has amended this budget to appropriate the following in operating expenses and CIP funds:

Operating

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$10,736,611,097	\$11,315,446,095
All Means of Financing	\$19,026,771,466	\$20,380,669,537

Capital Improvements

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$374,265,000	\$148,727,000
All Means of Financing	\$2,896,421,000	\$4,530,982,000

Your Committee has also changed the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1800, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Cochran, Morikawa, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1071-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2291

The purpose of this measure is to establish advisory boards focused on workforce development for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

Your Committee finds that as the State continues to identify workforce needs to promote a healthy local economy, coordination among the local business community, community partners, and other government agencies will be critical. Cultivating and growing the workforce in the agricultural, technology, and natural energy industries will support local food production, increase economic opportunities for local residents, and expand Hawaii's future workforce in areas of critical and future need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the Hawai'i Farm Bureau from the advisory boards focused on workforce development for the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2291, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2291, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1072-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2286

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit and appropriate funds for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with eligible employers or registered apprenticeship programs in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns;
- (2) Require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to:
 - (A) Develop eligibility criteria for eligible interns and employers or sponsors;
 - (B) Collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development to process program applications and place interns;
 - (C) Provide the Department of Human Resources Development with certain information about each intern; and
 - (D) Submit an annual report on the internship program to the Legislature; and
- (3) Require the State to be the responsible employer for purposes of workers' compensation coverage when a student or recent graduate performs paid or unpaid work for a private or public employer as part of a school-approved, work-based learning program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that many of the industries in the State, such as health care and tourism, are experiencing a shortage of workers and will need future employees with the necessary skills and experience to ensure and promote a healthy local workforce. By promoting economic growth, fostering public-private collaborations, and supporting local job creation, this measure expands opportunities for Hawaii's high school and college-aged students to gain valuable work experience through internships.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring an eligible intern to be a Hawaii resident;
- (2) Clarifying that interns may be placed at a department, business, or organization within the State;
- (3) Clarifying that the State shall be responsible for workers' compensation for students or recent graduates who participate in the On-the-Job Training Work Experience Program established in this measure;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1073-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2503

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require all places of public accommodation and state building construction projects constructed after December 31, 2024, to provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender; and
- (2) Require state building construction projects that are bid on after June 30, 2025, to include universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee finds that families and caregivers of individuals with disabilities often face challenges in finding accessible spaces during outings or daily activities. Universal changing accommodations ensure that caregivers of individuals with disabilities and adults with special needs have a safe and hygienic space to attend to their personal care needs. By making universal changing accommodations more accessible, this measure promotes the integration of individuals with disabilities into public spaces, ultimately enhancing their quality of life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes its concerns related to the costs associated with providing universal changing accommodations in places of public accommodation; however your Committee believes this measure provides adequate flexibility.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1074-24 Tourism on S.B. No. 3364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop Destination Management Action Plans for the counties and perform specific actions in the Plans to meet destination management objectives;

- (2) Expand the Hawaii Tourism Authority's powers and duties; and
- (3) Rename the Tourism Marketing Plan as the Strategic Tourism Management Plan and include statewide destination management and regenerative tourism efforts and programs in the Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is a need for improved management and coordination between the State and private stakeholders in the tourism industry to address the impacts of tourism. The implementation of a community-led Destination Management Action Plan has allowed communities in each county to express their specific needs, desires, and visions for the tourism industry in that particular county. This measure will ensure the Hawaii Tourism Authority focuses on creating a sustainable tourism industry while also encouraging regenerative tourism in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the definition of "destination management" to include collaboration and coordination with community stakeholders;
- (2) Repealing the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1075-24 Tourism on S.B. No. 2913

The purpose of this measure is to establish a regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council; Crum & Forster; Allianz Global Assistance; United States Travel Insurance Association; and American Property Casualty Insurance Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that a comprehensive, uniform, and national regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance is necessary to ensure travelers are protected across the nation. Your Committee further finds that this measure is based on the Travel Insurance Model Act adopted by the National Council of Insurance Legislators and National Association of Insurance Commissioners and thirty-five other states have already adopted this model legislation. This measure will clarify the application of existing laws to the unique aspects of travel insurance and ensure uniformity across the nation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying travel insurance that provides coverage for sickness, accident, disability, or death during travel, either exclusively or in conjunction with related coverages of emergency evacuation or repatriation of remains, shall be filed under an accident and health line of insurance; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1076-24 Education on S.B. No. 3328

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to establish, maintain, and operate the State's public education facilities;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Education to enter into certain agreements with other departments for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the State's public education facilities;
- (3) Clarify that the Superintendent of Education is responsible for the management of the internal improvements of the State's public education facilities;
- (4) Establish the Office of Facilities and Real Estate Development and Office of School Operations and Services within the Department of Education;
- (5) Establish the Educational Facilities and Real Estate Development Special Fund;
- (6) Transfer the rights, powers, functions, duties, employees, records, documents, and equipment of the School Facilities Authority to the Department of Education; and
- (7) Repeal the School Facilities Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Education; Department of Education; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that while the School Facilities Authority has only been in operation for a few years, for purposes of clarity and efficiency, the Department of Education should be the sole agency responsible for establishing, operating, maintaining, repairing, and improving the State's educational facilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3328, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3328, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Labor & Government Operations.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kapela, Matayoshi). Noes, 1 (Perruso). Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1077-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2505

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish system resilience as a metric to be monitored and considered by the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (2) Authorize the Commission to use amounts collected through the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge to perform certain duties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that the State must prioritize actions that ensure the Hawaii Electric System can adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover from disruptions. Your Committee further finds that resilience is an important metric that should be monitored to ensure the performance and stability of the electric system. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this issue by establishing electric system resilience as a metric that is monitored and considered by the Public Utilities Commission and authorizing the Commission to use amounts collected through the Hawaii electricity reliability surcharge to perform certain duties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1078-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2575

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- (1) Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hawai'i; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Parley for the Oceans, Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Deep Sea Mining Campaign; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rev Ocean; Friends of Hanauma Bay; FutureSwell; Marine Conservation Institute; Kauai Women's Caucus; Hawai'i's Thousand Friends; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; National Parks Conservation Association; Oceanic Preservation Society; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Blue Climate Initiative; Tetiaroa Society; Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory; The Marine Mammal Center; The Ocean Foundation; Greenpeace Hawaii; HULI PAC; Te Ipukarea Society; Intemperate Earth; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; For the Fishes; The Nature Conservancy; Americans for Democratic Action; Keiko Conservation; Fair Wind Cruises; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that seabed mineral mining threatens the health of the State's marine ecosystems. This measure prohibits the mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions, thereby taking a cautionary approach similar to other states, in weighing the costs and benefits of the potential extraction of natural resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2575, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Water & Land.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1079-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2768

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules governing a clean fuel standard for diesel and gasoline in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Neste; Twelve Benefit Corporation; Clean Energy; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Pacific Biodiesel; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Island Energy Services, LLC; and Amazon. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Life of the Land. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Par Hawaii; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaiian Electric; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that establishing a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and stimulate economic development. This measure addresses this need by requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to adopt rules governing a clean fuel standard for alternative fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure to match the contents of H.B. No. 2297, H.D. 1, thereby:

- (1) Specifying that the clean fuel standard will apply to alternative fuels;
- (2) Changing the average carbon intensity reduction requirements from an unspecified amount to at least ten percent below 2019 levels by 2035 and at least fifty percent below 2019 levels by 2045;
- (3) Extending the implementation deadline for the clean fuel standard for alternative fuels to January 1, 2026;
- (4) Deleting the requirement that the rules include standards for measuring lifecycle greenhouse gas sequestrations attributable to the production and use of various fuels;
- (5) Clarifying that the Hawaii State Energy Office has the discretion, but is not required, to adopt rules for mechanisms that allow for the trading and banking of credits and exemptions for diesel, gasoline, and alternative fuels that are used in volumes below thresholds established by the Hawaii State Energy Office;
- (6) Clarifying the rule regarding mechanisms for generating credits for fuels used in transportation;
- (7) Adding military as an exempt end-use that may opt in to the program to generate credits when using alternative fuel;
- (8) Amending the definition of "alternative fuel";
- (9) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2768, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2768, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1080-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 3010

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers on leasing processes to expedite the development of renewable energy; and
- (2) The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to direct the Hawaii State Energy Office, and work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers, on all applicable planning, leasing, and permitting processes to expedite the development of renewable energy resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Gas and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; and 350Hawaii.org.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is required to work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers on planning and permitting processes that expedite the development of renewable energy. This measure would expand the requirement to leasing processes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to direct and work with the Hawaii State Energy Office and other renewable energy developers on planning, leasing, and permitting processes to expedite the development of renewable energy resources;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1081-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 3195

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the definition of "renewable energy producer" that is used to determine the Board of Land and Natural Resources' disposition of public lands by direct negotiation, in order to allow more public lands to be leased for the generation of more types of renewable energy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Life of the Land; and Hawai'i Gas. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that state laws provide opportunities for the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lease, without public auction, certain public lands to public utilities and renewable energy producers. Your Committee finds that the operative definition of "renewable energy producer" under existing law could be broadened to allow more public lands to be leased for the generation of additional types of renewable energy. This measure would broaden the definition to include producers and developers of all types of renewable energy as defined in section 269-91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, instead of solely producers of electrical or thermal energy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the production or development of the renewable energy, biofuel, or other fuel to reduce lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions by seventy-five percent below that of the fossil fuel most likely to be replaced in order for the producer, developer, or grower of that energy or fuel to meet the definition of "renewable energy producer";
- (2) Clarifying that nothing in the definition of "renewable energy producer" shall be construed to allow wheeling that is not authorized by law or rule or approved by the Public Utilities Commission;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3195, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3195, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1082-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2284

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that the wildfire forecast system proposed by this measure will forecast the risks of wildfire statewide to enhance public safety, preparedness, and risk mitigation, including improving the preparedness of firefighters and enabling residents to take proactive fire mitigation measures for their homes and plan for evacuations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1083-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2289

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health to include in its annual report regarding Kalaupapa Settlement:
 - (A) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other governmental or qualified non-governmental entities of the powers and duties of state agencies over Kalaupapa Settlement; and
 - (B) Community engagement efforts with community stakeholders and the Molokai community; and
- (2) Sunset the measure on the first June 30th after the Revisor of Statutes receives a written gubernatorial proclamation that the transfer of the Department's powers and duties over Kalaupapa Settlement is complete.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Health; Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa; and three individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1084-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2512

The purpose of this measure is to establish notice and reporting requirements for the transfer of certain contributions and grants received by the Governor through the exercising of emergency management powers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that the requirements established in this measure will increase government transparency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1085-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3067

The purpose of this measure is to move the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury and make other housekeeping amendments relating to the Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the state treasury maintains an investment pool consisting of participating state accounts. Funds within the state treasury are prudently managed to achieve the investment objectives of safety, liquidity, and yield, in priority order. The investment pool also enables the achievement of economies of scale for the effective and efficient management of funds and enhances the State's liquidity position.

Your Committee further finds that the amount of interest earned from the principal in the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund and deposited to the general fund has fluctuated. This measure transfers the Hurricane Reserve Trust Fund into the state treasury to better facilitate the achievement of state treasury investment objectives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3067, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3067, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1086-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3157

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of direct negotiation to dispose of public land leases for agricultural, commercial, industrial, resort, and hotel purposes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Unite Here Local 5; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council.

Your Committee finds that authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to directly negotiate with a potential lessee that has a specific, identified project provides the Board and Department of Land and Natural Resources the opportunity to more effectively review the project to ensure compliance with environmental impact laws and conformity with public trust obligations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the proposed requirement that only public lands that do not qualify for disposition under section 171-59(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, are eligible for disposition by direct negotiation;
- (2) Removing agriculture, hotel, and resort uses from eligibility for disposition by direct negotiation;
- (3) Restricting the eligibility for disposition by direct negotiation for commercial and industrial uses to only parcels of five acres or less;
- (4) Requiring the Board of Land and Natural Resources to hold at least two public hearings before it can approve the disposition;
- (5) Repealing it in five years;
- (6) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1087-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3167

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is an interstate compact agency that helps state resource management agencies and the fishing industry sustainably manage Pacific Ocean resources. This measure will facilitate improved management of state and regional marine fishery resources through increased collaboration with other Pacific states.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3167, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3167, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1088-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Transportation on S.B. No. 3021

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the name of the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program to the Electric Mobility Rebate Program;
- (2) Expand the Program to include adaptive electric bicycles and electric micro-mobility devices;
- (3) Expand the Program to individuals who are fifteen years or older; and

- (4) Increase the maximum rebate amount for the Program to \$750 and establish an additional assistance rebate for individuals who meet certain qualifications.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawai'i Applesseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Hawai'i Bicycling League; and seven individuals.

Your Committees find that electric bicycles, electric mopeds, adaptive electric bicycles, and electric micro-mobility devices are more cost effective, environmentally friendly alternatives to gas-powered motor vehicles. This measure would expand the types of devices eligible for the Electric Mobility Rebate Program, increase the maximum rebate, and establish an additional assistance rebate for individuals that meet certain criteria.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the rebates to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Adding electric cargo bikes to the types of devices eligible for the individual electric mobility rebate and additional assistance rebate;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following maximum rebate amounts:

- (1) \$750 for the individual electric mobility rebate and \$750 for the additional assistance rebate;
- (2) \$10,000 for the non-profit organization electric mobility rebate; and
- (3) \$2,000,000 in total rebates per fiscal year.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Transportation: Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1089-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 3116

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly establish that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each state fiscal year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Early Childhood Action Strategy.

Your Committee finds that the Preschool Open Doors program provides key financial assistance to enable children to attend preschool. This measure establishes a reasonable and appropriate balance between honoring key priorities in the selection of Preschool Open Doors participants to serve children with the greatest need and ensuring continuity of care to support children's development, while also expediting enrollment, ensuring efficient expenditure of funds, and maximizing the number of children served through the program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Revising the preamble;
- (2) Removing language that required the Department of Human Services to adopt administrative rules to determine a child's underserved or at-risk status, as the Department's existing administrative rules already authorize this;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1090-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 3383

The purpose of this measure is to require the Executive Office on Aging to contract for a statewide assessment of the needs of the long-term care workforce for providers of home- and community-based services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; AARP Hawai'i; and Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the availability of skilled workers is essential to meet the long-term care needs of Hawaii's residents. In 1997, the Hawaii Long-Term Care Reform Task Force indicated the State's need to increase the number of workers for in-home and community-based programs. Since then, this worker shortage has continued to worsen and is exacerbated by the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the growing numbers of the State's aging population who need long-term care. To address the needs for services for kupuna and the disabled, better understanding of the challenges and barriers faced by providers of home- and community-based services is required.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3383, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3383, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1091-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 3094

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop and make recommendations for a statewide framework for peer support specialists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Office of Wellness and Resilience; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Council on Mental Health; EPIC 'Ohana, Inc.; Pacific Peer Connection; Pū'ā Foundation; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Commit to Keiki; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that research shows that there are many benefits of peer support for individuals, including improved behavioral health outcomes, reduced hospital admission rates, longer community tenure, increased social functioning, and decreased substance abuse and depression. Your Committee further finds that peer support extends to many marginalized individuals in the State, such as homeless individuals, those involved in the child welfare system, survivors of disasters, individuals involved in the correctional and juvenile justice systems, and certain caregivers of youth. Your Committee believes that establishing a working group will benefit the State by enhancing the role of peer support specialists in serving individuals in need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1092-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 279

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require Medicaid and private insurance coverage for ketamine therapy to treat depression; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for costs resulting from Medicaid coverage for ketamine therapy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Beyond Mental Health; Kaiser Permanente Hawaii; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that ketamine therapy may relieve depressive symptoms and restore quality of life when all other treatments have failed. However, your Committee finds that this treatment can be cost prohibitive for many patients in Hawaii. This measure therefore requires Medicaid and private insurance coverage of ketamine therapy for Hawaii residents suffering from treatment-resistant depression.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the health care providers who are authorized to prescribe ketamine to treat depression; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 90, introduced during the Regular Session of 2024, is the concurrent resolution that specifically identifies this measure and requests the Auditor to prepare an impact assessment report on the mandated coverage of ketamine therapy, as is required pursuant to section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 279, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 279, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kobayashi). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1093-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2536

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish accounting services procurement preferences for certain Hawaii accounting service businesses; and
- (2) Clarify that the existing reciprocity procurement preference includes offerors pursuant to sections 103D-302 and 103D-303, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Accuity LLP. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii service businesses, such as public accounting firms, are an important aspect of the State's economy. However, the high cost of operating a business and the high cost of living in Hawaii makes it difficult to compete for government contracts against firms without offices in Hawaii that operate out of low-cost jurisdictions. This measure encourages the growth and sustainability of businesses that employ Hawaii residents by providing them with a competitive advantage in government contracts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a preference for Hawaii accounting service businesses to the selection criteria for the procurement of professional services related to accounting services;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes its concerns that establishing a preference for Hawaii accounting service businesses for procurement of professional services may have unintended consequences and result in having to establish additional preferences for other Hawaii-based businesses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1094-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2615

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to adopt labor standards that include but are not limited to standards for living wages, benefits, and requirements for participation in state-approved apprenticeship programs, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; two members of the Honolulu City Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Operating Engineers Local 3; Pacific Resource Partnership; and Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Harbor Users Group.

Your Committee finds that some employees are victims of labor violations when their employers avoid their employer responsibilities related to wages, payroll taxes, insurance, licensing, safety, and other regulatory requirements. Empowering the counties to adopt certain disclosure requirements provides them with the flexibility to ensure the appropriate employer responsibilities are being provided to employees. Furthermore, this measure promotes economic development while maintaining a baseline for worker protections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the counties shall have the authority to:
 - (A) Require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status; and
 - (B) Deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1095-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2474

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish and administer a Family Leave Insurance Program;
- (2) Provide family leave insurance benefits and extend the period of family leave to sixteen weeks for businesses that employ one or more employees who meet the hourly qualifications;
- (3) Require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to conduct a public outreach and education campaign to inform employees and employers of family leave insurance benefits and submit an annual report to the Legislature on any outreach and education efforts and projected and actual Family Leave Insurance Program participation; and
- (4) Eliminate the previous threshold of one hundred employees for employers to be subject to the family leave law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Office on Aging; Executive Office on Early Learning; Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women; Hawai'i State Association of Counties; AARP Hawai'i; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; 'Ohana Leadership Council; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children Action Network; UNITE HERE Local 5; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawaii State Teachers Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawaii Clubhouse Coalition; Rainbow Family 808; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; IATSE Local 665; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Imua Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Labor Caucus; Parents and Children Together; AAUW of Hawaii; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Breastfeeding Hawaii; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; AlohaCare; American Heart Association; Hawai'i Women Lawyers; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Workers Center; Aloha United Way; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Papa Ola Lokahi; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Wainiha Country Market; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Kauai Christian Academy; Hawai'i Nurses' Association – OPEIU Local 50; Hawaii Energy Marketers Association; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; NFIB, Hawaii Chapter; Society of Human Resource Management – Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Health; American Council of Life Insurers; and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many of Hawaii's working families struggle during times of caregiving and illness. While the federal Family and Medical Leave Act allows twelve weeks of unpaid leave to employees who have worked at a business that employs fifty or more employees, the majority of Hawaii's workforce cannot afford to take unpaid leave to care for a new child or attend to the needs of a family member with a serious health condition. This measure supports employees who might otherwise find themselves faced with the untenable choice between preserving their employment to provide for their families and providing care to a family member.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2757, H.D. 1, a substantially similar measure that:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish a Family and Medical Leave Program and begin collecting payroll contributions to finance payment of benefits;
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2028, requires the Department to start receiving claims and paying benefits under the Program; and
- (3) Takes effect on July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2474, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1096-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 3350

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that judicial appointees file the same financial disclosures that are required of other state officials; and
- (2) Require the Commission on Salaries to consider the deterrence of bribery and corruption when making its salary recommendations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that various public officials are required to file annual financial disclosure statements with the State Ethics Commission. The public disclosure of their sources of income enhances public trust because the disclosure tends to reduce real and perceived conflicts of interest. This measure holds judicial appointees to the same financial disclosure standards as other state officials, which will promote public trust and aid the State Ethics Commission in identifying and addressing, if needed, any potential conflicts of interest to ensure the highest levels of integrity in the judicial system.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition for "appointee for a judge or justice";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3350, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3350, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1097-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2682

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, require physicians to perform or order a lead screening test for minor patients at certain intervals, and make a record of the lead screening test in the minor patient's records;
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt recommendations; and
- (3) Provide certain exemptions for the mandatory lead poisoning testing of minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that even a small amount of lead in a child's blood can lead to a variety of complications, including inhibiting their ability to learn, pay attention, and succeed in school. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii data from 2018 to 2023 shows that on average, two percent of all tested children under the age of six years had a level of lead in their blood that exceeded the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Reference Level. However, because less than thirty percent of children under the age of three were tested in 2023, the true prevalence of lead poisoning in the State is likely much higher. This measure is intended to improve public health by implementing universal screening tests for lead poisoning of children residing in State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2682, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2682, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1098-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 3239

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop, implement, and execute a program to acquire and forgive outstanding medical debt.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; State Health Planning and Development Agency; The Queen's Health System; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that medical debt is the most common form of personal bankruptcy across the nation. Your Committee further finds that medical debt can often serve as a social determinant of health, as medical debt often leads to patients to delay the care they need and is more likely to burden people with disabilities, lower-income people, and uninsured people. This measure authorizes the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop a medical debt forgiveness program. However, your Committee believes that implementation of such a program is premature at this time and additional work must be conducted to determine the feasibility of establishing a state-run medical debt forgiveness program.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the substantive contents of this measure and inserting language requiring the Office of Wellness and Resilience to establish a Medical Debt Forgiveness Working Group to study the feasibility of developing, implementing, and executing a program for the State to acquire and forgive outstanding medical debt of Hawaii residents;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3239, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3239, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1099-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 3125

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections; and
- (2) Require health insurance plans and health care providers to maintain confidentiality policies and procedures for minor-initiated medical care and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Essential Access Health; Parents and Children Together; Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, Legislative Committee; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law permits minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent, independently and without their parent or guardian's involvement, to medical care and services for screening and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. However, existing law does not allow minors to access preventive treatments for sexually transmitted infections, resulting in a critical gap in minors' access to medical care. This measure increases access to preventive health care and reduces the risk for the spread of sexually transmitted infections.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1100-24 Education on S.B. No. 3305

The purpose of this measure is to exempt public charter schools that offer exclusively prekindergarten programs from certain statutory provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs that are applicable to other public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Parents and Children Together.

Your Committee finds that the State Public Charter School Commission approved the first prekindergarten-only public charter school, PACT Parkway Villages Preschool, at the Commission's January 2024 general business meeting. Your Committee further finds that exempting prekindergarten-only public charter schools from unnecessary statutory provisions will prevent subjecting prekindergarten-only public charter schools to requirements that are inapplicable to them by virtue of being prekindergarten only and not serving other grade levels. This exemption will also help to expand access to early education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3305, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1101-24 Education on S.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is, in part, to:

- (1) Establish a harm to students registry for all prekindergarten through grade twelve educational institutions within the State, to be maintained by the Department of Education;
- (2) Require educational institutions to report to the Department of Education instances of acts by school employees, contractors, or volunteers that demonstrate harm to students; and
- (3) Require the surrender of teaching licenses of certain individuals who resign or retire during an investigation into allegations against the individual of sexual assault or sexual harassment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; State Public Charter School Commission; Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Hawaii Council of Private Schools; Kamehameha Schools; Punahou School; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Office of Information Practices.

Your Committee finds that establishing a harm to students registry and requiring educational institutions to report to the Department of Education instances of acts by school employees, contractors, or volunteers that demonstrate harm to students will streamline the sharing of vital information between schools in Hawaii about individuals who have perpetuated harm against children and help to ensure that the State's students will be educated in safe and healthy learning environments.

Your Committee finds that H.B. No. 2034, H.D. 3 (Regular Session of 2024), a substantially similar measure, was previously passed by the House.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2034, H.D. 3, a measure that:

- (1) Creates a registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as a result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student;
- (2) Appropriates funds to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent positions within the Department of Education to manage the registry and carry out the requirements of this measure; and
- (3) Takes effect on July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1102-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to establish an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program in up to ten school zones across the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Honolulu Police Department; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; and Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that according to the National Safety Council, forty-eight percent of all traffic fatalities in Hawaii were speed related. Your Committee further finds that automated speed enforcement system programs are proven safety countermeasures that decrease speed related fatalities. In studies on automated speed enforcement system programs, the National Transportation Safety Board found that they have been successfully applied in many locations across the nation and have significantly reduced the number of fatalities and serious injuries. Your Committee believes that implementing a similar program in certain areas across the State will greatly increase the safety of pedestrians and motorists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language recommending immediate passage of this measure;
- (2) Deleting language permitting the counties to implement an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program;
- (3) Requiring, rather than permitting, the State to implement an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program;
- (4) Expanding the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program to include work zones and requiring the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program be implemented in at least one school or work zone in each county, rather than limiting the program to ten school zones across the State;
- (5) Deleting the general fund appropriation;
- (6) Amending the appropriations out of the Highway Safety Fund and into the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund by changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount and changing the fiscal year in which the appropriations are made to fiscal year 2024-2025;
- (7) Changing the number of full-time equivalent positions established by this measure to an unspecified number;
- (8) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that there is a lack of clarity as to how the new penalty established by this measure will interact with existing speed limit laws. In particular, your Committee notes that it is unclear if the new penalty will be levied in addition to or instead of existing penalties for violating the State's speeding laws.

Your Committee further notes that additional clarity is needed on what would constitute a school or work zone. Your Committee also believes that it would be in the best interest of public safety if an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program was implemented prior to the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. Accordingly, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to insert language defining "school zone" and "work zone" and require the Department of Transportation to implement the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program one month prior to the 2025-2026 school year.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1103-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 3022

The purpose of this measure is to impose a fee on each transportation network company ride, the proceeds of which shall be used on safety projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Bicycling League; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Uber Technologies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Taxation; Department of Transportation; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that rideshare services, also known as transportation network companies, provide a valuable service to the State's residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that use of a rideshare service is not a one-to-one vehicle trip replacement, as many rideshare drivers log miles of driving without a passenger. A comprehensive 2021 study of more than forty-four cities concluded that ridesharing in urban areas resulted in a 0.9 percent increase in traffic and that congestion increased by 4.5 percent. Your Committee believes that implementation of a fee on transportation network companies to provide funding for safety measures is in alignment with the State's broader initiative to promote responsible tourism and will promote a sustainable and responsible means of addressing safety issues in the State. Your Committee also finds that a similar fee should be imposed on taxicabs and limousines.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the fee to include rides provided by taxicabs and limousines;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony by the Tax Foundation of Hawaii that the fee imposed by this measure does not have a nexus with the Safe Routes to Schools Program and may be considered a tax on transportation network companies. Therefore your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce to consider whether the fee should be more appropriately classified as a tax.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3022, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1104-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 3183

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a county mileage-based road usage charge that includes electric and non-electric vehicles;
- (2) Permit electric vehicle owners to pay either a county registration surcharge or the mileage-based county road usage charge until June 30, 2028;
- (3) Establish a process for the counties to adopt a per-mile rate by resolution; and
- (4) Clarify the use of monies collected under the state and county road usage charges.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawai'i State Energy Office; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Honolulu City Council; one member of the County Council of Maui; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Kauai Climate ACTION Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association.

Your Committee finds that in the face of declining fuel tax revenue, the State and counties must find an alternative means to fund necessary road maintenance and infrastructure. Your Committee further finds that Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, authorized the adoption of a statewide mileage-based road usage charge to be levied on electric vehicles. Your Committee believes that authorizing the counties to establish a similar mileage-based road usage charge at the county level will ensure the counties are able to provide a fair and sustainable means to fund the maintenance and repair of county roads and bridges.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that only electric vehicles will be subject to the county mileage-based road usage charge;
- (2) Requiring the counties to automatically charge the owner of an electric vehicle a \$50 registration surcharge in lieu of the county mileage-based road usage charge if the owner of the electric vehicle has opted to pay the \$50 registration surcharge in lieu of the state mileage-based road usage charge;
- (3) Deleting the definition of "motor vehicles" and reverting to existing statutory language defining "motor vehicles" for the purposes of motor vehicle insurance;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriate mechanism to provide funding to the counties to establish and implement a county mileage-based road usage charge.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1105-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 3242

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require certain departments and county transportation agencies to define, regularly identify, and address high-risk and dangerous corridors and intersections; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Transportation and counties to reduce the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school without first conducting an engineering study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i Bicycling League; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that regularly identifying high-risk or dangerous corridors or intersections and implementing solutions to mitigate the risk these areas pose will ensure greater safety for all users of the State's roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the provision requiring departments to define, regularly identify, and address high-risk and dangerous corridors and intersections is limited to the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1106-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 3281

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Redesignate the Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History as the Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History;
- (2) Require that the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History and the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History boards of directors each include two ex officio, nonvoting members, to be selected by each board, representing state agencies that are in direct partnership with each museum on projects that benefit the State;
- (3) Require the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History to submit an annual report to the Legislature;
- (4) Establish standards and conditions that the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Indigenous History must meet to receive state funds; and
- (5) Appropriate funds for the renovation of Bishop Hall.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Bishop Museum; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that pursuant to Act 398, Session Laws of Hawaii 1988, the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum was designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History and pursuant to Act 291, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, the Friends of Iolani Palace was designated as the State of Hawaii Museum of Monarchy History. Your Committee further finds that the intent of these designations was to provide the museums with a reliable funding source so that they would no longer be dependent on grants and private donations. Since both museums received millions of dollars in state funding in 2022, your Committee believes that there needs to be increased transparency and established standards for the operation of the museums to ensure that the museums are operated in alignment with the State's vision.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Retaining the existing statutory designation of the Bishop Museum as the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History;
- (2) Requiring the Comptroller, rather than the respective boards, to select the two ex officio, nonvoting members of the boards of directors of the Iolani Palace and Bishop Museum; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3281, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1107-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2937

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Executive Office on Early Learning, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u Laboratory Public Charter School, Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u Iki; Kupuna for the Mo'opuna; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that this measure would ensure the continuation of a laboratory school program, which is currently a Hawaiian-medium program, at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. Your Committee also finds that this measure is in alignment with the Early Learning Board's Road Map, which among other things, recommends the permanent exemption provided in this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (M. Mizuno, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 1108-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 3191

The purpose of this measure is to permanently authorize the University of Hawaii to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that in 2017, the Legislature supported the University of Hawaii's efforts to promote the commercialization of inventions and discoveries generated by its faculty, students, and alumni by giving the University the responsibility to ensure that its transfer technology activities comport with the State Ethics Code. That authority is set to sunset on June 30, 2024. This measure will give the University permanent authority to ensure that its technology transfer activities continue to comply with ethics.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 1109-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3365

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed on plant care components, which are wood chips, compost, and filter socks; and
- (2) Place certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; 'Āina Design Corp.; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that globalization has resulted in the increasing spread of invasive species, which poses a growing threat to the State and its agricultural economy and self-sufficiency. To address and mitigate that issue, this measure promotes the treatment of wood chips, compost, and filter stocks, which can harbor pests and invasives species, and restricts the movement of untreated plant care components into and throughout the State, thereby strengthening efforts to protect Hawaii's fragile environment, agricultural industry, and island communities against invasive species.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1110-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3237

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests, and periodically update taxa designated as pests, for control or eradication and develop and implement a control or eradication program for each designated pest, under certain conditions;
- (2) Establish a Plant Nursery Licensing Program, as part of the Department of Agriculture's Biosecurity Program, to regulate the sale of nursery stock;
- (3) Prohibit the import of any material infested or infected with a pest or that is a pest unless imported under an appropriate permit or compliance agreement and amend the Department of Agriculture's authority to impose other limits on imports and transportation; and
- (4) Amend the method by which the Board of Agriculture makes and updates noxious weed designations and clarify responsibilities for the control or eradication of noxious weeds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; North Shore Neighborhood Board No. 27; 'Ahahui o nā Kauka; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Hui Hoomalu i ka Aina; HULI PAC; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Land Trust; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Livable Hawaii Kai Hui; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Big Island Invasive Species Committee; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose a threat to the State's endemic species, native ecosystems, and agriculture industry. To reduce this threat, it is necessary to implement greater measures to control and eradicate pests and noxious weeds. Your Committee further finds that it is necessary to impose greater regulations on the sale of nursery stock and imported materials that contain pests in order to reduce their impact on indigenous species and the agricultural economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the invasive species committees or Hawaii Ant Lab to develop and implement control or eradication programs and to enter into private properties to control or eradicate pests;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to consider impacts to each island in the State in developing and implementing control or eradication programs;
- (3) Establishing requirements for the entry of interstate shipments into the State;
- (4) Authorizing inspectors to conduct inspections of persons, baggage, cargo, and other articles imported into the State from additional United States territories;
- (5) Establish a civil penalty for knowingly selling plants infested or infected with a pest; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Agriculture has indicated that it will need a capital improvement project budget for facilities statewide of approximately \$60,000,000 and staffing and operational funds of \$30,000,000 to support and implement this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3237, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3237, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1111-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2500

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation to enable businesses to scale up new products from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the food and product innovation network, including for food and product innovation facilities across the State and to establish one full-time equivalent position.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a food and product innovation network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation is essential to meet the State's agricultural and economic diversification goals. To establish this network, it is necessary to invest in the development of the appropriate facilities across the State to provide businesses with access to a diverse suite of manufacturing equipment and industry expertise. This measure promotes the State's agricultural industries, strengthening and diversifying the local economy.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the Hawaii Community College Palamanui Food and Product Innovation Center as a partner member of the food and product innovation network;
- (2) Clarifying reporting requirements;
- (3) Appropriating funds for open-access food and value-added product development facilities on the islands of Kauai and Maui;
- (4) Changing the number of positions for the food and product innovation network to an unspecified number; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position would be required for this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1112-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 572

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and specify conditions under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms; and
- (2) Broaden the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program to, among other things, require agricultural commodity importers to take certain actions to prevent the import of pests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose an increasing threat to the State and its agriculture industry. Establishing and broadening the conditions under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency would facilitate more proactive and expedient mitigation of the risks posed by invasive species and their importation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing requirements of agricultural commodity importers and incorporating some of those requirements into the Department of Agriculture's public education requirements;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised by the Department of Land and Natural Resources related to clarifying the role of the Hawaii Invasive Species Council in a biosecurity emergency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1113-24 Education on S.B. No. 2072

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Health to require the Department of Education to report on COVID-19 potential outbreaks or other public health emergencies and other related information in a manner most appropriate to public health and safety, as determined by the Department of Health;
- (2) Repeal the requirement that the report be published on a weekly basis on the Department of Education's website; and
- (3) Prohibit the Department of Health from requiring the Department of Education to provide personally identifiable information in any report pursuant to the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, except when the Department of Education has determined that a health or safety emergency exists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the operations of schools, requiring the establishment of additional procedures and processes to ensure the safety of students and prevent spread of COVID-19. Your Committee further finds that pursuant to Act 4, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, the Department of Education is required to publish a weekly report on schools that have a student, staff member, or affiliated individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Your Committee notes that COVID-19 testing on school campuses is no longer routinely conducted by the Department of Education, which instead uses data reported to schools by parents and legal guardians of students, making the weekly COVID-19 report an administrative burden with minimal impact. This measure will instead give the Department of Health discretion to require the Department of Education to report on COVID-19 potential outbreaks and other public health emergencies. This will ensure that the State can respond to health emergencies in schools while reducing the Department of Education's administrative workload.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2072, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2072, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1114-24 Education on S.B. No. 2257

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to consider a high school diploma with education and coursework comparable to an Associate's degree as an appropriate qualification for persons who have not received an Associate's degree to teach career and technical education in public schools when developing criteria for a full career and technical education license.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Pacific Resource Partnership; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; and Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education.

Your Committee finds that career and technical education programs allow students the opportunity to explore and learn through practical application of academic and technical skills. Your Committee notes that the existing education requirements for instructors may prohibit qualified individuals from applying to become instructors in career and technical education courses. This measure will provide the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board with more flexibility when considering whether to allow industry professionals to become licensed teachers in career and technical education courses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1115-24 Education on S.B. No. 3087

The purpose of this measure is to expand access of early learning programs to other state properties and public lands besides public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Early Learning Board; Executive Office on Early Learning; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Special Education Advisory Council; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hui for Excellence in Education; Kamehameha Schools; and Early Childhood Action Strategy.

Your Committee finds that the Executive Office on Early Learning is currently authorized to administer a Pre-plus Program through public-private partnerships for children from families with low-incomes on Department of Education public school campuses. This measure would amend the name of the Pre-plus Program to the Early Learning Program, enhance availability, and improve operations of the Program by expanding early learning programs through offering potentially more cost-effective spaces on other public properties in addition to Department of Education public school campuses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1116-24 Education on S.B. No. 3091

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to cover the Department's food service operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; and Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required to provide meal service for its students and staff and provides over twenty thousand school breakfasts and eighty thousand school lunches on a daily basis across Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that, because of inflationary cost increases, the Department of Education has accumulated a deficit of over \$20,000,000 for its food service operations. Although students and staff must pay for their meals, Title I students are provided meals free of charge. Students are also not denied a meal due to a lack of payment, all of which has contributed to this accumulated deficit. This measure seeks to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide the funding needed to ensure continued school food service operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1117-24 Education on S.B. No. 3092

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education and Hawai'i State Teachers Association.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is required pursuant to Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide proportional funding to charter schools based on their student enrollment. Your Committee notes that, although the overall enrollment for the Department of Education has gone up from the 2023 to 2024 school year, the growth rate for public charter schools has increased even faster, growing at four percent higher than projected. Your Committee notes that one factor to explain the sudden increase in public charter school enrollment is the need for temporary school options in Lahaina because of the destruction incurred by the devastating wildfires. Although charter school enrollment has increased, the amount of funding for charter schools is less than what is required. Your Committee believes that making an emergency appropriation to provide funds to the Department of Education is necessary to cover the Department's funding requirements for charter schools.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1118-24 Education on S.B. No. 3207

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the annual salary cap of the Superintendent of Education; and
- (2) Make permanent the annual performance evaluation requirements for the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Education. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Pursuit of Happiness Kauai; Aloha Freedom Coalition; Hi-Children's Health Defense; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Board of Education sets the salary of the Superintendent of Education, subject to a salary cap. Your Committee further finds that Act 90, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, amended provisions relating to the Superintendent of Education's salary to increase the salary cap and subject the Superintendent to an annual performance evaluation by the Board of Education. These provisions are scheduled to be repealed on June 30, 2024. Your Committee believes that the salary of the Superintendent of Education is best determined by the Board of Education and with the use of an annual performance evaluation. This measure will remove the salary cap, while making the annual performance evaluation requirement permanent.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Kapela, Martinez). Noes, 2 (Matayoshi, Perruso). Excused, 1 (Garcia).

SCRep. 1119-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 2305

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Silver Alert Program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Executive Office on Aging; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Alzheimer's Association-Hawaii; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; AARP Hawai'i; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Easterseals Hawaii; Hawaii Teamsters & Allied Workers Local 996; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Papa Ola Lokahi; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Public Health Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that more than half of states nationwide have established Silver Alert Programs modeled after the AMBER Alert program. Your Committee additionally finds that there are many emergency situations in which the use of a Silver Alert Program could help save the lives of those who are elderly, have cognitive impairments, or are developmentally disabled.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that during the public hearing on this measure, there was discussion about whether the minimum age to qualify for an investigation of a missing person via the Silver Alert Program proposed by this measure should be decreased to sixty years of age. Your Committee further notes that the

Department of Law Enforcement has requested an appropriation amount of \$250,000 to establish and operate the Silver Alert Program. Your Committee believes that these issues merit further consideration.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1120-24 Human Services/Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2885

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish within the Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions in the Department of Human Services a working group to develop a Triage Center Program that focuses on serving homeless individuals with substance abuse issues or mental illness; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Human Services for the working group.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; Partners In Care; CARES; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Aloha United Way; and two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and The Institute for Human Services, Inc.

Your Committees find that the State has one of the highest rates of homelessness in the nation. According to the 2023 Oahu Point in Time Count, homeless individuals are more likely to suffer from substance abuse problems, report a mental illness, and have one or more disabling conditions, all of which require proper medical treatment and resources that homeless individuals often lack. Your Committees believe that establishing a working group to develop a Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program will offer many homeless individuals the opportunity to receive effective treatment.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Renaming the program the Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program and clarifying the target population to be served by the program;
- (2) Requiring the costs of the Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program to be covered by insurance whenever possible;
- (3) Adding a representative from The Institute of Human Services, Inc., to the working group;
- (4) Removing as unnecessary a reference to the State Ethics Code, as the State Ethics Commission's longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the Code; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1121-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2819

The purpose of this measure is to require a vehicle that is proceeding at less than the posted speed limit on a two-lane roadway where passing or overtaking another vehicle is not possible or permitted and behind which a line of five vehicles has formed to pull over where possible and permit the trailing vehicles to overtake.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will improve operational efficiency on Hawaii's roads and may reduce incidents of road rage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that this measure applies only to vehicles traveling at ten miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit, rather than all vehicles traveling below the speed limit; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider inserting language to ensure that requiring slow-moving drivers to pull to the side of the road to allow trailing vehicles to pass them will not create a scenario where the driver is legally required to take an action that would result in an unsafe situation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1122-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3327

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define the public trust purposes of the Commission on Water Resource Management and require the Commission, in acting upon water use permit applications, to prioritize applications for public trust purposes;
- (2) Allow the Commission to retain independent legal counsel;
- (3) Repeal the position of Deputy to the Chairperson of the Commission and establish the position of Executive Director of the Commission;
- (4) Amend the composition of the Commission and administratively attach it to the Department of Land and Natural Resources;

- (5) Authorize entities to challenge an emergency order of the Commission under certain conditions;
- (6) Establish fines for certain water use offenses; and
- (7) Amend the Commission's authority to declare water shortages and related notice requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Kāneʻohe Bay Regional Council; Hawaiʻi Reef and Ocean Coalition; Protect Kahoʻolawe ʻŌhana; Green Party of Hawaiʻi; Sierra Club of Hawaiʻi; Nā Alakaʻi o ka ʻĀhahui o Hawaiʻi; Koʻolaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club; Free Access Coalition; Nā Kiaʻi Kai; Save Honolulu Coalition; Aloha Lokahi Association; Lāhainā Strong; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation; Haumana o Ke Kula Kaiapuni ʻO Kekaulike; Hui o Nā Wai ʻEhā; Earthjustice; Hawaiʻi Farmers Union United; Hui Hoomalu i ka Aina; Hawaiʻi Alliance for Progressive Action; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; County of Kauaʻi Department of Water; and County of Hawaiʻi Department of Water Supply.

Your Committee finds that this measure would better enable the members and staff of the Commission on Water Resource Management to implement the State Water Code in the public interest.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding provisions to allow the Commission on Water Resource Management to declare an emergency under certain circumstances, issue orders reciting the existence of the emergency, and require actions deemed necessary by the Commission to address the emergency;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3327, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3327, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1123-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2143

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate monies to the Wildfire Management Branch of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife to award grants to nonprofit organizations for wildfire preparedness and mitigation programming.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii State Fire Council; Maui Fire Department; Honolulu Fire Department; Hawaiʻi Forest Industry Association; Lāhainā Strong; Hawaiʻi Wildfire Management Organization; Firewise Committee of the Lanikai Neighborhood Community; Mahanalua Nui HOA; Fire Protection Subcommittee of the Kohala Ranch Community Association; Paniolo Hale Firewise USA; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure provides funding for nonprofit organizations willing to engage in frontline efforts to mitigate the risk of wildfires to Hawaii's communities, including by implementing proactive measures such as fuel reduction, firebreak construction, and community outreach initiatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$500,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1124-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2502

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaiʻi System; Hawaii Forest Industry Association; Democratic Party of Hawaiʻi; Lahaina Strong; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the information provided through wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps would allow the prioritization of targeted risk reduction strategies in high-risk areas and assist in the development of adaptation policies that lessen the impacts of future wildfires. Your Committee further finds that these maps would also inform decisions about siting certain essential facilities, such as hospitals, schools, and fire stations, in areas that are less vulnerable to wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1125-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2683

The purpose of this measure is to protect individuals who make claims of sexual misconduct from defamation lawsuits unless the claims are made with malice.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee finds that reporting an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sex discrimination comes with fear of retaliation, such as a defamation lawsuit. This measure addresses the chilling effect that threats of lawsuits may have on survivors of sexual assault, sexual harassment, or sex discrimination by providing additional protections for the good-faith reporting of such claims.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2683, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2683, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1126-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3109

The purpose of this measure is to give practical effect to the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025, by lapsing previously appropriated funds and reauthorizing funds for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and Department of Budget and Finance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279), appropriated \$600,000,000 to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide a multi-pronged approach to reducing its applicant waiting list. The intent was for these funds to be available until June 30, 2025, at which point all unencumbered funds would lapse back to the general fund. Your Committee recognizes that the Department of the Attorney General has since opined that the funds appropriated under Act 279 are only available until June 30, 2024, pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. This measure would ensure that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has another year to expend or encumber any remaining funds appropriated under Act 279.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1127-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3176

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide deadlines for taxpayers under audit to comply with demands to produce documents and evidence; and
- (2) Require the Tax Appeal Court to preclude documents or evidence not produced pursuant to a demand from being introduced in evidence in a tax appeal or action unless the failure was due to reasonable cause.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Council on State Taxation and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that taxpayers are subject to criminal penalties for willfully failing to supply information to the Department of Taxation at the times required by law. However, there is no statutory deadline for taxpayers to comply with information and document requests during an audit. For this reason, many taxpayers ignore the Department's requests for information or refuse to permit the Department to examine records during an audit, opting instead to produce the records during a tax appeal, after conclusion of the audit and issuance of a final assessment. This measure establishes a specified time for taxpayers to comply with the Department's demands for information and documents during an audit.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3176, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3176, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1128-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3363

The purpose of this measure is to provide that a living beneficiary's place on the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's waiting list for any residential, agricultural, or pastoral tract may be designated for transfer to a successor if the living beneficiary dies before receiving an offer for a tract and that the successor is at least 1/32 Hawaiian.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, P.L. 67-34 (HHCA), set aside two hundred thousand acres of land in trust and established trust funds for the use of the indigenous people of Hawai'i. The United States Congress intended that this Hawaiian Home Lands Trust would enable its beneficiaries to return to their land to improve and perpetuate their self-sufficiency and cultural preservation. Under the HHCA, persons having at least fifty percent Hawaiian blood are eligible for homestead leases.

Your Committee further finds that the extensive waiting list results in many beneficiaries passing away before they may be awarded a lease. This measure would allow a living beneficiary to designate a successor to the beneficiary's place on the waiting list.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the successor must also meet the fifty percent Hawaiian blood threshold, rather than allow the successor to only meet a 1/32 Hawaiian blood threshold; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3363, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3363, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 2 (Ganaden, Souza). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1129-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2112

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "installment lender" under the laws governing higher interest installment loans to clarify that traditional financial institutions retain the authority to make low-interest rate loans under the laws governing interest and usury.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Act 56, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021 (Act 56), was enacted to provide an alternative financial product in place of payday loans, which trapped consumers in unsustainable cycles of debt through high fees. However, there is some confusion as to whether Act 56 prevents traditional financial institutions from making low-interest loans under the interest and usury law. This measure amends the definition of "installment lender" under the laws governing higher interest installment loans to clarify that traditional financial institutions retain the ability to make low-interest loans under the interest and usury law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2112, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2112, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1130-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2132

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the deadlines related to the repair of conditions that constitute health or safety violations and the payment of past due rent; and
- (2) Increase the amount that may be deducted from a tenant's rent for the tenant's actual expenditures to correct health or safety violations and defective conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Workers Center; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that the existing Residential Landlord-Tenant Code does not provide sufficient protections for tenants facing urgent repairs in their rented accommodations. This measure, by increasing the amount that may be withheld from the tenant's rent for actual expenditures, will encourage prompt maintenance and safeguard the well-being of tenants and habitability of rental units.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the deadline related to the repair of conditions that constitute health or safety violations from ten calendar days to seven calendar days;
- (2) Deleting language that amended the deadline for a tenant to pay past due rent to be no less than ten calendar days after a notice;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1131-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2404

The purpose of this measure is to remove from the standard condominium proxy form the option of giving a proxy vote to the board of directors of a condominium association as a whole.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association; Kokua Council; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter;

Mariner's Village 1; Waialae Place; The Continental Apartments; Law Offices of Mark K. McKellar, LLC; Hawaii First Realty, LLC; Honolulu Tower AOA; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Hawaii State Association of Parliamentarians; AOA Lakeview Sands; Pulelehua AOA; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, a proxy vote may be allocated to the board of directors of a condominium association as a whole. However, this existing practice may be exploited to enable existing officers of the board to continue to sit on the board. This measure removes that option from the standard proxy form.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2404, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2404, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1132-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2600

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of electronic mail to deliver certain documents when purchasing condominiums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawaii First Realty LLC; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that, under existing law, a developer of a condominium project is required to disclose certain documents to prospective purchasers. The disclosure may be delivered either personally, by mail, by facsimile, or by another method as authorized by the Real Estate Commission. This measure will update the statutorily approved methods of delivery to include the modern method of communication through electronic mail.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2600, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1133-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2959

The purpose of this measure is to establish a refundable income tax credit for travel expenses to obtain medical care.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communications Access Board and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many residents must travel long distances to receive medical care. Residents not living on Oahu are sometimes required to travel to Oahu to receive the appropriate and necessary medical care they need. In other instances, residents must travel to the continental United States to receive life-saving medical treatment. This measure will provide some financial relief to such residents by establishing a refundable income tax credit for travel expenses to obtain medical care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a failure of a resident taxpayer to file a claim constitutes a waiver of the right to claim the tax credit;
- (2) Specifying that no other income tax credit or deduction can be claimed for travel expenses incurred for medical care for the taxable year;
- (3) Deleting the unnecessary savings clause; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that written testimony submitted by the Department of Taxation noted that under federal tax law, medical care excludes cosmetic procedures, unless the procedure corrects a deformity, trauma from a personal injury, or disfiguring disease, but includes certain medical procedures that may be viewed by some health insurance plans as elective. For example, laser eye surgery, when performed to correct defective vision, is considered medical care under federal law. As this measure progresses through the legislative process, your Committee notes that further clarification may be necessary to identify the types of procedures included or excluded from the term "medical care" under this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2959, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2959, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1134-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 578

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of the Attorney General to employ retirants of the Employees' Retirement System as investigators without re-enrolling in the Employees' Retirement System if the position is identified as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Agriculture to employ retirants of the Employees' Retirement System for management positions excluded from collective bargaining without re-enrolling in the Employees' Retirement System if the position is identified as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position; and
- (3) Require the appropriate director of human resources to report the employment of those retirants to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that the State is facing unprecedented vacancies in state positions. The Department of the Attorney General has found it difficult to fill investigator positions. This measure would allow for qualified and experienced retirants to be rehired without having a detrimental impact on their retiree benefits under the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the Department of Agriculture to hire retirants of the Employees' Retirement System for management positions excluded from collective bargaining, under certain conditions;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 578, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 578, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1135-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2351

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" to the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board";
- (2) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies consistent with federal law and regulations;
- (3) Clarify that the Hawaii Workforce Development Board is administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
- (4) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to assist the Governor in coordinating local workforce development boards to improve the workforce development system;
- (5) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative;
- (6) Restore program identification numbers and positions for the Hawaii Workforce Development Board that were transferred to the Workforce Development Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; and
- (7) Appropriate funds for positions within the Hawaii Workforce Development Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from IATSE Local 665 and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committee finds that state workforce development boards review statewide policies and programs and make recommendations to support a comprehensive and streamlined workforce development system. By conforming Hawaii's workforce development board statutes with the conflict of interest and other provisions found in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and other federal regulations, this measure works toward developing healthy economic growth through a strong workforce development system in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Attaching the Hawaii Workforce Development Board to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, rather than the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
- (2) Requiring the Governor to appoint the Chairperson of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board from among the business representative members;
- (3) Requiring the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to review and approve all disbursements and allocations of funds by the Hawaii Workforce Development Board;
- (4) Inserting standard boilerplate language relating to rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, other material, deeds, leases, contracts, loans, agreements, permits, and other documents applicable to the Hawaii Workforce Development Council remaining in full force and effect during the restoring and transferring of positions to the Hawaii Workforce Development Board;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider whether the Hawaii Workforce Development Council's program identification number should be restored.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1136-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2516

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the position of Chief Information Officer to Chief Information Officer and Deputy Comptroller;
- (2) Provide that the Chief Information Officer and Deputy Comptroller shall be appointed by and report to the Comptroller; and
- (3) Match the salary of the Chief Information Officer and Deputy Comptroller to that of the First Deputy Comptroller.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; and Transform Hawai'i Government.

Your Committee finds that although the Office of Enterprise Technology Services is attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services, the Chief Information Officer, who heads the Office, is appointed by and reports to the Governor, rather than the Comptroller. This measure ensures that the Chief Information Officer reports to and is appointed by the Comptroller.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that centralized computer information management and processing services shall be provided through the Chief Information Officer;
- (2) Deleting language that would have renamed the Chief Information Officer to Chief Information Officer and Deputy Comptroller;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1137-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2556

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Judiciary; Department of Human Services; Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that the Community Outreach Court project was established in 2017 as a mobile justice system that travels to neighborhoods on Oahu to resolve nonviolent offenses and provides an alternative for individuals whose personal circumstances might preclude them from appearing in court in a traditional setting. Since its inception, the Community Outreach Court has addressed more than ten thousand cases, recalled more than nine hundred bench warrants, lifted more than six thousand driver license stoppers, and assisted more than six hundred participants with social services or referrals. Your Committee further finds that the success of the Community Outreach Court has inspired the municipal court in Medford, Oregon, to adopt a similar program. Your Committee believes that formally codifying the Community Outreach Court, as proposed by this measure, will provide much needed resources and funding for the Community Outreach Court and allow it to serve a larger number of homeless individuals on Oahu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating \$250,000 to the Department of Law Enforcement to support the Community Outreach Court.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1138-24 Health & Homelessness/Human Services on S.B. No. 3290

The purpose of this measure is to require the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language in Hawaii.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters provide a vital service to the State's deaf and hard of hearing residents. Your Committees further find that despite an increase in demand for ASL interpretation services, there has been an increased difficulty in recruiting individuals who can serve as ASL interpreters across the State. This measure will ensure the State's deaf and hard of hearing residents continue to receive ASL interpretation services during emergencies and daily life activities by establishing a means for the State to acquire actionable information on the current state of the ASL interpreter workforce in Hawaii.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the working group is to study the state of American Sign Language interpretation services in the State;
- (2) Removing as unnecessary a reference to the State Ethics Code, as the State Ethics Commission's longstanding practice is to exclude the activities of task force members from the general provisions of the Code;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1139-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2504

The purpose of this measure is to repeal part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committees find that in October 2023, the Department of Energy's Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs Program selected several projects across the country to receive funding to establish a regional clean hydrogen hub. Your Committees further find that part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, was enacted before those projects were selected, when Hawaii was still in the process of competing for funding through the Program, to support the State's application for the funding; however, as the State's plan was not selected for the Program, this measure repeals part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Gates, Kahaloa, Woodson, Ward).

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Quinlan, Todd, Garcia).

SCRep. 1140-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2677

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize homeowners and homebuilders to submit variance applications requesting that a single-family dwelling be exempt from having a solar water heater system;
- (2) Change the requirement that a demand water heater device be approved by Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., to any nationally recognized testing laboratory for the acceptance of a variance application;
- (3) Expand potential exemptions for the requirement that all new single-family dwellings have solar water heater systems;
- (4) Require a copy of the variance application to be provided to the appropriate county authority; and
- (5) Authorize applicants to submit the variance request concurrently with the building permit application.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Green Party of Hawai'i; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Sunaru Inc. dba Solar Help Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Blue Planet Foundation; 350Hawaii.org; Inception Financial LLC; Green Power Projects LLC; Meyer Burger Americas; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Greenpeace Hawaii; Hawai'i Energy; The Solaray Corporation dba Inter-Island Solar Supply; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and Hawai'i Gas.

Your Committee notes that there are concerns regarding the environmental impact that this measure would have and potential regression of benefits that the State's solar water heater policy has provided to residents and the environment.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting all proposed amendments except the amendment to require that a demand water heater device be approved by any nationally recognized testing laboratory, rather than just Underwriters Laboratories, Inc.;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2677, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2677, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 1141-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2770

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to establish an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes for land or improvements that produce or store renewable energy sold to an electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, City and County of Honolulu; Ulupono Initiative; Clearway Energy Group; Longroad Energy; Hawaiian Electric; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that electric utilities in the State are required to achieve a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard by December 31, 2045. Your Committee further finds that counties could assist in the transition to renewable energy through in-lieu-of-property-tax programs; however, counties lack the statutory authority to do so. Your Committee believes that this measure addresses this need and greatly reduces development risks and costs for renewable energy projects by allowing counties to enact ordinances establishing these programs in lieu of property tax assessments that may default to considerations of highest and best use.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2770, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2770, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 1142-24 Health & Homelessness/Human Services on S.B. No. 3139

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to expand existing crisis intervention and diversion services to divert persons in crisis from the criminal justice system to the health care system; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Crisis Intervention Efforts and Diversion Services Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Health; Department of Law Enforcement; State Council on Mental Health; The Institute for Human Services, Inc; AlohaCare; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Psychological Association; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Community Alliance on Prisons; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from The Queen's Health System.

Your Committees find that the current safety net of programs and services that addresses individuals with mental illness and justice system involvement is neither robust enough nor sufficiently inter-connected to assure appropriate, cost-effective, timely, and efficacious interventions. This has produced a revolving door effect in health care and criminal justice where a minority of cases drains a disproportionate amount of resources unnecessarily. Facilitating earlier intervention and access to more effective treatments for persons with serious mental illness, including those who may be imminently dangerous to self or others.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and the training and certification of crisis intervention officers;
- (2) Defining "crisis intervention officer";
- (3) Beginning July 1, 2026, authorizing a crisis intervention officer who has probable cause to believe a person is imminently dangerous to themselves or others to have that person transported to a designated behavior health crisis center for further evaluation and possible emergency hospitalization;
- (4) Including two unspecified appropriations to the Department of Law Enforcement for:
 - (A) The establishment of three crisis intervention coordinator positions; and
 - (B) The training and certification of officers in mental health first aid and the crisis intervention team model;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1143-24 Health & Homelessness/Human Services on S.B. No. 2285

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define "health care" for the purposes of health planning and resource development and health care cost control;
- (2) Amend the duties and functions of the State Health Planning and Development Agency; and
- (3) Establish and appropriate funds for positions within the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Executive Office on Aging; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

Your Committees find that there is a strong need to provide unconflicted oversight of the State's health care and long-term care functions to ensure access, equity, quality of care, health outcomes, and cost-effectiveness. Your Committees note that the State Health Planning and Development Agency is uniquely suited to provide this oversight as, through the State's All-Payer Claims Database, the Agency is the statutory recipient of insurance claims data of all health care provided for beneficiaries of Medicaid, Medicare, and the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund. This measure is intended to provide the State Health Planning and Development Agency with the tools needed to collect and apply health status data to systematically improve access, equity, quality of care, outcomes, and cost-effectiveness for health and long-term care services.

Your Committees further find that the State's residents deserve universal and equitable access to affordable, high-quality health care. However, high insurance costs, low reimbursement rates to providers, health care workforce shortages, and other factors have led to poor access to care for many Hawaii residents. Your Committees believe that the establishment of a Hui Ho'omana task force to, among other tasks, assist the State Health Planning and Development Agency in the initial creation of a State Health Services, Workforce, and Facilities Plan will be an effective mechanism to outline processes and procedures that would move the State in the direction of universal access to equitable and affordable high quality health care.

Therefore, your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Health Planning and Development Agency to coordinate activities that affect health care costs, as well as access and quality, and deleting the requirement that the State Health Planning and Development Agency provide leadership or resources for the coordination of these activities;
- (2) Deleting language requiring the State Health Planning and Development Agency to develop an annual state global budget;
- (3) Requiring the State Health Planning and Development Agency to submit the State Health Services, Workforce, and Facilities Plan no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026 and the updated plan every four years thereafter;

- (4) Amending the permitted contents of the State Health Planning and Development Agency's reports;
- (5) Establishing a task force known as the Hui Ho'omana to assist in the development of the State Health Services, Workforce, and Facilities Plan and to make recommendations to achieve universal access and equity to quality health care at an affordable cost for the State's residents and requiring the Hui Ho'omana to submit reports to the Legislature;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

Human Services: Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1144-24 Water & Land/Housing on S.B. No. 2836

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the State has a unified vision and approach toward the development and redevelopment of public lands on the island of Maui by establishing an Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to coordinate effective and efficient housing development and redevelopment of state and county lands on Maui.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor and Disability and Communication Access Board.

Your Committees find that as one of the largest landowners on the island of Maui, the State must be proactive in coordinating planning and development efforts among public agencies to maximize the benefits derived from the development and redevelopment of Maui's public lands.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Making the Hawaiian cultural advisor on the Hawaii Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery a voting member;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2836, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2836, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Housing: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1145-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2922

The purpose of this measure is to establish and implement the Catastrophic Wildfire Securitization Act to allow public utilities to securitize rates in order to raise capital that can be used to pay for costs and expenses arising out of catastrophic wildfires.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric; Clearway Energy Group; Longroad Energy; Ulupono Initiative; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Budget and Finance; Public Utilities Commission; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Life of the Land; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that in the wake of the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires, public utilities must raise the capital to fund near-term costs and expenses to develop and implement effective plans for wildfire risk mitigation and contribute to disaster relief funds. Your Committees further find that present uncertainty as to the financial costs that Hawaii's largest electric utility may bear as a result of the 2023 Maui wildfires has led credit rating agencies to downgrade the credit rating of that utility to non-investment-grade status, which will have severe negative impacts on ratepayers. Your Committees recognize that ratepayers cannot bear the full burden of mitigation efforts through securitization and that shareholder contributions must be a part of utility capitalization moving forward. This measure establishes a framework to authorize public utilities in the State to securitize rates to pay for expenses related to catastrophic wildfires and will provide a vital source of liquidity and preserve the public utilities' financial viability.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting certain provisions from H.B. No. 2407, House Draft 2, including those related to:
 - (A) Applications to issue bonds and authorize wildfire protection fees;
 - (B) Bond issuance and wildfire protection property interests;
 - (C) Security interests in wildfire protection property;
 - (D) Transfers of wildfire protection property; and
 - (E) Successors to electric utilities that have received a financing order;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 1146-24 Housing on S.B. No. 3332

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the notice for summary possession proceedings from five days to fifteen days for failure to pay rent;
- (2) Require landlords to provide notice to mediation centers;
- (3) Require landlords to enter into mediation if scheduled by a tenant, which will delay when a landlord may file an action for summary possession except in cases where a tenant cancels the mediation or does not appear;
- (4) Restrict when landlord remedies are available depending on the amount of rent due;
- (5) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services; and
- (6) Establish and appropriate funds for an Emergency Rent Relief Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Judiciary Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc.; Aloha United Way; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Partners In Care; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Ku'ikahi Mediation Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that many people in the State continue to face challenges paying their rent due to the ever-increasing costs of housing. Your Committee further finds that the Maui wildfires have exacerbated these challenges with the loss of lives and damage to residential and commercial properties. While individuals and families in Maui are currently protected from being evicted by the Governor's eviction moratorium, your Committee notes that this protection will not last forever. Your Committee believes that the State must ensure that those who suffered from the Maui wildfires continue to have a safe place to live.

Your Committee further notes that a substantially similar bill, House Bill No. 2642, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2024), is currently moving through the legislative process and was previously passed by the House. That measure better addresses the issue of reducing evictions by establishing a pre-litigation mediation program throughout the State, rather than just for counties affected by wildfires, as proposed by this measure. However, your Committee acknowledges the importance of ensuring that those affected by the Maui wildfires are duly protected against evictions after the expiration of certain emergency proclamations.

While your Committee acknowledges the important role an Emergency Rent Relief Program would have in providing financial assistance to further prevent evictions, your Committee finds that, due to current budget priorities, there is a lack of available funds for such a rent relief program this fiscal year.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language relating to pre-litigation mediation procedures and notice requirements, except for language that establishes a tiered time frame for when landlords are authorized to bring an action for summary possession after the expiration of the final eviction moratorium;
- (2) Deleting language that would have established and appropriated funds for an Emergency Rent Relief Program; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3332, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3332, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1147-24 Housing on S.B. No. 2044

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in an entity that owns real property in the State is subject to the conveyance tax; and
- (2) Require an unspecified amount of conveyance tax revenue to be deposited into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Partners In Care; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; NAIOP Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that existing conveyance tax laws inadvertently enable parties, who are typically large investors and corporate entities, to avoid paying conveyance tax by transferring real property through entity-level transactions. Your Committee further finds that instead of conveying the real property directly, one party acquires the entity that owns the real property from another party, thereby avoiding the conveyance tax. This measure will close a loophole in existing conveyance tax laws to ensure that the State receives its fair share of tax revenue from certain entities.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony by the Department of Taxation regarding the difficulty of identifying and verifying when transfers of controlling interest occur, as records from entity transfers are not publicly available or reported to the Bureau of Conveyances. Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to work with pertinent state agencies to establish a reporting procedure that addresses the concerns of the Department of Taxation to ensure this measure is enforceable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the dollar cap amounts of conveyance tax collections paid into the Land Conservation Fund and Rental Housing Revolving Fund;
- (2) Specifying that ten percent of conveyance tax collections are to be paid into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund for purposes of funding infrastructure programs in transit-oriented development areas;

- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2044, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2044, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Miyake, Matsumoto). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1148-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2322

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Health to continue water testing during brown water advisories, with certain exceptions.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Hawaii Lifeguard Hui; Polanui Hui; Hui O He'e Nalu; Kihei Community Association; Windward Coalition for Community Concerns; Waiwai Ola Waterkeepers Hawaiian Islands; Kaiola Canoe Club; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Mālama Maunaloa; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Earthjustice; Center for Biological Diversity; West Maui Preservation Association; Maui Tomorrow Foundation; The Makali'i Group; Friends of Maha'ulepu; Kia'i Wai O Wai'ale'ale'; HAMER; Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; HI Strikes Back; Surfrider Foundation, O'ahu Chapter; and five individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that testing water quality during brown water advisories ensures that the public has access to necessary information regarding the safety of the State's waters. This measure requires the continued testing of water quality of Tier 1 beaches during brown water advisories, with certain exceptions.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the requirements to sampling of Tier 1 beaches;
- (2) Adding a condition that supplies and staff must be available for sample collection and analysis;
- (3) Deleting the appropriation;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees recommend the insertion of an effective date of July 1, 2025, prior to the adoption of this measure in final form.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Homelessness.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1149-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2997

The purpose of this measure is to require each electric utility to have a risk-based wildfire protection plan that is filed with and approved by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Life of the Land. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaii Association for Justice; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that the risk of wildfires in the State is increasing as a result of climate change and that preventive measures are necessary to mitigate this risk. This measure would require each electric utility to have a risk-based wildfire protection plan.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring electric utilities to operate in compliance with an approved risk-based wildfire protection plan;
- (2) Adding further specifications for the basis of and inputs to the mandatory risk-based wildfire protection plans; procedures for their evaluation, approval, and update; penalties for failure of an electric utility to comply with an approved plan; and other details;
- (3) Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to convene workshops to assist electric utilities in developing and sharing information for the identification, adoption, and implementation of best practices regarding wildfires;
- (4) Requiring public utilities to report wildfires potentially caused by or occurring in connection with their operations or service and requiring the Public Utilities Commission to investigate the causes of certain wildfires;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2997, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2997, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1150-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2513

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for a three-year New Wastewater System Demonstration Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Coral Reef Alliance; SCHHA Molokai Mokupuni; and six individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committees find that cesspools are a threat to the health of the State's residents and environment. Your Committees further find that there are approximately eighty-two thousand cesspools that will need to be upgraded, converted, or connected by 2050. This measure encourages the review and implementation of new technologies in wastewater management that could be critical for diverting sewage at scale.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the name of the program to the Wastewater System and Individual Wastewater System Technology Demonstration and Implementation Pilot Program;
- (2) Changing the entity that the Program is established under to the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center and making the Center responsible for reporting requirements;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000 to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider the following appropriation amounts:

- (1) \$89,500 per fiscal year to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Engineer V (SR-26) position; and
- (2) \$82,700 per fiscal year to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Engineer IV (SR-24) position.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1151-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on S.B. No. 3285

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the Public Utilities Commission from approving the sale of a public utility, in whole or in part, to a private entity unless the public utility demonstrates that it solicited competitive offers for purchase from entities that operate under a non-investor-owned utilities ownership model, and notes whether or not non-investor-owned entities submitted acceptable bids.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Life of the Land. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric; Ulupono Initiative; and Hawai'i Gas.

Your Committees find that the State should encourage diversity of public utility ownership and ensure that offers from entities operating under non-investor-owned models are considered when a public utility is being sold. This measure would prohibit the Public Utilities Commission from approving the sale of a public utility to a private entity unless the public utility demonstrates that it solicited competitive offers from non-investor-owned entities.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the application of this measure is notwithstanding certain provisions of existing law relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity;
- (2) Limiting the application of this measure to only a gas utility or electric utility, rather than all public utilities;
- (3) Authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to establish a process for consideration of alternative bids in the event of a sale of a gas utility or electric utility;
- (4) Defining "non-investor-owned-utilities ownership model", rather than "investor-owned utilities ownership model";
- (5) Specifying that the appointment by the Public Utilities Commission of a receiver when there is an imminent threat of the utility failing applies to all public utilities, rather than just regulated water utilities or regulated sewer utilities;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3285, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3285, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1152-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2518

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation for geothermal energy exploration, provided that the exploration efforts include surface and subsurface exploration.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Blue Planet Foundation; Innovations Development Group, Inc.; Indigenous Consultants, LLC; and four individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office and two individuals.

Your Committees find that geothermal energy was identified as a near-term and mid-term decarbonization opportunity in the Hawaii State Energy Office's Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization Report and can help the State meet its renewable energy goals. This measure establishes and appropriates funds to identify locations and characteristics of geothermal resources in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a geothermal resources characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center of the University of Hawaii;
- (2) Updating the purpose of the appropriation and expending agency accordingly;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, 1 (Perruso). Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1153-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2605

The purpose of this measure is to, beginning January 1, 2025, require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health benefits plans under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to provide health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Association; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Essential Access Health; Legislative Committee of the Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaii Association of Health Plans.

Your Committee finds that access to sexual and reproductive health care is critical for the health and economic security of the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that while many sexual and reproductive benefits are mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Affordable Care Act), recent lawsuits and certain actions taken by the federal government have threatened or restricted access to these services. Your Committee believes that codifying these services, particularly the cost-sharing requirements mandated by the Affordable Care Act, will ensure Hawaii's residents do not lose access to no-cost preventive services such as birth control, well-person exams, and life-saving cancer screenings.

Your Committee notes that there is concern that statutorily mandating the inclusion of coverage for plans governed by the Prepaid Health Care Act may jeopardize the federal exemption of the Prepaid Health Care Act from the provisions of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting from the required sexual and reproductive health care services:
 - (A) Abortion; and
 - (B) Pre-exposure prophylaxis, post-exposure prophylaxis, and human papillomavirus vaccination;
- (2) Requiring the Insurance Commissioner to submit a report to the Legislature regarding compliance with the mandatory coverage proposed by this measure prior to the Regular Session of 2027;
- (3) Establishing a Reproductive Health Care Working Group to:
 - (A) Examine barriers and gaps for reproductive health care leading to health inequity in the State;
 - (B) Identify state laws, rules, or administrative practices that are barriers to the provision of effective reproductive health care; and
 - (C) Submit reports to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2025 and 2026;
- (4) Making the health insurance coverage in this measure apply to all plans, policies, contracts, or agreements entered into on or after January 1, 2026;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it deliberate on this measure, to:

- (1) Review whether any of the sexual and reproductive health care services identified in this measure is not covered by the Hawaii Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan that sets the requirements for essential health benefits as required by the Affordable Care Act, Hawaii Medical Service Association's Preferred Provider Plan of 2010, as of January 2014, and the State's existing Prevalent Plan as approved under the requirements of the Prepaid Health Care Act; and
- (2) Inquire into the methods payments are made by the employer of selected plans and identify the processes for individuals to access additional insurance and make payments for services that may not be covered by their employer's offered health care insurance plan.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1154-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2837

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the Maui State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System or another state agency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Oahu Region; Hawaii National Guard Enlisted Association; Hawaii American Legion; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 153, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Defense is currently in the process of constructing a state veterans home on the island of Maui to provide long-term care services to Maui's veteran community. However, the Department of Defense lacks the medical expertise to oversee the continued operation of a long-term care facility. Your Committee believes that the Oahu Regional Health Care System is an appropriate entity with the expertise to manage a long-term care facility and has the capability to temporarily manage the proposed state veterans home on Maui as the Maui Regional Health Care System prepares to permanently manage the state veterans home.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Temporarily authorizing the Oahu Regional Health Care System to oversee the operations and management agreement of the Maui State Veterans Home, rather than transferring the Maui State Veterans Home to the Oahu Regional Health Care System or another state agency;
- (2) Requiring the Maui Regional Health Care System to secure ownership of the land of the Maui State Veterans Home;
- (3) Transferring permanent ownership and oversight of the operations and management agreement for the Maui State Veterans Home from the Oahu Regional Health Care System to the Maui Regional Health Care System by June 30, 2028;
- (4) Requiring the Maui Regional Health Care System to submit annual reports to the Legislature on its progress to facilitate the Regional System's ability to exercise permanent ownership and oversight of the operations and management agreement;
- (5) Requiring the Department of Defense, Maui Regional Health Care System, and Oahu Regional Health Care System to submit joint reports to the Legislature on the progress of the Maui State Veterans Home prior to the Home's transfer from the Oahu Regional Health Care System to the Maui Regional Health Care System;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1155-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 3128

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System in its entirety from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health; and
- (2) Require the Oahu Regional Health Care System to enter into an agreement with the Department of Health regarding the Oahu Regional Health Care System taking care of low acuity patients in the Department's custody by the end of 2024.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation - Oahu Region; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, required the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System (Oahu Region) to the Department of Health from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. However, there is growing concern that this transfer has become financially unfeasible and will provide no net gain in services for the community. Your Committee believes that the transfer of the Oahu Region to the Department of Health is a worthwhile endeavor and the transition process should continue while possible alternatives for the use of the Leahi Hospital campus and Maluhia are considered.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions repealing the transfer of the Oahu Region from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health and inserting language extending the transfer of the Oahu Region to December 31, 2026;
- (2) Requiring the working group established by Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026;
- (3) Requiring the Oahu Region to submit a report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1156-24 Tourism on S.B. No. 3006

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Exempt the Convention Center from certain requirements regarding concessions on public property;
- (2) Authorize the Hawaii Tourism Authority to sell or lease naming rights of the convention center facility; and
- (3) Facilitate advertising and marketing in and on the convention center facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5 and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that many prestigious venues across the nation have sold naming rights, which for the Convention Center is valued at up to \$500,000 in the first year, escalating to a twenty-year agreement value of over \$13,000,000. This measure opens up additional possibilities for funding to address the Center's repair and maintenance needs.

Your Committee notes the concerns of the Department of Budget and Finance noting that the federal Internal Revenue Code prohibits certain private-use activities, including naming rights and other advertising, in facilities financed by tax-exempt general obligations bonds, and the potential that this measure may not be compliant with the Internal Revenue Code, thereby jeopardizing the State's ability to maintain its tax-exempt status for bonds used to finance the Convention Center. Your Committee will continue to work with the Department so as to not jeopardize the State's tax-exempt status for bonds used to finance the Convention Center.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that authorized advertising that is exempt from outdoor advertising prohibitions at the Convention Center is to be inside the Center; of the same size, illumination, and color; and in the same location as the existing "Hawaii Convention Center" sign, rather than any outdoor advertising device in or on the convention center;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3006, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3006, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1157-24 Tourism on S.B. No. 2659

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Incorporate a regenerative tourism framework into the Hawaii State Planning Act by expanding objectives and policies for the tourism industry;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to prepare and periodically update the Tourism Functional Plan to include the updated tourism economic goals, Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan, and Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan; and
- (3) Require an updated Tourism Functional Plan to be submitted to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Fair Wind Cruises; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that over-tourism has taken a toll on the State's natural resources. Your Committee further finds that regenerative tourism is an approach that focuses on creating positive social, environmental, and economic impacts on destination management. This holistic approach to tourism prioritizes sustainable development, community engagement, and responsible consumption. Your Committee believes that regenerative tourism represents an opportunity for the State to redevelop the tourism industry in a manner that is beneficial to visitors and residents alike.

Your Committee notes that the last Tourism Functional Plan was published in 1991. Your Committee believes that all the State's functional plans, including the Tourism Functional Plan, should be periodically updated to ensure that all the plans reflect the current needs of the State. As this measure moves through the legislative process, your Committee will continue to work with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to establish a periodic update of all the State's functional plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1158-24 Tourism on S.B. No. 2406

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require contracts entered into by the Hawaii Tourism Authority for management of the Convention Center facility to include marketing for all uses of the facility; and
- (2) Amend the reporting frequency for contracts and agreements entered into by the Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau; Hawai'i Hotel Alliance; MC&A, Inc.; and The Kahala Hotel & Resort. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows the Hawaii Tourism Authority to enter into separate contracts for the marketing of all uses of the Convention Center and for the management, use, operation, or maintenance of the Center. Your Committee believes that it would be more efficient and a better use of taxpayer dollars to consolidate contracts relating to the Hawaii Convention Center to ensure its proper management.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2406, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2406, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick, Kong, Nakamura). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1159-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that medical cannabis dispensaries may purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from other dispensaries without any showing that the purchase is:
 - (A) Necessary for a qualifying patient's continuous access for medical use; or
 - (B) For medical, scientific, or other legitimate purposes; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules no later than nine months after a medical cannabis product is statutorily permitted to be manufactured and distributed.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association and Cure Oahu. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting.

Your Committees find that, despite recent legislative attempts to allow the wholesale of medical cannabis between medical cannabis dispensaries, wholesale currently occurs on an emergency basis with an under thirty days request and approval process, or on a proof of need basis requiring over thirty days request and approval process. Your Committees further find that the existing rules also provide the Department of Health with full discretion to reject requests with no specific timeline to respond. This limited approach impairs dispensaries' ability to do future planning, share manufacturing capabilities, or specialize in equipment or products without facing significant risk of potential wholesale request rejections. Wholesale expands patient access to a variety of formulations, products, and strains without sacrificing safety and consistency, and should be more widely supported. This measure provides greater flexibility to dispensaries to purchase cannabis and medical cannabis products from other dispensaries to ensure patient access and mitigate the effects of business fluctuations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Health & Homelessness.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 1160-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3335

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Enact the Hawaii Cannabis Law to:
 - (A) Provide a legal safe harbor from state or county criminal prosecution concerning activities relating to cannabis for those who strictly comply with the provisions of the law;
 - (B) Establish the Hawaii Hemp and Cannabis Authority as an independent body with the power to administratively regulate all aspects of the cannabis plant;
 - (C) Legalize the sale and possession of cannabis for non-medical adult use beginning January 1, 2026;
 - (D) Provide economic opportunities to disproportionately impacted areas;
 - (E) Encourage those currently engaging in illegal, unlicensed commercial cannabis activities to enter the legal market;
 - (F) Ensure that state and county law enforcement agencies work closely with the Hawaii Hemp and Cannabis Authority and vigorously investigate and prosecute illegal cannabis activities that fall outside any safe harbor protection; and
 - (G) Mandate that the Hawaii Hemp and Cannabis Authority make the protection of public health and safety its highest priorities;
- (2) Establish taxes for adult-use cannabis and medical use cannabis sales;
- (3) Amend or repeal existing laws relating to cannabis, including medical cannabis and hemp;
- (4) Transfer the personnel and assets of the Department of Health and assets of the Department of Agriculture relating to cannabis and hemp to the Hawaii Hemp and Cannabis Authority; and
- (5) Establish positions and appropriate funds.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Big Island Grown; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Solutions; Techmana LLC; Pakalolo for the People; Noa Botanicals; Hawaiian Ethos; The Hawai'i Cannabis THC Ministry; National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws; Green Aloha Ltd.; Cultivation Sector Consulting, LLC; Spectra Analytical Laboratory; Cure Oahu; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 480; Hawaiian Kingdom Task Force; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; Hawaii Paroling Authority; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; one member of the Honolulu City Council; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Honolulu Police Department; Hawaii Police Department; Maui Police Department; Kauai Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Kauai Complex Area Principals; Kohala Elementary School; Honokaa High and Intermediate School; Hawaii Family Forum; Coalition for a

Drug-Free Hawaii; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Federation for Republican Women; Weed and Seed Hawaii, Inc.; Smart Approaches to Marijuana; One Impact Hawaii; HOPE HI; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; ABC Stores; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Health; Department of Human Resources Development; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Collective Bargaining; Office of Information Practices; Department of Education; Department of Agriculture; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Kaua'i; Ala Moana-Kakaako Neighborhood Board No. 11; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Marijuana Policy Project; Greenwave Advisors LLC; Doctors for Drug Policy Reform; Akamai Cannabis Consulting; Care Waialua LLC; Last Prisoner Project; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Law Enforcement Action Partnership; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Reason Foundation; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; Hawai'i Alliance for Cannabis Reform; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance; American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawai'i Chapter; Hawaii Credit Union League; Malie Cannabis Clinic; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that over the past decade, there has been a growing movement across the nation to legalize cannabis, also known as marijuana, for recreational use. As of February 2024, twenty-three states, two territories, and the District of Columbia have legalized small amounts of cannabis for adult recreational use.

Your Committees further find that in late 2022 President Biden directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States Attorney General to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law. Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I controlled substance, alongside heroin and LSD, but ahead of fentanyl and methamphetamine. Your Committees recognize that the descheduling of marijuana at the federal level may be imminent, thus it is important for the State to have regulations in place.

Your Committees also find that cannabis use is already fairly prevalent in Hawaii. In 2021, approximately 14.9 percent of individuals aged twelve or older in Hawaii reported marijuana use in the past year. By allowing cannabis to be cultivated and processed by legitimate businesses, the State can establish quality control and labeling standards to protect cannabis users.

Your Committees additionally find that allowing the State to regulate and tax the sale of cannabis will undercut the illegal drug trade in Hawaii and redirect revenue from drug trafficking organizations to the State where it can be used for public safety and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and education.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing a caregiver to administer a cannabis product that is not smoked to a medical cannabis patient under the age of twenty-one on school grounds and in a vehicle;
- (2) Clarifying that colleges and universities may authorize the possession or use of cannabis or cannabis accessories by adults on their property, and explicitly allowing the medical use or personal use of cannabis by faculty members and students while in faculty or student housing;
- (3) Clarifying that a landlord shall not prohibit the possession of cannabis or the consumption of cannabis that is not inhaled unless a tenant is renting a room or rooms in only a portion of a residence, where the rest of the residence is rented to other people or occupied by the landlord;
- (4) Requiring one member on the Cannabis and Hemp Control Board to have expertise in Hawaii's agricultural community;
- (5) Deleting language that would have allowed the Executive Director of the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Authority to demand and be granted access to the books, papers, and records of close associates of any licensed business whom the Authority suspects are involved in the financing, operation, or management of the licensed business;
- (6) Clarifying when the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Authority may not refuse to employ or deny employment to an applicant or terminate or refuse to secure the services of any contractor or subcontractor due to a previous conviction;
- (7) Deleting language regarding the requirements for the transportation of adult-use cannabis;
- (8) Clarifying certain protections for persons who consume adult use cannabis;
- (9) Replacing language referring to cannabis paraphernalia with the defined term cannabis accessories;
- (10) Consolidating provisions related to the unlawful sale of cannabis to a person under the age of twenty-one and changing the offense to a misdemeanor;
- (11) Amending the scope of the social equity program and public health and education grant program;
- (12) Amending the traffic violations related to marijuana and marijuana concentrate;
- (13) Amending the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree; and
- (14) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Agriculture & Food Systems that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3335, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3335, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Takayama). Noes, 3 (Ichiyama, Kong, Souza). Excused, none.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran, Woodson). Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 1 (Perruso).

SCRep. 1161-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2287

The purpose of this measure is to require the Information Technology Steering Committee to assist the Chief Information Officer in developing a plan to enhance the hawaii.gov mobile application to increase resident and visitor usage of the mobile application.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

Your Committee finds that this measure would allow the Chief Information Officer to receive assistance from the Information Technology Steering Committee in developing a plan to enhance the mobile application developed by the State for the public to access the State's website.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (M. Mizuno, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 1162-24 Education/Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2476

The purpose of this measure is to permit licensed dental hygienists to perform preventative dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on individuals, under certain conditions, as part of a Department of Education school-based oral health program.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Health; Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Dentistry; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare; Hawaii Dental Service; Hawaii Dental Association; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that most states are not providing enough resources to help individuals prevent tooth decay, which can increase health care costs for many families. Your Committees further find that school-based dental sealant programs provide sealants to children least likely to receive them otherwise. Studies have shown that tooth decay of molars dropped an average of sixty percent up to five years after sealant application as part of a school program. Sealants also prevent decay at one-third the expense of filling a cavity. Your Committees believe that allowing licensed dental hygienists to perform preventative dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on individuals through a school-based oral health program is a proactive step that will help prevent tooth decay for Hawaii's children.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2476, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd).

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1163-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2640

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide cash awards to beneficiaries to purchase a residential lot outside of Department's trust lands, or to pay the beneficiary's existing mortgage note or rent, in lieu of awarding the beneficiary a lease.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands does not have sufficient land to provide housing for the approximately twenty-eight thousand native Hawaiian beneficiaries on its waiting list. This measure would provide an alternative path for beneficiaries to obtain or maintain permanent housing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the authorized uses of the Hawaiian Home Loan Fund to be additionally used for cash award payments;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1164-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2718

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Labor Relations Board oversees collective bargaining, unfair labor practices, and contests involving citations or orders of the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations regarding the State's occupational safety and health laws. However, under existing law, the Hawaii Labor Relations Board is prohibited from considering hearsay evidence, meaning its unable to consider all evidence presented in its deliberations and assign the evidence the proper weight. Therefore, this measure permits the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence in its proceedings and ensures fair hearings for all parties involved.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1165-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "covered employer" in the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act; and
- (2) Amend and align provisions of the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program to require automatic enrollment unless the employee opts out.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board; Executive Office on Aging; AARP Hawai'i; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that many individuals do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement plan and are at significant risk of not having enough retirement income to meet basic expenses during retirement. Providing private sector employees with access to employer-sponsored retirement plans, unless they opt out, is a reliable way to improve employees' financial security and promote savings needed for a secure retirement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2553, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2553, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1166-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2288

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that travel reports submitted by state employees, officers, or other representatives of state departments or agencies, in connection with out-of-state or intra-state travel for purposes of official state business, be made available for public review on the Comptroller's website, subject to certain exceptions; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to provide digital and searchable public access to the travel reports of state employees, officers, and other representatives of the State for travel that is related to official state business.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that out-of-state and intra-state travel information by state employees, officers, or other representatives is difficult to acquire, as there is no accessible, searchable database to find out how often state officials use taxpayer-funded travel and how much it costs. The reporting requirements in this measure seek to promote open government, transparency, and accountability by improving access to travel data.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2288, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2288, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1167-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 3070

The purpose of this measure is to lower the Employees' Retirement System's funding period to amortize the System's total unfunded accrued liability from thirty years to twenty years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the funding period in which the Employees' Retirement System is expected to be fully funded has steadily decreased from the forecasted thirty years in fiscal year 2015-2016 to twenty-four years in fiscal year 2021-2022. This measure amends the maximum funding period to amortize the total unfunded accrued liability of the Employees' Retirement System to start at twenty-five years and lower by one year each year thereafter until reaching twenty years, which will strengthen the Employees' Retirement System over the long term without impacting the expected path toward full-funding or current contribution rates.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3070, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1168-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2652

The purpose of this measure is to expand items that may be contained in the state budget to include information related to vacant positions for reclassification or abolishment.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that there are thousands of vacant positions within state government and that these vacancies negatively impact the availability and quality of customer service provided to the public. While the Director of Human Resources Development is required to submit a report to the Legislature before reclassifying and abolishing vacant positions within state departments and agencies that are under the jurisdiction of the Department, more timely data on the State's vacancies would further assist the Legislature in addressing the high number of vacancies in state government.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1169-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2787

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish an Immigration Services and Access Unit within the Office of Community Services to promote immigrant economic self-sufficiency, community inclusion, and integration; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Immigration Services and Access Unit, including for new positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Office of Language Access; Office of Community Services; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; World Education Services; The Legal Clinic; Roots Reborn; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Pacific Gateway Center; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Kaibigan ng Lahaina; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women.

Your Committee finds that while immigrants comprise a significant percentage of the State's population, there is a lack of broad-based, dedicated services for recent immigrants to help them with language access, employment searches, access to health care, and other challenges and opportunities. This measure provides support for the Office of Community Services to fulfill its full legislative mandate to serve the immigrant population through immigration services and programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1170-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to make it unlawful for an employer to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize or threaten any adverse employment action against an employee because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters, or declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from NFIB, Hawaii Chapter; and Society of Human Resource Management Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that political coercion in the workplace is a growing problem affecting workers from all backgrounds and across the political spectrum. Because many workers can be terminated at any time, some employers may try to exercise vast authority over employees' lives, including their political activities or freedom of association. This measure ensures that employees are provided protections if they choose to not attend employer-sponsored meetings that communicate the opinion of the employer about political matters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a definition for "political matters";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1171-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs/Corrections, Military, & Veterans on S.B. No. 2731

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council and two individuals.

Your Committees find that Hawaii special number plates are already available for veterans of certain wars and conflicts. Your Committees further find that creating a special number plate for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars honors and expresses gratitude for their service in protecting the State and nation.

Your Committees have amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs and Corrections, Military, & Veterans that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Culture, Arts, & International Affairs: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Sayama).

Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Takayama).

SCRep. 1172-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Duke Kahanamoku.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ikaika Hawai'i Watermans Academy; Hawaiian Lifeguard Association; Hoemana; Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that Duke Kahanamoku is one of the first internationally recognized Native Hawaiians, known for his contributions as an all-around waterman, a lifeguard and lifesaver, a record-setting swimmer, a five-time Olympic medalist, and Hawaii's original ambassador of aloha. Your Committee therefore finds it appropriate to honor Duke Kahanamoku with a special license plate emblazoned with his name, promoting his legacy of aloha.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii has the second-highest drowning rate in the nation for residents and that drowning is the leading cause of death in Hawaii for keiki ages one to fifteen. The issuance of special number plates as proposed by this measure would not only honor Duke Kahanamoku and recognize his legacy of aloha but also generate funds for programs that promote water safety and swim education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 1173-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 541

The purpose of this measure is to designate January 17 of each year as Reconciliation Day to commemorate the memory of Queen Liliuokalani and the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies and one individual.

Your Committee finds that on January 17, 1893, the Hawaiian monarchy and its sovereign monarch, Queen Liliuokalani, were illegally overthrown. Your Committee believes that it is necessary to recognize and remember this historic date to ensure that future generations are aware of the injustices faced by the Hawaiian people.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 541, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 541, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1174-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 2841

The purpose of this measure is to designate May 15 of each year as Water Safety Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hoemana; Hawaiian Lifeguard Association; Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that between 2018 and 2022, drowning was the leading cause of death for children one to seventeen years of age in Hawaii. Your Committee further find that drowning is a very preventable source of injury or death. Therefore, your Committee finds it beneficial to designate a Water Safety Day each year to spread awareness of drowning and educate youth in becoming safer in and around the water.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2841, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Sayama).

SCRep. 1175-24 Human Services/Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 3279

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the State of Well-Being Project and a timeline for the project to:
 - (A) Assess current tiers of mental health support services; and
 - (B) Enhance existing well-being programming and, when non-existent, build out culturally grounded and community-informed well-being programming to establish mental health support services for key stakeholder communities across the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Office of Wellness and Resilience; CARES; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Elected Officials to Protect America Code Blue Water Solutions; and five individuals.

Your Committees find that current research on health reveals that mental illness is one of the most pressing challenges humanity is facing today. Your Committees further find that untreated mental illness not only negatively affects the individual struggling with mental health issues but also leads to negative statewide outcomes, including increased unemployment, homelessness, domestic violence, violent crime, and school dropout rates. Your Committees believe that establishing a State of Well-Being Project that provides a tiered approach to address statewide mental health concerns would be of great benefit to the State and those individuals in need of mental health support services.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the meaning of and differences between tier 1 and tier 2 mental health support; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Health & Homelessness that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Human Services: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1176-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2529

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "patient's provider" to allow licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants to sign Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment for their patients without a face-to-face encounter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Kōkua Mau; Hospice Hawaii, Inc. dba Navian Hawaii; Hawai'i Care Choices; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) are portable medical orders intended for persons with a chronic debilitating illness or life-limiting disease that provide instructions for the patient's care plan out of a hospital, including the patient's instructions for the provision of resuscitative or life-sustaining measures. Your Committee further finds that language in existing law for POLST forms can be interpreted as requiring a face-to-face encounter between a health care provider and a patient before the POLST form can be signed by the provider. This requirement can result in patients receiving unwanted treatment if a POLST with the most current directions is not in place. This measure aligns Hawaii's POLST law with other states and is intended to reduce unnecessary delays for patients seeking to obtain or update a POLST, while also maintaining appropriate safeguards for patient safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1177-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2017

The purpose of this measure is to require defendants convicted of causing the death of a parent or legal guardian of a minor child or adult dependent child with disabilities by the operation of a vehicle in a negligent manner while under the influence of drugs or alcohol to provide restitution in the form of financial support to each surviving child of the victim.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hawaii; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Your Committee finds that this measure will deter drivers from driving under the influence and support minors through financial hardship that accompanies the loss of a parent or legal guardian.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2017, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2017, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1178-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2216

The purpose of this measure is to amend the manner in which the State Ethics Commission provides advice and conducts investigations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the dynamic nature of the ethical landscape within public service necessitates a continuous evolution of the State's ethics framework. Your Committee believes that a critical element of a strong ethical framework is the capacity to offer prompt advice. This measure enhances the clarity of the advice-seeking process by offering public officials a confidential channel for requesting advice and receiving written summaries.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1179-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2217

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a phased process for adjusting the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the State Ethics Commission to conform with the state fiscal year; and
- (2) Provide for the electronic filing of statements required by the State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the reporting periods for legislators and state employees to disclose gifts to the State Ethics Commission do not line up with the State's fiscal year, which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the next year. Your Committee further finds that existing law regarding statements required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission does not provide for statements to be filed electronically, which would streamline the process and make it easier to submit statements. This measure will align gift reporting requirements with the State's fiscal year and promote efficiency and effectiveness in the administration and enforcement of the State Ethics Code and lobbyist laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2217, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1180-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2405

The purpose of this measure is to authorize campaign funds to be used for a candidate's child care and vital household dependent care costs under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; Common Cause Hawaii; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; Vote Mama Foundation; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Federal Election Commission and thirty-one states have already authorized the use of campaign funds for child care expenses. This measure would allow Hawaii to improve access to democracy by enabling parents and caregivers to campaign for public office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2405, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2405, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1181-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2439

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the statute of limitations for civil actions brought by adults subjected to sexual offenses for a four-year period;
- (2) Allow a claim to be brought against legal entities during the four-year period if there is a finding of gross negligence; and

(3) Authorize a court to award attorney's fees to a defendant when an accusation of sexual abuse was made with no basis in fact and with malicious intent.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Association for Justice; Rainbow Family 808; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and RAINN.

Your Committee finds that victims of sexual abuse may face certain obstacles when filing a civil action against their abusers. However, your Committee recognizes that allowing civil actions to be filed for sexual abuse that occurred decades ago may present various challenges related to evidence and witness availability that may prejudice respondents. This measure attempts to strike a balance between allowing victims of sexual abuse to seek recourse through the judicial system and protecting the right of persons to defend themselves in civil actions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Incorporating its provisions into the existing law regarding civil actions arising from sexual offenses;
- (2) Shortening the period under which an adult victim of sexual abuse may file a claim to one year commencing on July 1, 2024, and limiting claims to sexual abuse that occurred after June 30, 2014;
- (3) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2025;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1182-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2591

The purpose of this measure is to impose a fine of \$1,000 on any private landowner who fails to disclose and record with the Bureau of Conveyances the existence of burial or archaeological sites on their property that the landowner knew or should have known of.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Malama Makua; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the presence of a burial or archaeological site on a property may affect the use of the property. Therefore, it is important that prospective buyers are made aware of any burial or archaeological sites on the property before the completion of a real estate transaction. Disclosing and recording burial and archaeological sites will also make it easier to plan for and protect these sites from damage.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a court of competent jurisdiction is responsible for imposing the fine on private landowners;
- (2) Requiring the fine to also be imposed on private landowners who fail to disclose the burial or archaeological sites in the documents used to offer the real property for sale;
- (3) Requiring the fines to be deposited into the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1183-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2601

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated; and
- (2) Allow a court to order the personnel of a legal entity against whom a claim is brought to undergo training on trauma-informed response to allegations of sexual abuse.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Hawaii Association for Justice; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Imua Alliance; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Church State Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Hawaii Insurers Council.

Your Committee finds that survivors of childhood sexual abuse often do not divulge the truth of their abuse until adulthood, with some survivors delaying disclosure for fifty years or more. This measure will provide victims of childhood sexual abuse a better opportunity to seek justice.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse may be initiated based on when the sexual abuse occurred;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2601, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1184-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3009

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify the responsibilities of the Department of Law Enforcement's Sheriff Division regarding judicial and legislative security; and
- (2) Require the Sheriff Division to pursue, obtain, and maintain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Hawaii State Trial Judges Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee finds that due to the nature of judicial and legislative work there is an escalating problem of threats and safety risks faced by these public agencies and their employees by some members of the public who have negative reactions to government decisions or actions. This measure promotes a coordinated effort between the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of government to provide the security resources necessary to ensure that governance and essential functions continue in the event of an emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3009, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3009, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1185-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3243

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit foreign entities and foreign-influenced business entities from making contributions, expenditures, electioneering communications, or donations for election purposes;
- (2) Require every business entity that contributes or makes an expenditure to a state election to file a statement of certification regarding its limited foreign influence; and
- (3) Require noncandidate committees making only independent expenditures to obtain a statement of certification from each top contributor required to be listed in an advertisement.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Free Speech For People; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State has a compelling interest in securing its democratic self-governance from foreign influence. This measure will protect the integrity of Hawaii's elections and boost public trust in elected representatives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble;
- (2) Deleting language related to foreign-influenced business entities;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3243, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3243, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden, Kong, Souza). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1186-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2758

The purpose of this measure is to authorize civil claims to be made against a business, an owner of a business, or an operator of a business that profits from sexual exploitation or sex trafficking.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Rainbow Family 808; Imua Alliance; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide victims of sexual exploitation or sex trafficking with an avenue for recourse and hold businesses that profit from sex trafficking accountable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the statute of limitations to:
 - (A) Require that a claim be brought within ten years after an act of coercion into sexual exploitation or an act of sex trafficking; and
 - (B) Maintain the existing tolling provisions that were set to be repealed;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2758, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2758, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1187-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 1590

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to assess the steps necessary for the State to supplement federal authority to perform meat inspections within the State;
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to assess the steps necessary to transfer full authority over meat inspections from the federal government to the State; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to establish inspector positions within the Department of Agriculture to conduct meat inspections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Ulupono Initiative; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that it is essential to inspect livestock in order to ensure that consumers are accessing safe meat products. Your Committee further finds that the State has been dependent on the United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service for its meat inspection services since the mid-1990s. Your Committee believes that this measure would help restore the State's capacity and provide another option for meat inspection services for local poultry and livestock.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions for meat inspection to an unspecified number;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Agriculture is requesting three full-time equivalent inspector positions to conduct meat inspections and one full-time equivalent Meat Inspection Supervisor position.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1188-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to allow the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form provides an opportunity for travelers to the State to declare items that may be harboring harmful pests so that they may be intercepted and inspected for pests and other prohibited items. Your Committee further finds that an electronic version of this form may be more efficiently distributed, completed, and transmitted, thereby encouraging compliance and more accurate reporting of items for inspection and resulting in greater biosecurity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the defacing of any declaration form, regardless of whether it is paper or electronic, shall constitute a violation;
- (2) Clarifying the timing of submission for paper and electronic forms;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2079, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1189-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2329

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for mullet production for fishponds and stock enhancement in the State, including for new positions, equipment, maintenance, and operating costs for restorative aquaculture projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Marine Science Learning Center at Wai'anae High School; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Pacific University Oceanic Institute; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Green Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Paepae o He'eia; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that native fish hatcheries contribute to food security, cultural preservation, and education and collaboration by supporting fishponds and aquaculture. Your Committee further finds that to promote aquaculture and the operation and restoration of fishponds, it is essential to equip fish hatcheries with proper resources, including personnel, equipment, maintenance, and operating costs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of Aquatic Biologist V positions, Aquatic Biologist IV positions, Fishery Technician V positions, and Fishery Technician IV positions to unspecified numbers;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee recommends the establishment of two full-time equivalent Aquatic Biologist V positions, two full-time equivalent Aquatic Biologist IV positions, three full-time equivalent Fishery Technician V positions, and one full-time equivalent Fishery Technician IV position to effectuate the purposes of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1190-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2401

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to:

- (1) Each county as a grant-in-aid for the implementation of feral chicken control programs; and
- (2) The Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; Department of Customer Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society.

Your Committee finds that feral chickens are known to be a nuisance in Hawaii's suburban and residential communities. Your Committee further finds that controlling these feral populations via a feral chicken control program and education campaign would best serve the environment, human health, and these animals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion, and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1191-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2413

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature on the percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and actively being used for farming purposes and certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that it is important that the State effectively identify and actively use agricultural lands for farming. Your Committee further finds that this measure and resultant report would provide useful information to ensure that leased agricultural lands are being used for their intended purposes and supporting the State's agricultural industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1192-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2419

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Biosecurity Program of the Department of Agriculture to develop and implement projects for clean plant material, agricultural treatments, diagnostics, and pest management.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Maui County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that invasive species pose an increasing risk to the State's agricultural industry and environmental health and the quality of life of its residents and visitors. Your Committee further finds that this measure would bolster the Department of Agriculture's efforts to mitigate and control risks associated with the importation and spread of invasive species.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2419, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1193-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3025

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make imposition of the fine penalty applicable to any violation of the commercial hemp production licensure requirement as well as restrictions on growing and transporting hemp;
- (2) Repeal the requirement for the adoption of additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting, arising out of the activities of hemp growers; and
- (3) Clarify that the Department of Agriculture shall not require inspections or sampling of hemp that duplicates inspections and sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that existing law requires the Department of Agriculture to create additional rules that address nuisance issues resulting from hemp production, despite the fact that regulations already exist under Department of Health rules and county land use ordinances. Existing law also prohibits the State from imposing penalties on licensed hemp producers for certain violations, such as the illegal use of pesticides or hemp production within buffer zones. Your Committee further finds that this measure would reduce the duplication and confusion arising from the existence of two separate regulatory authorities and strengthen the State's ability to enforce laws and regulations involving hemp production.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3025, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3025, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1194-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3329

The purpose of this measure is to require the disclosure of any little fire ant infestation as part of any sale of residential real property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Pest Control Association.

Your Committee finds that invasive species are a serious threat to the State and that little fire ants are among the most concerning to homeowners, as little fire ants may measurably affect homeowners' quality of life and the value of their real property if offered for sale. Your Committee finds that the existence of a little fire ant infestation is a material fact that should be disclosed to a potential buyer of residential real property and along with specific details on any treatment for the infestation to enable the buyer to make a well-informed decision.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS' testimony that known pest infestations, including little fire ant infestations, are already included among the material facts required to be disclosed by sellers of residential real property and that the existing *Seller's Real Property Disclosure Statement* form asks a seller for the information proposed by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3329, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3329, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1195-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3361

The purpose of this measure is to include oilseed cover crops in the Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Pacific Biodiesel; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that cover crops are known to increase pollinator health and biodiversity, improve soil health, and decrease soil erosion. The Cover Crop Reimbursement Pilot Program, established in 2022, reimburses farming operations for the costs of acquiring cover crop seeds, green manure, and compost. Your Committee finds that oilseed crops, such as camelina, carinata, pennycress, and sunflower, could also be used as cover crops and to locally produce more firm renewable energy and should therefore be included in the Pilot Program to advance the State's progress toward agricultural self-sufficiency, environmental health and a circular economy, and clean energy goals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3361, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3361, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Lowen, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1196-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2094

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to establish a one-year pilot program to allow inmates incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center to foster pets while incarcerated.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Office of the Public Defender; ACLU of Hawai'i; Animal Welfare Institute; Hawaiian Humane Society; and five individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO.

Your Committees find that pet programs that allow incarcerated persons to foster animals can increase the emotional intelligence, coping skills, work ethic, and employability of incarcerated persons. Your Committees further find that pet programs can help alleviate staffing issues and reduce the administrative burden in the State's animal shelters. This measure establishes a one-year pilot program to allow inmates at the Women's Community Correctional Center to foster pets while incarcerated.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note that while the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has expressed that it does not require an appropriation to implement the pilot program at this time, your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$50,000, should it deem an appropriation appropriate.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Corrections, Military, & Veterans and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2094, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2094, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Corrections, Military, & Veterans: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, M. Mizuno).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Miyake).

SCRep. 1197-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2695

The purpose of this measure is to modernize the definition of "personal information" under the law governing security breaches of personal information.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Office of Consumer Protection of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Student Advocates for Responsible Technology; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from ABC Stores; TechNet; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; State Privacy & Security Coalition; CTIA; Consumer Data Industry Association; Hawaii Financial Services Association; and RELX. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Credit Union League; and Hawaii Bankers Association.

Your Committee finds that House Concurrent Resolution No. 225, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (2019), convened the Twenty-First Century Privacy Law Task Force to examine and make recommendations regarding existing privacy laws and regulations to protect the privacy interests of the people of Hawaii. One of the Task Force's recommendations was that the definition of "personal information," under the law governing security breaches of personal information, should be modernized to sufficiently account for additional identifying data elements that would place an individual at risk of identity theft or may compromise the individual's personal safety if the elements are exposed to the public. This measure implements this recommendation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2695, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1198-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2511

The purpose of this measure is to require the Public Utilities Commission to consider the short- and long-term retention and creation of local jobs in its review of electric utility performance.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that performance incentive mechanisms provide financial motivation for electric utilities to improve performance toward established outcomes or to discourage underperformance. Your Committee further finds that the energy sector can and should contribute to economic growth and employment in the State. This measure motivates electric utilities to promote local economic growth by requiring the Public Utilities Commission to consider an electric utility's performance with respect to short- and long-term retention and creation of local jobs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2511, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2511, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1199-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2727

The purpose of this measure is to allow condominiums to participate in a commercial property assessed financing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Palehua Townhouse Association; Island Insurance Companies; PACE Loan Group; Hawaii Insurers Council; Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter; Parkland Gardens AOA; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Holomua Collaborative; Hawaii First Realty LLC; C-PACE Alliance, Inc.; Nuveen Green Capital; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; CastleGreen Finance, LLC; AOA at Pat's at Punalu'u; Hawai'i Energy; aio; Hawai'i Gas; Hawaii Community Foundation; HPM Building Supply; HVCA; Mana Up; Tori Richard, Ltd.; Ulupono Initiative; Contessa Condominium; Petros PACE Finance, LLC; Heritage House Condominium; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Bankers Association; Hawaii Credit Union League; and Kokua Council.

Your Committee finds that more than two hundred eighty-one high-rise residential buildings, primarily condominiums developed before 1975, have failed to pass safety evaluations due to the lack of fire sprinklers or other safety requirements. Your Committee further finds that the costs to install fire safety measures are substantial for condominiums. This measure would provide a mechanism to finance fire safety, renewable energy, and other efficiency and resiliency measures at more attractive terms for condominiums.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the parameter for whether a condominium property regime is included within the definition of "commercial property" to be based on whether the condominium property regime has six or more units, rather than the height of the building;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1200-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2977

The purpose of this measure is to impose a penalty for unlicensed individuals performing certain work that requires a contractor license, including the offering or performing of repairs or improvements to existing structures and property and tearing down or rebuilding structures and property that were damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Consumer Protection; Contractors License Board; Subcontractors Association of Hawaii; and Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that, following a significant weather event, unscrupulous individuals may take advantage of homeowners by convincing the homeowners to hire these individuals to perform significant rehab work, including building a whole new structure, without the required license and necessary accompanying expertise.

Your Committee further finds that existing law imposes a penalty for unlicensed contracting following a disaster. However, this is limited to when a person is performing repairs. As such, the existing law does not adequately protect homeowners following an event, such as the 2023 Maui wildfires, where many structures will need to be wholly rebuilt, rather than simply repaired. This measure expands the existing prohibition on unlicensed contracting following a disaster to address situations in which improvements are necessary following a disaster.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the imposition of the penalty provided in this measure is discretionary, rather than mandatory;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2977, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2977, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1201-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2992

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to convene an Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review beginning July 1, 2025, and every ten years thereafter.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee finds that the chapters of the Hawaii Revised Statutes relating to mental health and involuntary transport, examination, hospitalization, and treatment have been amended in a piecemeal manner over the past several decades, leading to a lack of clarity and inconsistency. Your Committee further finds that establishing a mechanism to ensure regular and systematic review of the State's mental health laws is essential to maintaining the coherence and effectiveness of those laws. The Advisory Committee on Mental Health Code Review that is proposed by this measure will advance the State's overall goal of improving mental health in the State, particularly for those who are unable to help themselves.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health to convene the advisory committee beginning July 1, 2024, rather than July 1, 2025;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2992, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2992, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1202-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.R. No. 23

The purpose of this measure is to urge all State departments and agencies to address disinformation and digital hate speech by:

- (1) Developing public safety plans to protect public institutions and employees from threats of violence that are organized online;
- (2) Increasing access to media literacy and training in how to effectively identify and respond to disinformation and digital hate speech;
- (3) Establishing trauma-informed protocols to assist those who are targeted and harmed by disinformation and digital hate speech; and
- (4) Making any necessary amendments to rules and policies to address disinformation and hate speech

Your Committee received testimony in support from Democratic Party of Hawaii and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that disinformation and digital hate speech have been linked to a global increase in violence towards minorities. Sixty four percent of teenagers have encountered hate speech on social media. Your Committee finds that government officials, employees and citizens are regularly subjected to threats of violence which corrodes democracy. Your Committee further finds that this resolution will provide safe guards for democracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 23 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Marten, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Garcia).

SCRep. 1203-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.C.R. No. 34

The purpose of this measure is to urge all State departments and agencies to address disinformation and digital hate speech by:

- (1) Developing public safety plans to protect public institutions and employees from threats of violence that are organized online;
- (2) Increasing access to media literacy and training in how to effectively identify and respond to disinformation and digital hate speech;
- (3) Establishing trauma-informed protocols to assist those who are targeted and harmed by disinformation and digital hate speech; and
- (4) Making any necessary amendments to rules and policies to address disinformation and hate speech

Your Committee received testimony in support from Democratic Party of Hawaii, Hawaii Alliance for Progressive Action and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that disinformation and digital hate speech have been linked to a global increase in violence towards minorities. Sixty four percent of teenagers have encountered hate speech on social media. Your Committee finds that government officials, employees and citizens are regularly subjected to threats of violence which corrodes democracy. Your Committee further finds that this resolution will provide safe guards for democracy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 34 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Marten, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Garcia).

SCRep. 1204-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2240

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to file an application with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization;
- (2) Require the State and each county to use the information and services made available by the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., to verify their voter registration rolls; and
- (3) Require the Office of Elections to request an appropriation from the Legislature, before fiscal year 2025-2026, for the State's annual membership dues to the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., also known as ERIC, is a nonprofit organization that uses secure data-matching tools to help member states improve the accuracy of their voter registration rolls. With nearly half of the United States participating in ERIC, your Committee believes that Hawaii would benefit greatly from the information and services provided by ERIC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the Campaign Spending Commission's funding request of \$149,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to join ERIC.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1205-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2520

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Attorney General to defend professionally licensed or certified state employees in civil actions or proceedings when the employee was acting within the scope of their employment and was not grossly negligent, wanton, or uncooperative;
- (2) Clarify that professionally licensed or certified state employees may employ their own attorneys at their own expense; and
- (3) Establish a process for the Attorney General to transfer or withdraw representation if the Attorney General declines to defend a professionally licensed or certified state employee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Hawaii Association for Justice; and Hawaii State AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that this measure would further strengthen the legal protections for governmental employees when exercising their professional judgment, which will enable the State to attract and retain qualified employees who may otherwise fear that they would be held personally and financially liable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the preamble;
- (2) Clarifying when the Attorney General must work with the professionally licensed or certified state employee to amicably transfer representation to the successor counsel;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1206-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2927

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to make the appointment and senate consent procedure for district court judges the same as the appointment and senate consent procedure for supreme court justices and intermediate court of appeals and circuit court judges.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the existing senate consent process for district court judges, whereby a district court appointee is automatically considered rejected if not consented to by the Senate within thirty days of receipt of the appointment, is inefficient. The Hawaii State Legislature is a part-time legislature, which means that the Senate must convene special sessions throughout the year for the sole purpose of consenting to district court appointments. Your Committee believes that it would be more fiscally prudent and efficient for district court appointments to be automatically considered consented to if the Senate fails to reject the appointment within thirty days.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1207-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2687

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit a person from distributing, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media to impact elections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Charter Communications.

Your Committee finds that the use of deepfakes or generative artificial intelligence in elections can be a powerful tool used to spread misinformation, which can result in an increase in political tensions and electoral-related conflict and violence. This measure would add Hawaii to the growing list of states that regulate the use of deepfake and generative artificial intelligence technologies to impact elections, ensuring the integrity of the election process and protecting voters from misinformation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the conduct that is prohibited under the offense of distribution of materially deceptive media;
- (2) Amending the exception for broadcasters to include broadcasters, cable operators, or streaming services that were not involved in the creation of the materially deceptive media;
- (3) Authorizes the Campaign Spending Commission to assess a fine or refer a violation for criminal prosecution;
- (4) Deleting the definition of "depicted individual" and clarifying the definition of "materially deceptive media";
- (5) Authorizing the Campaign Spending Commission, instead of a Commissioner of the Campaign Spending Commission, to bring a cause of action for injunctive or other equitable relief;
- (6) Clarifying that the court's authority to award reasonable attorney's fees and costs to plaintiffs that obtain permanent injunctive relief does not apply to the Campaign Spending Commission if it is represented by a state attorney;
- (7) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1208-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2983

The purpose of this measure is to regulate charitable fundraising platforms and activities of platform charities during declared federal disasters.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that this measure will prevent any deception, confusion, or misunderstanding that may arise from the use of charitable fundraising platforms and activities of platform charities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adopting the amendments provided by the Department of the Attorney General that:
 - (A) Regulates charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities under existing Hawaii laws;
 - (B) Expands applicability to include the regulation of charitable fundraising on internet platforms at all times, not only when a federal disaster is declared; and
 - (C) Delays implementation until January 1, 2026, to allow sufficient time for the Department of the Attorney General to make necessary changes;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1209-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3008

The purpose of this measure is to propose amendments to article VII, sections 12 and 13, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to:

- (1) Expressly provide that the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions, such as the counties, to issue tax increment bonds; and
- (2) Exclude tax increment bonds from determinations of the funded debt of the political subdivisions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Stadium Authority; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Move Oahu Forward; NAIOP Hawaii; Hawaiian Electric; and Stanford Carr Development, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that tax increment financing allows a portion of property taxes in excess of a base assessed value to be dedicated to finance the costs of a project through the issuance of bonds. Although statutory law permits the counties to provide for tax increment financing and issue tax increment bonds, tax increment bonds are not clearly listed in the types of bonds that the counties may issue under the Hawaii State Constitution. This measure would clearly authorize this method of financing for public works, public improvements, and other actions by the counties within the tax increment districts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3008, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3008, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1210-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2526

The purpose of this measure is to requires the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group to assist the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in working with certain state agencies to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology system or data set and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements. This measure also extends the Working Group's dissolution date to June 30, 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and Servpac.

Your Committee finds that this measure helps to safeguard and ensure the uninterrupted availability of government information technology systems and essential public services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (M. Mizuno, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 1211-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 3192

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports the University of Hawaii's efforts and crucial role in helping to diversify Hawaii's economy by promoting research, discovery, and commercial innovation. Your Committee further finds that this measure provides express statutory authority to the University to sponsor and directly participate in the transformation of innovations created by its researchers into viable commercial enterprises.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Marten, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Garcia).

SCRep. 1212-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2817

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate monies to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources to establish five full-time equivalent (5.0 FTE) faculty positions for additional extension specialists and extension agents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the College of Tropical Agriculture Human Resources of the University of Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and University of Hawaii Professional Assembly.

Your Committee finds that the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources' Extension Service provides vital, on-the-ground assistance to farmers and ranchers across the State. This measure will support those efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Modifying the position for an extension specialist in water quality and conservation in the County of Maui from an extension specialist to an extension agent;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider granting the appropriations for the full-time equivalent (FTE) positions a recurring general fund designation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2817, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2817, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (M. Mizuno, Quinlan, Todd).

SCRep. 1213-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2527

The purpose of this measure is to promote the development of the high technology industry in the State by:

- (1) Temporarily reinstating the Technology Infrastructure Renovation Tax Credit;
- (2) Amending the definition of "renovation costs" to include the repair, replacement, monitoring, and testing of technology-enabled infrastructure machinery; and
- (3) Expanding the definition of "technology-enabled infrastructure" to include data servers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric; Servpac; and Charter Communications. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this measure strengthens the resiliency, development, and expansion of Hawaii's high-technology sector.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Taxation indicated that the expected revenue losses for fiscal year 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 are estimated to be \$400,000 and \$500,000, respectively.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2527, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Marten, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Garcia).

SCRep. 1214-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 2657

The purpose of this measure is to establish Makahiki Commemoration Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Makahiki season is an ancient Hawaiian New Year festival that honors the god Lono, celebrates bountiful harvest, and is a time for peace, resting, and feasting. Due to its great cultural importance in Hawaiian tradition, your Committee believes that the State should designate a day of each year to celebrate the opening of the Makahiki season.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider designating Makahiki Commemoration Day as one of the kapu Hua days of Mōhala, Hua, or Akua of the lunar month of 'Ikuā and consider inserting provisions to establish a process to determine and publicize the equivalent day of the Gregorian calendar on which the State should commemorate the Makahiki season.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1215-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 3122

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to issue public health standing orders for evidence-based health care screenings that have received the highest recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from AlohaCare and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that standing orders are protocols that authorize designated members of a health care team, such as nurses or medical assistants, to complete certain clinical tasks without having to first obtain a physician order. Your Committee further finds that several studies have demonstrated that standing orders can increase the delivery of routine preventive care services, including immunizations. This measure is intended to improve public health by creating quicker and easier patient access to preventive care, which can in turn move routine care out of the exam room and create more time for health care providers to address individualized patient care.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring public health standing orders to include language informing patients that there may be out-of-pocket costs associated with accessing services;
- (2) Requiring an entity providing items or services pursuant to a public health standing order to provide the items or services to a patient after certain requirements have been met;
- (3) Establishing a Public Health Standing Orders Working Group;
- (4) Inserting a repeal date of June 30, 2027;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1216-24 Housing on S.B. No. 1170

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to issue affordable housing credits, until June 30, 2031, for affordable housing units that are constructed under various Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; 'Ikenākea Development LLC; EAH Housing; NAIOP Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i and Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that the State is in dire need of more affordable housing. To add to housing challenges already faced by Hawaii residents, interest rates for residential mortgages have reached a forty-year high. The recent increases in interest rates have resulted in a lower sales price for certain units built under the housing development programs overseen by the Hawaii Housing Development Corporation, due to sales price limitations tied into area median income limitations. This measure will provide a means for housing developers to fulfill their affordable housing requirements with less risk, thereby increasing the supply of affordable housing for residents of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the counties to impose a geographic constraint on the transfer of affordable housing credits with a minimum radius of five miles by public road;
- (2) Specifying that no housing credits shall be issued until a certificate of occupancy has been issued;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1217-24 Housing on S.B. No. 2133

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects;
- (2) Exempt bonds issued by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes, with exceptions;
- (3) Include proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts; and
- (4) Authorize regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and NAIOP Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the costs of off-site infrastructure and lack of sufficient infrastructure are major barriers to developing affordable housing in the State. The costs of off-site infrastructure are typically paid by private housing developers, who then pass the cost on to homebuyers and renters. This measure provides an alternative financing option for regional infrastructure development and improvements, thereby allowing the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to facilitate the development of infrastructure for new affordable housing projects across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2133, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1218-24 Housing on S.B. No. 3120

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the position of Housing Policy and Program Coordinator in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority;
- (2) Clarify that the employment of certain positions and the adjustment of their salaries are authorized by the Executive Director of Hawaii Public Housing Authority and not the Board of Directors; and
- (3) Repeal the wage ceiling requirement for positions in the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that the federal government created numerous rule changes through the Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act and Fair Housing Act. In addition, there is the pending implementation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate to assist in improving low-income public housing quality and the health and safety of public housing tenants. Your Committee believes that these new and future policy and program changes will need to be effectively and efficiently researched, coordinated, implemented, and monitored by an expert, such as a Housing Policy and Program Coordinator.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Executive Director of Hawaii Public Housing Authority shall set the salaries of certain positions to the extent that the Board of Directors delegates this authority to the Executive Director;

- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3120, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3120, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1219-24 Housing on S.B. No. 2337

The purpose of this measure is to, until June 30, 2028, expand the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing low- and moderate-income housing projects and mixed-use developments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; Pacific Resource Partnership; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the counties are authorized to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for developing, constructing, and providing low- and moderate-income housing; however, they are not authorized to use affordable housing bonds to develop mixed-use developments. This measure seeks to provide the counties with the same authority as the Corporation with respect to mixed-use development, which will enable the counties to implement their general plans and create communities that offer residents a choice of housing options that are in close proximity to schools, recreation, and commercial centers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the sunset date; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1220-24 Housing on S.B. No. 3121

The purpose of this measure is to clarify certain powers and responsibilities of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority regarding certain housing projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

Your Committee finds that concentrating public housing for extremely low-income families in dense urban areas has shown to be an ineffective use of scarce affordable housing resources. Your Committee further finds that a shift has been made to instead create financially viable and socially stable mixed-income housing by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Your Committee believes that mixed-income and mixed-finance redevelopment is an attractive option that will contribute to the economic and social diversity and stability of the overall community in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3121, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3121, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kila).

SCRep. 1221-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2308

The purpose of this measure is to establish additional penalties for persons convicted of speeding in a school zone.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Education; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that despite the existence of speed reduction laws in school zones, nationwide approximately twenty-five thousand students are injured in a school zone-related accident each year. Your Committee further finds that the most common contributing factors to school zone-related accidents are speed and distracted drivers. Your Committee believes that increasing penalties for those convicted of speeding in a school zone will help deter motorists from committing future violations; however your Committee believes the Court should have discretion in whether to impose the increased penalties.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring, the imposition of additional penalties for persons convicted of speeding in a school zone; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2308, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2308, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1222-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2450

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Transportation to:

- (1) Establish a maximum gross weight limit for ocean transport containers; and
- (2) Weigh any ocean transport container offloaded at any harbor in the State and impose a fine on any company that offloads an ocean transport container that exceeds the maximum gross weight limit.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee believes that this measure is necessary to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the State's harbors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2450, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2450, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1223-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2735

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Examiner of Drivers to test applicants for driver's licenses on the applicant's knowledge of the dangers posed by larger motor vehicles, including trucks and sport utility vehicles, to pedestrians and bicyclists; and
- (2) Persons who commit the offense of excessive speeding or habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to retake and pass a driver's license examination for each offense.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Your Committee finds that so far in 2024, over a third of traffic fatalities in the State involved a pedestrian. While the total number of traffic fatalities has decreased since 2023, the number of traffic fatalities involving a pedestrian has increased. Your Committee believes that providing educational opportunities to make drivers-in-training aware of the dangers larger motor vehicles pose to pedestrians and bicyclists, as done by this measure, will assist in reducing traffic fatalities to zero by 2050.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1224-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2747

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules requiring tour aircraft operators maintain minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice and Blue Hawaiian. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Jack Harter Helicopters.

Your Committee finds that establishing minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage requirements for tour aircraft operations will enhance and incentivize safety in the State's tour aircraft operator industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1225-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2943

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Commercial Drivers Workforce Working Group to address the State's current and future needs for commercial driver's license holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Education; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that as the State is geographically isolated from the mainland United States, efficient transportation is critical for the survival of Hawaii's population and tourism industry. Your Committee further finds that because storage space is limited within the State, commercial driver's license holders play a pivotal role in moving shipments from docks and airports to store shelves. Your Committee notes that this measure is a step toward addressing

the growing crisis of a shortage of commercial drivers by establishing a working group to develop and implement a strategic plan that encourages employment in the commercial driver's field to ensure the State's economic and social well-being.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Dissolving the working group on June 30, 2025;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1226-24 Higher Education & Technology/Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2782

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to develop multilingual accessibility standards, in consultation with the Office of Language Access, to provide technical guidance to state entities regarding public access to vital information and documents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Office of Enterprise Technology Services; Office of Language Access; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; The Legal Clinic; Roots Reborn; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center; and five individuals.

Your Committees find that this measure is a reasonable step to ensure that persons with limited English proficiency have meaningful access to state government services, programs, and activities.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note that the Office of Enterprise Technology Services is unable to perform the tasks proposed in this measure without additional financial support.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Higher Education & Technology and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Quinlan, Woodson).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1227-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2156

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct maintenance dredging at state small boat harbors, boat launch ramp facilities, and other state boating facilities and waterways, including design, permitting, and dredging work, as identified by the Department.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; O'ahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association; Malama Charters; Wailoa River and Reeds Bay Boating and Users Association; Captain Kimo's Hawaiian Adventures; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that maintenance dredging is critical to the maintenance of small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure in Hawaii. Your Committee recognizes that the current process of waiting until dredging is imminent to appropriate funds and following with the initiation of the permitting process creates a haphazard system for the allocation of funds and the issuance of permits. This disorganized process contributes to deteriorating conditions at these facilities when increased amounts of marine sediment and foreign debris accumulate, sometimes building to a height that, if not cleared immediately, can damage the hulls of ships. This measure will appropriate the necessary funds to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in continuing to conduct maintenance dredging projects across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2156, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1228-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2842

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Wildfire Mitigation Working Group to develop a state wildfire mitigation plan and to advise and make recommendations to state agencies concerning the State's wildfire safety and prevention efforts.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii State Fire Council; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Lāhainā Strong; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group proposed by this measure will help the State improve its efforts at wildfire safety, prevention, preparedness, and mitigation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Not explicitly specifying that the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group is established within the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (2) Clarifying that the Chairperson of the State Fire Council may designate a designee to serve on and as co-chair of the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group;
- (3) Changing the working group member representing the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency from the Executive Officer to the Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency;
- (4) Removing certain responsibilities of the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group, including:
 - (A) Developing and making recommendations to the Public Utilities Commission related to utility wildfire safety and mitigation performance metrics;
 - (B) Developing and making recommendations related to the contents of electric utility wildfire mitigation and protection plans and plan updates; and
 - (C) Providing other advice and recommendations related to wildfire safety, as requested by the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (5) Requiring the Wildfire Mitigation Working Group to submit the state wildfire mitigation plan and a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature by December 1, 2026;
- (6) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2842, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashem).

SCRep. 1229-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3153

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to receive funds for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund for purposes of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program was established to financially assist owners of private dams and appurtenances to keep them properly maintained. Your Committee further finds that the original appropriation for the Program will lapse prior to the establishment of grant application rules and processes by the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This measure provides for a special fund to receive and preserve the availability of funds for the Program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriations into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to unspecified amounts;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider inserting appropriation amounts of \$10,000,000 into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1230-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 3154

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that failure to comply with approved mitigation commitments, conduct an archaeological inventory survey, or comply with other administrative requirements pertaining to archaeology approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall result in civil and administrative violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Historic Hawai'i Foundation; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will provide the State Historic Preservation Division with more flexibility in regulating archaeological activities in Hawaii and protecting burial sites and historic properties.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1231-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2697

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to revoke the license of an architect who has been, or caused a government employee to be, convicted of a criminal offense involving the acceptance of a bribe.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects.

Your Committee finds that public corruption by government officials who use their public office to obtain personal gain is the ultimate betrayal of the public's trust. To restore public trust, there must be adequate accountability for all parties involved. Your Committee further finds that when public corruption involves a person licensed as an architect, the architect's professional license is not revoked upon a judgment of conviction. Instead, the architect's professional license remains in good standing until there is a formal petition and hearing. This measure promotes accountability by requiring the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to revoke the license of an architect who has been, or caused a government employee to be, convicted of a criminal offense involving the acceptance of a bribe.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2697, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2697, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1232-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2834

The purpose of this measure is to establish a process for a landlord to dispose of a deceased tenant's personal property and take possession of the dwelling unit following the death of the tenant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that, under existing law, there is no explicit guidance for a landlord to take possession of a dwelling unit in the event of a tenant's death. As a result, the death of a tenant can delay returning the dwelling unit to the landlord for a significant amount of time. This measure provides proper guidance for the surrender of the dwelling unit to the landlord and the disposal of the deceased tenant's personal property following the tenant's death.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing a family member who comes forward to be considered the representative for purposes of commencing the process for disposing of the deceased tenant's personal property;
- (2) Clarifying that the time periods specified in this measure are computed in calendar days;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1233-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2170

The purpose of this measure is to replace the existing Mixed Martial Arts Program with a new regulatory framework by incorporating combat sports under the existing Boxing Commission of Hawaii, and renaming the Commission the Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Nokanet.

Your Committee finds that mixed martial arts allow for the use of striking and grappling techniques; standing and on-the-ground combat; and blend boxing, wrestling, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai, kickboxing, karate, judo, and other combat styles. Your Committee further finds that a regulatory commission specializing in combat sports may further promote the State's ability to attract major combat sports events. This measure seeks to allow for the growth of mixed martial arts in the State through a regulatory commission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing language that incorporated combat sports under the existing Boxing Commission of Hawaii and renamed the Commission the Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii, with language that establishes a Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii separate from the Boxing Commission of Hawaii; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2170, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2170, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Pierick). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1234-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3083

The purpose of this measure is to adopt the revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model No. 440, the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Tradewind Group; and American Council of Life Insurers.

Your Committee finds that the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act has, since the 1970s, provided state insurance departments with a framework for insurance group supervision. In 2020, the NAIC adopted revisions that established group capital calculation filing requirements and liquidity stress test reporting.

Your Committee further finds that the group capital calculation provides United States solvency regulators with an additional analytical tool for conducting group-wide supervision and assists regulators in holistically understanding the financial condition of non-insurance entities. The group capital calculation provides key financial information on the insurance group; quantifies risk across the insurance group; supports transparency into how capital is allocated; and aids in understanding whether and to what degree insurance companies are supporting the operations of non-insurance entities. The group capital calculation is intended to satisfy the group capital assessment requirements of the Covered Agreements made between the United States and the European Union and United Kingdom. Without the group capital calculation, any supervisor in the European Union or United Kingdom could impose its own group capital calculation on a United States group operating in the European Union or United Kingdom and all United States insurers within that group.

Your Committee additionally finds that the liquidity stress test was developed to provide state insurance regulators with insights into a key macroprudential risk monitored by the Financial Stability Oversight Council and other jurisdictions internationally, while also enhancing group supervision. The liquidity stress test requires insurers to file the results of a specific year's liquidity stress test to the lead state insurance commissioner. This measure provides the Insurance Division with greater tools to properly conduct insurance group supervision and will enable the Division to maintain its accreditation status with the NAIC.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Insurance Commissioner may adopt the most recent versions of certain NAIC publications by order and without regard to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1235-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3220

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the authority to enforce the Motor Carrier Law from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that, under the Motor Carrier Law, the Public Utilities Commission regulates passenger and property motor carriers transporting passengers or property for compensation or hire on public highways. Passenger carriers are classified by authorized vehicle seating capacity and include tour companies, limousine services, and other transportation providers. Property carriers are classified by the types of commodities transported and the nature of services performed, namely: general commodities, household goods, commodities in dump trucks, and specific commodities.

However, your Committee further finds that the significant number of regulated motor carriers (1,741 at the end of Fiscal Year 2023) has left the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law lacking. The Department of Transportation has a larger number of enforcement officers who may provide for better and more consistent enforcement of motor carriers statewide. This measure therefore transfers the enforcement authority of the Motor Carrier Law from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) For purposes of the laws governing public utilities in general, deleting language regarding the scope of a motor vehicle safety officer's enforcement authority that is duplicative of language in the existing Motor Carrier Law and inconsistent with the amendments to the Motor Carrier Law under this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1236-24 Human Services on S.B. No. 2245

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Add a definition for "exigent circumstances" under the Child Protective Act;
- (2) Amend the definition of "imminent harm" under the Child Protective Act;
- (3) Authorize a child's family to consent to protective custody or temporary foster custody of the child;
- (4) Clarify the circumstances when police officers shall assume protective custody of a child and when the Department of Human Services shall assume temporary foster custody of a child; and

- (5) Authorize the Department of Human Services to file a petition and seek an ex parte motion for protective custody if there is reasonable cause to believe that a child is subject to imminent harm.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Judiciary; Honolulu Police Department; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2024), a substantially similar measure, was previously passed by the House. Your Committee further finds that H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 2, updates and clarifies the procedures for removing children from unsafe homes, with and without court orders, while taking into consideration concerns regarding maintaining family integrity, the due process rights of parents, and federal case law. Your Committee also finds that H.B. 2428, H.D. 2, is preferable as it incorporates recommendations suggested by the Attorney General.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2428, H.D. 2, a measure that:
 - (A) Adds a definition for "exigent circumstances" and amends the definitions of "harm" and "imminent harm" under the Child Protective Act;
 - (B) Clarifies when the police may take protective custody of a child and when the Department of Human Services may assume temporary foster custody of a child when exigent circumstances are present;
 - (C) Creates a judicial process for filing a petition for an order for protective custody, including the circumstances where such an order may be issued without notice and without a hearing; and
 - (D) Contains an effective date of July 1, 3000;
- (2) Clarifying the time frame for the filing of initial reports associated with an ex parte motion for protective custody; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1237-24 Housing/Tourism on S.B. No. 2919

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the counties to regulate the time, place, manner, and duration in which uses of land and structures may take place;
- (2) Authorize the counties to amortize or phase out transient accommodation uses in residential or agricultural zoned areas; and
- (3) Expand the definition of "transient accommodations" to include certain shelters and vehicles with sleeping accommodations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Puukukui Owners/Residents Neighborhood Organization; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Lāhainā Strong; Hawaii Hotel Alliance; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Save Our North Shore Neighborhoods; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; The American Hotel and Lodging Association; Hawai'i Hotel Alliance; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii First Realty LLC; O'ahu Short Term Rental Alliance; Papakea G205; Hawai'i Mid and Short-Term Rental Alliance; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; West Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Kapalua Ridge Resort; Essencia Cleaners; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i Island REALTORS; Kaua'i Board of REALTORS; Kihei Oasis Vacation Rental-Maui; Maui Vacation Rental Association; REALTORS Association of Maui, Inc.; Airbnb; Hawaii Legal Short Term Rental Alliance; IRC Cleaning; Rental By Owner Awareness Association; Ocean Breeze Hideaway; Hodge Capital; Kona Kai LLC; O'ahu Short Term Rental Alliance; Rentals Maui, Inc.; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Beachside Realty, LLC; Kama'āina Occupied Short-Term Rentals O'ahu; Honolulu Board of REALTORS; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Ohana Aina Association; Hale Alana Vacation Rental; Airbnb Public Policy, Hawai'i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committees find that certain transient vacation rental units are permitted to operate in the State through zoning laws adopted in each county. Your Committees further find that other transient vacation rental units continue operating only by virtue of their status as legal, nonconforming uses that have been grandfathered in. This measure is intended to address this legal loophole by allowing the counties to amortize or phase out certain transient vacation rentals.

Your Committees also find that the existing housing supply in the State is insufficient to ensure that residents remain in Hawaii. With more and more residents moving away in search of affordable housing, your Committees believe the State and counties need to be more proactive in increasing the housing supply. This measure clarifies the counties' statutorily granted zoning authority regarding phasing out or amortizing certain vacation rentals and is intended to empower the counties to determine what is in the public good for each respective county, including the flexibility to address community-specific concerns.

Your Committees note the concerns that this measure may have an unintended consequence of taxing houseless individuals who reside in their vehicle by expanding the scope of the transient accommodations tax law to include vehicles with sleeping accommodations. Your Committees further note that under the existing definition of "transient accommodation", individuals who are legally residing in their vehicle would be protected from paying the transient accommodations tax, so long as these individuals are not leasing or letting their vehicle for consideration to a transient for less than one hundred eighty days.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that transient vacation rental units, rather than transient accommodation uses, may be amortized or phased out in an area of any zoning classification;
- (2) Defining "transient vacation rental unit"; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Tourism that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Matsumoto). Noes, 1 (Onishi). Excused, none.
 Tourism: Ayes, 4. Noes, 2 (Kong, Pierick). Excused, 2 (La Chica, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1238-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2537

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Chief Energy Officer, not the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, shall be responsible for supporting the renewable portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019, transferred the duties and responsibilities of the State Energy Coordinator and the functions of the Renewable Energy Facilitator and the then-existing State Energy Office to a newly created Hawaii State Energy Office and Chief Energy Officer. Your Committee further finds that as an oversight, Act 122 did not provide the Chief Energy Officer with the responsibility to support renewable portfolio standards and report on certain energy matters and finds that these responsibilities should be under the Chief Energy Officer's purview.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1239-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 3103

The purpose of this measure is to require persons who construct a renewable energy generation project sited in the State to provide a signed attestation or declaration regarding compliance with project labor standards to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii State Energy Office; Pacific Resource Partnership; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; and Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric and Tesla.

Your Committees find that this measure will stimulate the economy and help the State move toward the goal of one hundred percent renewable energy by 2045. Requiring new large-scale renewable energy projects to pay a prevailing wage will help ensure that workers are compensated fairly and that certain requirements for federal funding or credits are met. Your Committees further find that this measure will provide jobs and opportunities in the State for the renewable energy and construction industries.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the definition of "construction" to exclude off-site construction and fabrication and post-construction equipment testing or inspection;
- (2) Adding a definition for "renewable energy";
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Sayama, Tam, Alcos).

SCRep. 1240-24 Health & Homelessness/Transportation on S.B. No. 3126

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an emergency aeromedical services partnership program administered by the Department of Health in partnership with rural counties.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – West Hawaii Region; one member of the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Hawai'i Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; The Queen's Health System; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Global Medical Response; Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, Inc.; Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Mauna Kea Resort; Hawaii Community Federal Credit Union; Friends of First Responders; Save Medicaid Hawaii; Indivisible Hawai'i Healthcare Team; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i.

Your Committees find that the State is currently serviced by a single private sector air ambulance provider. Although commercial airlines sometimes transport patients, the commercial carriers are not equipped for advanced life support patients. As a result, if the private air ambulance service is not operational, there are few transportation options available for sick patients. Your Committees further find that a partnership that would share the cost of an air ambulance, such as the one between the Department of Health and the County of Maui, is one means of improving emergency aeromedical services in the State. Your Committees believe that implementing the Maui model across the State will increase the availability of aeromedical transport to all the State's residents. Your Committees note that, excluding the initial cost of purchasing a suitable air ambulance vehicle, the yearly cost of operating one air ambulance unit would be approximately \$4,000,000.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health & Homelessness and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Health & Homelessness: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Transportation: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1241-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2951

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds and establish positions for the Agribusiness Development Corporation to maintain and improve the East Kauai Irrigation System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Office of the Mayor County of Kaua'i; County of Kauai Office of Economic Development; Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC; Ulupono Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative; Kalepa Coalition; and Kekaha Agriculture Association.

Your Committee finds that the East Kauai Irrigation System is a critical source of water in the region that supports agricultural production in Hawaii. The East Kauai Irrigation System is also a century-old system that requires repair, renovation, and improvements. This measure will provide the necessary funding for the maintenance and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System to ensure the System continues to provide irrigation water to farm operations in East Kauai.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation for maintenance of and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the number of positions established within the Agribusiness Development Corporation to an unspecified number;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider:

- (1) Appropriating \$750,000 for maintenance of and improvements to the East Kauai Irrigation System; and
- (2) Appropriating funds for three full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions within the Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2951, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2951, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1242-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2814

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with the Agribusiness Development Corporation and counties, to conduct a water infrastructure study for the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for the statewide water infrastructure study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Ulupono Initiative; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that water projects are of critical importance to overall food production within the State and must be accurately categorized, properly maintained, and effectively managed. Your Committee further finds that developing an inventory of agricultural water infrastructure through a study is necessary to track the condition and maintenance needs of the State's agricultural water infrastructure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the study shall be an agricultural water infrastructure study;
- (2) Changing the deadline for report submittal to November 1, 2026;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2814, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2814, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1243-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 1258

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement an improved management system for the Kaena Point State Park, Makua and Keawaula regions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Malama Makua and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii State Aha Moku. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Makua and Keawaula sections of Kaena Point State Park are of great importance to the State and the Native Hawaiian community. Historically, these areas have been known primarily for traditional Native Hawaiian practices, including fishing practices, warrior training, and medicinal practices, and are places of cultural enlightenment and healing. Your Committee further finds that specific areas within the Makua and Keawaula sections of Kaena Point State Park were closed to overnight access because of overuse and abuse from illegal driving on the beach, unmanaged camping, harmful fishing and gathering practices, and other recreational uses that resulted in hazardous accumulations of rubbish and human waste. Although these

areas were intended to reopen with a proper management system in place that encompasses Hawaiian management values, this proper management system has not been implemented. Your Committee believes that a proper management system for these areas is long overdue and the implementation of an improved management system, as required by this measure, will improve public safety and environmental protection.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the improved management system shall be for the Kaena Point State Park, Makua and Keawaula sections, that is unique and tailored to address the specific public access and natural and cultural resource needs of the two significant and undeveloped portions of Kaena Point State Park;
- (2) Clarifying certain requirements of the Department of Land and Natural Resources in developing and implementing the improved management system;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1244-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2721

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that violations of part I of chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to ocean recreation and coastal areas programs, or any rules adopted thereunder, are subject to criminal penalties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ocean Tourism Collation; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to strengthen enforcement efforts against violations of Hawaii's ocean recreation and coastal areas programs laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting all proposed amendments to section 200-14(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and replacing them with a provision that makes it a petty misdemeanor to violate any provision of chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or rule adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources relating to reckless or unauthorized operation of a vessel, unauthorized mooring of a vessel, unauthorized commercial activity, unauthorized camping within state small boat harbors or boating facilities, animal abandonment within state small boat harbors or boating facilities, or creation of animal colonies within state small boat harbors or boating facilities;
- (2) Removing the requirement that individuals knowingly or intentionally violate any rule adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to be guilty of committing a traffic infraction;
- (3) Deleting all proposed amendments to section 200-14(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes, and replacing them with a provision that allows the Environmental Court to, in addition to or as a condition to the suspension of any criminal fines and penalties, deprive the offender of the privilege of operating any vessel, including any thrill craft or vessel engaged in parasailing or water sledding, in certain geographical areas of the waters of the State for a period of no more than twelve months;
- (4) Amending section 200-14.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to narrow the Board of Land and Natural Resources' authority to bring legal action to recover for damages resulting from a violation of chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, rather than subtitle 8 of title 12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to, in addition to or as a condition to the suspension of any administrative fines and penalties, deprive the offender of the privilege of registering or titling any vessel for use on state waters, or mooring any vessel in any state small boat harbor, boating facility, or state waters, for a period of not more than twenty-four months;
- (5) Repealing section 200-25, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to fines and penalties regarding the Boating Law;
- (6) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1245-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2546

The purpose of this measure is to require hunting guides to:

- (1) Obtain written permission from the owners of private lands before taking their clients to hunt on the private land; and
- (2) Submit a copy of the written permission to the Department of Land and Natural Resources as part of their annual reports.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupalakua Ranch; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will help ensure that guided hunting tours operate in a safe and responsible manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2546, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2546, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1246-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 3142

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to federal regulations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committees find that the United States Environmental Protection Agency oversees the State's implementation of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund programs and may withhold or delay future capitalization grants if those programs struggle to expeditiously disburse grant monies. Your Committees further find that combining financial resources from the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund and the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund will increase state and county flexibility in planning for and responding to emergent or long-term water infrastructure needs.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Governor, rather than the Director of Health, has the authority to transfer or authorize another state official to transfer federal capitalization grant funds;
- (2) Clarifying that certification of the ability to transfer funds by the Attorney General shall be completed only on the initial transfer;
- (3) Clarifying that the transfer limit of funds between programs and in either direction is based on thirty-three percent of the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund capitalization grant amount;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3142, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3142, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.
Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).
Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 1247-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3242

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Transportation and county transportation agencies to define, regularly identify, and address high-risk and dangerous corridors and intersections; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Transportation and counties to reduce the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school without first conducting an engineering study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Your Committee finds that regularly evaluating high-risk or dangerous corridors and intersections and implementing solutions to mitigate the risk will allow for expedient safety improvements to dangerous areas to help make Hawaii's streets safer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1248-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2385

The purpose of this measure is to propose an amendment to article VI, section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii to:

- (1) Establish a window between September 1 and November 30 during which the Judicial Selection Commission may not present a list of judicial nominees to the Governor or Chief Justice, and require the judicial position to remain vacant until after November 30, when the Governor or Chief Justice may be presented with a list of nominees; and
- (2) Prohibit the Senate from being called into more than two special sessions to consent to judicial appointments, and require that any subsequent appointments made during that legislative interim be held until the beginning of the next regular session for consideration by the Senate.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Judicial Selection Commission. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature, the Senate may be called into multiple special sessions to consider judicial appointments pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. These special sessions, which can occur at any point throughout the interim, are costly and can be disruptive for Senators who may be working in their districts or traveling. This measure would establish a blackout period that would prevent the Senate from having to come into special sessions in the months leading up to the next regular session, resulting in taxpayer savings and increased government efficiency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the start date of the window to August 1;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required the judicial position to remain vacant until after November 30, when the Governor or Chief Justice may be presented with a list of nominees;
- (3) Deleting language that would have prohibited the Senate from being called into more than two special sessions to consent to judicial appointments, and required that any subsequent appointments made during that legislative interim be held until the beginning of the next regular session for consideration by the Senate;

- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2385, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2385, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1249-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3236

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that if no personal property designation appears in a recorded instrument, the interests of the beneficiaries shall be real property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that lower-income native Hawaiians who purchase a unit in a Department of Hawaiian Home Lands project using Low-Income Housing Tax credits must complete a fifteen-year compliance period where the participant satisfies certain income restrictions, verification requirements, inspections, and tenancy occupancy restrictions. During this period, the participant is considered a "renter" and the participant does not receive a homestead lease until after the compliance period has ended. Your Committee further finds that if the participant dies before the fifteen-year compliance period is over and their heir is less than fifty percent Hawaiian, the unit cannot be transferred to the participant's heir and the heir receives nothing. This measure is intended to enable native Hawaiians using Low-Income Housing Tax Credits to purchase a unit to name a successor to their interest in the unit before the end of the fifteen-year compliance period by designating beneficial interests in land placed in a Hawaiian Home Lands land trust as real property rather than of personal property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3236, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1250-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3305

The purpose of this measure is to exempt public charter schools that offer exclusively prekindergarten programs from certain statutory provisions affecting charter schools relating to funding and finance, the use of the weighted student formula, athletics, enrollment, computer science courses and content, and enrollment in industry-credential programs that are applicable to other public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and Parents and Children Together.

Your Committee finds that exempting prekindergarten-only public charter schools from unnecessary statutory provisions will prevent prekindergarten-only public charter schools from being subjected to requirements that are inapplicable to them by virtue of being prekindergarten only and not serving other grade levels. This measure further ensures efficient operations at Hawai'i's prekindergarten-only public charter schools and creates more access to much-needed, community-based prekindergarten programs across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1251-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop Destination Management Action Plans for each county and perform specific actions in the Plans to meet destination management objectives;
- (2) Expand the Hawaii Tourism Authority's powers and duties;
- (3) Repeals the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions;
- (4) Requires the Strategic Tourism Management Plan to include statewide destination management and regenerative tourism efforts and programs; and
- (5) Renames the Tourism Marketing Plan as the Strategic Tourism Management Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Ho'omana Pono, LLC; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will codify the existing work performed by the Hawaii Tourism Authority to advance destination management and regenerative tourism through the creation of county specific Destination Management Action Plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Evslin, Ichiyama, Kong).

SCRep. 1252-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2291

The purpose of this measure is to establish advisory boards, focused on workforce development, for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Food+ Policy.

Your Committee finds that establishing advisory boards to support departmental and agency initiatives through identifying workforce needs and improving the coordination and alignment with business, community partners, and other government agencies will greatly assist in developing and creating opportunities to expand the workforce in critical areas of future need.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the advisory board established within the Agribusiness Development Corporation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2291, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2291, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1253-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2615

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; two members of the Maui County Council; two members of the Honolulu City Council; Hawaii Regional Council on Carpenters; and Pacific Resource Partnership. Your Committee received comments on this measure from General Contractors Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that there have been recent reports of labor abuse at certain construction projects in the State with workers being subjected to unsafe conditions, wage theft, and being denied required benefits. Your Committee believes that the authority given to the counties in this measure will help stop unscrupulous actors more efficiently, thereby ensuring workers in the State are working under just and fair conditions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a denial, revocation, or suspension of a building permit is permissible only when the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, United States Department of Labor, or a judicial order has determined that a violation of law has occurred; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1254-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2866

The purpose of this measure is to require the Executive Branch of the State to develop and maintain a publicly accessible online project management platform.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that capital improvement projects are construction projects that provide improvements or additions to land, buildings, and infrastructure. Because these projects are typically large and expensive, the public should have access to information related to completed or pending projects. This measure promotes government transparency and provides the public a meaningful way of engagement in the political process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the online project management platform shall be developed and maintained no later than July 1, 2025; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2866, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2866, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1255-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2942

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow minors under the age of sixteen to work in theatrical employment if the employer procures a valid certificate of employment and the minor is accompanied by a parent, guardian, or a certain responsible adult;

- (2) Require a nurse certified in basic life support to accompany, supervise, and advocate on behalf of a minor who is under the age of one; and
- (3) Require a studio teacher to accompany, teach, and attend to the well-being of minors who have attained the age of five years and are required to but have been excused from attending school.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Pride at Work - Hawai'i; IATSE Local 665; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that there is currently no law requiring a nurse or set teacher to be on the film set each day that a minor is employed in theatrical employment. While a set teacher is required to be on the film set every three consecutive days, some production companies have intentionally scheduled a minor's work in such a way as to avoid having a set teacher on set at all. This measure recognizes the importance of ensuring safe working conditions for children, as well as ensuring that their educational opportunities are protected while working on these types of productions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing references to "studio teacher" with "set teacher";
- (2) Specifying that a set teacher is required on set if a minor is on set for three or more consecutive days;
- (3) Deleting language that would have required a set teacher to accompany and attend to the health, safety, and well-being of a minor on set;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2942, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2942, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1256-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2991

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to adopt rules establishing criteria for the creation of new bargaining units;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to, upon its approval of the application, submit a report to the Legislature, including proposed legislation to consider and create the new bargaining unit, accompanied by a decision and order issued by the Board; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the development of the criteria and procedures for the creation of new bargaining units, including for staff.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee finds that despite interest from a number of groups seeking to form bargaining units, existing law does not set forth specific, clear procedures and criteria for when a new bargaining unit should be created. This measure requires the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to adopt rules establishing criteria for the creation of new bargaining units, providing an opportunity for additional prospective bargaining units to be established.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that an employee who applies and petitions the Hawaii Labor Relations Board for a new bargaining unit shall not be in an existing bargaining unit and not be part of a category of individuals excluded from collective bargaining;
- (2) Clarifying language related to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board's actions upon making a determination of whether or not to approve a petition to establish a new bargaining unit;
- (3) Changing the expending agency of the appropriation to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1257-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 3099

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reduce the minimum number of years of credited service qualified Tier 2 members must have to be eligible for vested benefit status for service retirement allowance purposes from ten years to five years; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for investments into the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees; Department of Human Resources of the City and County of Honolulu; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that employees who are members of the Employees' Retirement System are eligible for vested benefit status based on a minimum number of years of credited service. "Tier 1 members" must have a minimum of five years of credited service to be eligible for vested benefit status, while "Tier 2 members" must have a minimum of ten years of credited service to be eligible for vested benefit status. Reducing the minimum number of years of credited service from ten years to five years for Tier 2 members would allow their career track to be on par with Tier 1 members and help state and county employers with the recruitment and retention of qualified employees with minimal impact to the unfunded accrued actuarial liability for pension accumulation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3099, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3099, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1258-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2913

The purpose of this measure is to establish a new regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council; Allianz Global Assistance Service Company; United States Travel Insurance Association; and American Property Casualty Insurance Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that travel insurance is a type of insurance for risk associated with traveling, such as loss of luggage, trip cancellation, and delays. Travel insurance gives consumers peace of mind when booking a trip well in advance of departure enabling the traveler to be reimbursed for part of or all their expenses should an undesirable event occur that prompts cancellation or interruption of their trip.

Your Committee further finds that a comprehensive and uniform regulatory regime for the sale of travel insurance will greatly benefit consumers by creating a level playing field for the travel insurance market and establishing standard protections and requirements for the sale of travel insurance. Your Committee also finds that this measure closely tracks the Travel Insurance Model Act adopted by the National Council of Insurance Legislators and National Association of Insurance Commissioners and which, as of January 2024, has been adopted by thirty-five states. This measure is intended to clarify and standardize the application of existing laws to the unique aspects of travel insurance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that for purposes of classifying and filing travel insurance, travel insurance that provides certain coverage for sickness, accident, disability, or death during travel, may be filed under either an accident and health line of insurance or an inland marine line of insurance;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Sayama, Belatti, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen).

SCRep. 1259-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2505

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish system resilience as a metric to be monitored and considered by the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (2) Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to use amounts collected through the Hawaii Electricity Reliability Surcharge to perform certain duties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that grid reliability and resilience are more important than ever, especially after the 2023 Maui wildfires, and given the growing natural disaster risks posed by climate change to the State's electric grid. There are trade-offs between a more resilient grid and a more reliable one, which requires great care in balancing the two priorities. This measure tasks the Public Utilities Commission with considering and monitoring system resilience as part of its regulatory supervision.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1260-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3010

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers on leasing processes to expedite the development of renewable energy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Gas and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission and 350Hawaii.org.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is required under existing law to work with electric utility companies and other renewable energy developers on planning and permitting processes that expedite the development of renewable energy. This measure seeks to expand the requirement to additionally include collaboration with other utility companies and work on leasing processes, to further renewable energy development and facilitate the private sector's attainment of renewable portfolio standards.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1261-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2500

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation to enable businesses to scale up new products from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that research and product development is risky and requires significant up-front capital, which discourages many of Hawaii's emerging agribusinesses and entrepreneurs from exploring new markets. The establishment of a food and product innovation network will decrease the investment risk for growing businesses and accelerate their efforts to develop new products that promote food resiliency and Hawaii's export marketing. Your Committee further finds that the food and product innovation network proposed by this measure has the ability to significantly assist the State's agricultural businesses by providing space and equipment for farmers and other entrepreneurs to create value-added products made with locally grown and raised agricultural products.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2500, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1262-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2536

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaii Public Procurement Code by:

- (1) Establishing a new accounting services procurement preference for certain Hawaii accounting service businesses; and
- (2) Clarifying that the existing reciprocity procurement preference includes offerors under the provisions governing competitive sealed bids and competitive sealed proposals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Accuity LLP. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committee finds that there is growing concern in the State's accounting industry about a shortage of accountants due to a decrease in the number of accounting graduates from the University of Hawaii. Another major concern is the lack of career opportunities for accounting graduates in Hawaii. The shortage of accountants could have significant implications for businesses and the economy as the demand for accounting services continues to grow. This measure, through a proposed procurement preference, is an opportunity for the State and county governments to provide the opportunities necessary to incentivize the local operation of accounting firms.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Amato, Hashem). Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1263-24 Education/Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily:

- (1) Exempt career and technical education goods and services purchased by the Department of Education from the Procurement Code; and
- (2) Require the Department of Education to acquire three verbal or written quotes for career and technical education purchases of no more than \$100,000.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i State Energy Office; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office.

Your Committees find that as the largest department in the State, the Department of Education must procure numerous career and technical education equipment. However, the process to procure career and technical education equipment under the Procurement Code can be lengthy and complicated and can deter schools from purchasing these types of equipment. Your Committees believe that exempting from the Procurement Code educational materials and equipment related to training for direct student instruction in career and technical education programs within the Department of Education will enable the Department to timely acquire these types of materials and equipment, which will provide students with up-to-date skills and knowledge that align with industry standards.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring awards over \$2,500 for career and technical education purchases to comply with statutory provisions requiring offerors, upon award of contract, to comply with all laws governing entities doing business in the State;
- (2) Requiring awards over \$500,000 for career and technical education purchases to be approved by the Superintendent of Education;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider requiring the Department of Education to obtain three verbal or written quotes for purchases of more than \$100,000, rather than for those below \$100,000.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Todd).

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1264-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 3360

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the dollar amount of the Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit;
- (2) Amend the maximum amount of the tax credit that can be claimed by a taxpayer;
- (3) Establish an additional tax credit for renewable fuels produced from renewable feedstock locally grown or recycled in the State and an additional tax credit for renewable fuels produced with lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions at least seventy-five percent below that of fossil fuels;
- (4) Amend the credit period and reset taxpayers' ability to claim credits, if they already claimed credits, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; and
- (5) Amend the maximum total amount of tax credits allowed for all eligible taxpayers in a calendar year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Biotechnology Innovation Organization; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Par Hawaii; Pono Pacific; Pacific Biodiesel; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawaii State Energy Office; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Airlines for America; and Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the State must incentivize the production of locally sourced, firm renewable energy in order to meet its renewable portfolio standards. This measure would address this need by establishing additional tax credits for certain renewable fuel production practices.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reinstating the dollar amount of 20 cents per 76,000 British thermal units for the renewable fuels productions tax credit;
- (2) Converting the dollar amount per gallon for the additional credit for renewable fuels produced from certain types of renewable feedstock to 15 cents per 76,000 British thermal units and clarifying that the additional credit includes sustainable aviation fuels;
- (3) Deleting the additional tax credit for renewable fuels produced with lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions at least seventy-five percent below that of fossil fuels but clarifying that the renewable fuels production tax credit shall only be claimed for production of a renewable fuel with lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions at least seventy-five percent below that of the fossil fuel most likely to be replaced by that renewable fuel;
- (4) Clarifying that a taxpayer who previously claimed the renewable fuels production tax credit for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2024, is eligible to claim the credit for a single credit period for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023;
- (5) Amending the definition of "lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions" to include certain emissions values;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3360, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3360, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1265-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2342

The purpose of this measure is to amend:

- (1) The penalties for repeated traffic violations, repeated reckless driving violations, and repeated violations of excessive speeding;
- (2) The fines for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance; and
- (3) Motor vehicle insurance liability coverage minimums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Association for Justice; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; American Property Insurance Association; The Hertz Corporation; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of the Attorney General; Turo; Hawaii Insurers Council; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities and injuries in Hawaii have increased, with a record high of one hundred seventeen traffic fatalities and five hundred seventy serious traffic-related injuries in 2022. Your Committee further finds that required motor vehicle insurance minimum policy limits have not been raised in twenty-five years, since the enactment of Act 275, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998. As a result, and accounting for inflation, Hawaii's consumers have less than half of the automobile insurance protection they had when the law was first enacted. This measure is intended to increase public safety for drivers and pedestrians by ensuring an enhanced level of protection for consumers by raising minimum motor vehicle liability coverage requirements and increasing the penalties for various violations to create a greater deterrent to dangerous driving behaviors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to determine the appropriate effective date for the section requiring the Insurance Commissioner to issue memos soliciting rate filings from motor vehicle insurers to reflect the amendments to the motor vehicle insurance liability coverage minimums made by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Matsumoto). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1266-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2746

The purpose of this measure is to require, with certain exceptions, the securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to the State's commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a stevedoring company.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Laborer's International Union Local 368; Plumbers & Fitters Local 675; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council 50; Hawaii Teamsters and Allied Workers Local 996; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186; International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers, Local Union Number 625; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaii Gas; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; and Building Industry Association-Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the companion to this measure, House Bill No. 1936, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2024), was previously passed by the House.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting the contents of House Bill No. 1936, H.D. 2, a measure that requires the Department of Transportation to require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by labor subject to collective bargaining.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2746, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2746, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1267-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2350

The purpose of this measure is to establish:

- (1) A separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high density areas;
- (2) Tiered fines for violations of motor scooter muffler regulations; and
- (3) Tiered fines for violations of motor vehicle muffler regulations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Honolulu Police Department; Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9; Windward Coalition; Liveable Honolulu; Diamond Head Ambassador Board of Directors; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Chromeparts and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that excessive noise from modified mufflers on motor vehicles and motorcycles significantly contributes to noise pollution in the State, particularly in densely populated areas. Your Committee further finds that although existing law prohibits vehicle owners from installing mufflers that increase the noise of their vehicle, the penalties for doing so are minimal and do little to deter violations. Your Committee believes that increasing the penalties for after-market muffler modifications will reduce violations of existing laws, leading to lower noise levels and greater health and well-being for the State's residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers shall be on public highways in high density population areas;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 1 (Kila). Excused, 3 (Aiu, Kitagawa, Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1268-24 Transportation on S.B. No. 2630

The purpose of this measure is to permit pedestrians to act contrary to the statewide traffic code, commonly known as jaywalking, under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Get Fit Kauai – Healthy Eating Active Living Coalition of Kauai County; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i Bicycling League; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that jaywalking laws are ineffective at producing roadway safety results and often disproportionately target persons of color and lower income individuals who are more likely to rely on walking as a mode of transportation. Initial data from localities that have decriminalized jaywalking, such as Virginia, Kansas City, and California, show that there has been little to no change in the number of traffic injuries or fatalities. Your Committee further finds that the number of jaywalking-related citations in Hawaii are significantly higher than those in other localities across the nation. Your Committee believes that allowing pedestrians to use their own judgement to safely cross roadways in a manner that would otherwise violate the Statewide Traffic Code without fear of penalty will reduce unnecessary harassment of disadvantaged groups and minorities without increasing traffic injuries or fatalities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the preamble;
- (2) Clarifying the standard of care a pedestrian must observe when crossing in a manner contrary to the Statewide Traffic Code;
- (3) Deleting language imposing a minimum fine for speeding violations;
- (4) Inserting a savings clause;

- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concern raised in testimony that the requirement that a pedestrian must be two hundred feet from a marked crosswalk before the pedestrian can cross in a manner that would be contrary to the Statewide Traffic Code may be too limiting and may result in unnecessary or unenforceable tickets as police officers and pedestrians may misjudge how far the pedestrian is from a marked crosswalk. Your Committee further notes that it is unclear if this measure would protect pedestrians who cross after a pedestrian-control signal begins flashing or counting down from being ticketed for jaywalking. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider whether the two hundred foot requirement is necessary and whether additional language should be inserted into this measure to further clarify the circumstances under which a pedestrian may jaywalk without fear of penalty.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Matsumoto). Noes, 2 (Kila, Miyake). Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1269-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2575

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- (1) Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Health; Fair Wind Cruises; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory; Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hawai'i; Parley for the Oceans, Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Kauai Women's Caucus; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; Deep Sea Mining Campaign; National Parks Conservation Association; Oceanic Preservation Society; Rev Ocean; Blue Climate Initiative; Tetiaroa Society; FutureSwell; The Marine Mammal Center; Marine Conservation Institute; HULIPAC; Te Ipukarea Society; Greenpeace USA; Greenpeace Hawaii; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Green Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Americans for Democratic Action; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; The Ocean Foundation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure is a forward-thinking and proactive response that prohibits seabed mineral extraction in the State's ocean waters.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takayama).

SCRep. 1270-24 Water & Land/Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 2085

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Division of the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Maui Fire Department; one member of the Maui County Council; Hawaiian Electric; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that Hawaii is the only state without a State Fire Marshal, whose position was abolished in 1979 and replaced with the State Fire Council. Your Committees further find that the State Fire Council's members serve as non-compensated volunteers as their time allows from their full-time employment. This measure better serves the needs of the State by establishing a dedicated State Fire Marshal.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of House Bill No. 1843, House Draft 2, including:
 - (A) Establishing the Office of the State Fire Marshal, rather than a division and having the Governor, instead of the State Fire Council, appoint the State Fire Marshal;
 - (B) Establishing the length of the State Fire Marshal's term of office at ten years;
 - (C) Modifying the duties of the State Fire Marshal;
 - (D) Requiring the State Fire Council to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature by November 1, 2024, including:
 - (i) An organizational plan, including structure and personnel plan, for the Office of the State Fire Marshal;
 - (ii) A description of the roles and division of responsibilities between the State and the counties, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the State Fire Council, regarding fire prevention and response; and
 - (iii) Proposed operating budget for the Office of the State Fire Marshal; and
 - (E) Deleting the appropriations for the State Fire Marshal position and operating costs and modifying the full-time equivalent administrative staff positions for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to an unspecified number;
- (2) Not subjecting the appointment of the State Fire Marshal to the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) administrative staff position for the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Labor & Government Operations that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1271-24 Water & Land/Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2753

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that no state or county building code shall prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with the latest safety standards.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; and Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute.

Your Committees find that certain refrigerants, including hydrofluorocarbons, are potent greenhouse gases that can have an immense impact on global warming. Your Committees further find that the United States Congress passed the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 to mandate an eighty-five percent phasedown in hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants. To comply with the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020, updates to the Hawaii State Building Codes and county building codes are needed. This measure will require the necessary building code updates to provide the certainty that the manufacturing industry needs to comply with the federal regulations and ensure that the transition to alternate refrigerants is safe and efficient.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Building Code Council, when it adopts, amends, or updates the Hawaii State Building Codes, to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Energy & Environmental Protection that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2753, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Gates, Ward).

SCRep. 1272-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2345

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement officers and crisis intervention officers;
- (2) Authorize a law enforcement officer to call a crisis intervention officer for assistance when the law enforcement officer believes a person is imminently dangerous to self or others; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for positions and training and certification of crisis intervention officers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; Department of Law Enforcement; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Mental Health; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Alzheimer's Association; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; AARP Hawai'i; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee finds that many of the individuals cited or arrested in the State for offenses such as drinking liquor in public or camping on sidewalks, beaches, and other restricted places suffer from chronic conditions relating to drugs, alcohol, or mental illness. Your Committee further finds that instead of incarceration, these individuals would be better served by being transported to a medical facility where they can receive treatment for their disorders. This measure is intended to provide law enforcement officers with the training necessary to recognize a person suffering from a mental health crisis and take steps to de-escalate the situation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Permitting, rather than requiring, the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training and restricting the training to state and county law enforcement agencies;
- (2) Defining "crisis intervention training";
- (3) Deleting the definition of "crisis intervention officer";
- (4) Deleting language authorizing a law enforcement officer to call a crisis intervention officer for assistance when the law enforcement officer believes a person is imminently dangerous to self or others;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1273-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2387

The purpose of this measure is to correct erroneous references in chapters 520 and 520A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding a landowner's liability.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this housekeeping measure is necessary to correct erroneous statutory references in chapters 520 and 520A, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee further finds that these corrections must be executed by the Legislature, rather than through the Legislative Reference Bureau, as there are questions of legislative intent.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2387 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1274-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3123

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to access vital records for purposes of verifying native Hawaiian ancestry for beneficiary programs; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enter into a memorandum of agreement to assure appropriate access and handling of confidential records and sealed records that have been unsealed pursuant to court order.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Human Services; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is a "closed record" state, which means that persons or entities must demonstrate a direct and tangible interest in a vital record to have access to the record. Your Committee further finds that amending the existing law to allow access to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for certain purposes and under certain conditions, as proposed by this measure, will greatly reduce administrative barriers in vetting claims of native Hawaiian ancestry for purposes of participating in beneficiary programs while still protecting the privacy of vital records.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1275-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.R. No. 131

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study of the social and safety impacts of geotagging in the State and submit a report of their findings to the Legislature.

Your Committee received comments from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority does not have adequate funding to conduct this study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 131 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1276-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.C.R. No. 152

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study of the social and safety impacts of geotagging in the State and submit a report of their findings to the Legislature.

Your Committee received comments from the Hawaii Tourism Authority.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Tourism Authority does not have adequate funding to conduct this study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 152 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1277-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 3312

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State; and
- (2) Authorize the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its history to be displayed in a prominent location in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Bulletin and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that all origin theories of the shaka gesture have the shaka developing within the State. Your Committee further finds that the shaka has positive connotations as it is used to share aloha, foster connection, and be poNo. By adopting, establishing, and designating the shaka as the official

gesture of the State, Hawaii can better preserve its brand association with the shaka, better secure recognition as the birthplace of the shaka, and better preserve the meaning of the shaka.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1278-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.B. No. 2710

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Leadership Awards Program to honor Hawaii individuals who have made considerable and outstanding contributions to Hawaii in their respective fields and serve as inspirations to others.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee finds that the Aloha Order of Merit was established to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions and achieved national and international recognition in a field. Your Committee finds that there is not a similar program to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the State and believes that there are exceptional and notable individuals who deserve recognition for their contributions to Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that establishes a permanent Hawaii Leadership Awards archive;
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2710, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

SCRep. 1279-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2322

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to continue water sampling and analysis of Tier 1 beaches during brown water advisories, with certain exceptions and under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Windward Coalition for Community Concerns; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Earthjustice; Friends of Maha'ulepu; Hawaii Lifeguard Hui; Waiwaiola Waterkeepers Hawaiian Islands; Center for Biological Diversity; Kia'i Wai O Wai'ale'ale; Polanui Hui; Kaiola Canoe Club; West Maui Preservation Association; HAMER; Hui o He'e Nalu; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Maui Tomorrow; Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i; Kihei Communication Association; Mālama Maunaloa; The Makali'i Group; Hawaii Wildlife Fund; HI Strikes Back; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives and Innovations; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the suspension of testing activities of all affected beaches during brown water advisories may lead to inaccurate or incomplete information about pollution levels and the health risks posed to the public by the affected beaches. Your Committee further finds that without testing during brown water events, the Department of Health will be unable to determine if the locations the Department is monitoring experience pollution spikes during heavy rains. Your Committee believes that continuing weekly testing of Tier 1 beaches during brown water advisories will give the State the data needed to effectively enact pollution mitigation efforts and make decisions in the best interests of public health and safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1280-24 Health & Homelessness on S.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide that medical cannabis dispensaries may purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from other dispensaries without any showing that the purchase is:
 - (A) Necessary for a qualifying patient's continuous access for medical use; or
 - (B) For medical, scientific, or other legitimate purposes; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules no later than nine months after a medical cannabis product is statutorily permitted to be manufactured and distributed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Pono Life Maui; Cure Oahu; Hawaiian Ethos; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting.

Your Committee finds that because the Department of Health has full discretion to reject requests for dispensary-to-dispensary sales with no specific timeline to respond, wholesale of cannabis and manufactured cannabis products between dispensaries currently occurs on an emergency basis. As a result, the ability of dispensaries to do future planning, share manufacturing capabilities, or specialize in equipment or products is significantly impaired. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Health has not engaged in rulemaking to allow for the sale of pre-rolled cannabis flower products, even though the sale of these products was authorized by Act 108, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. Your Committee believes that addressing these issues, as intended by this measure,

will grant dispensaries the flexibility needed to ensure patient access to cannabis and manufactured cannabis products and mitigate the effects of business fluctuations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1281-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2513

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish and appropriate funds to implement a three-year New Wastewater System And Individual Wastewater System Technology Demonstration and Implementation Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center to review, examine, and demonstrate new wastewater technology systems; implement those technologies in wastewater system demonstration projects; and establish prioritization categories similar to those established in the Hawaii Cesspool Hazard Assessment And Prioritization Tool for the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Niihau; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for positions within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition and WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the demonstration and implementation pilot program in this measure is essential to determine the best, most affordable wastewater technologies to minimize the cost of cesspool upgrades while maximizing environmental protection.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider appropriating:

- (1) \$89,500 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Engineer V (SR-26) position within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch; and
- (2) \$82,700 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Engineer IV (SR-24) position within the Department of Health's Wastewater Branch,

as requested by the Department of Health in its testimony.

Your Committee also urges the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center and Department of Health to work with the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program in conducting the pilot program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1282-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2502

The purpose of this measure is to require the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps help identify areas that are more susceptible to wildfire hazard, allow decision-makers to prioritize high-risk areas for targeted risk-reduction strategies, and assist in the development of adaptation policies that lessen the disastrous impacts of future wildfires. Your Committee further finds that decision-makers can use wildfire vulnerability maps to guide zoning regulations to reduce the impact of wildfires on communities. Your Committee also finds that government authorities will be more informed about policies allowing construction in vulnerable areas and locating essential facilities, such as hospitals, schools, and fire stations, in areas that are less vulnerable to wildfires.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1283-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.B. No. 2284

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that an early-detection system will assist in forecasting potential wildfire incidents across the State and will enhance public safety, disaster preparedness, and risk mitigation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1284-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 3194

The purpose of this measure is to authorize independent generators of renewable energy to wheel the renewable energy they produce to users of renewable energy under policies and procedures established by the Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Kauaʻi Island Utility Cooperative; Blue Planet Foundation; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaiʻi; Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii State Energy Office; Life of the Land; Ulupono Initiative; and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that independent renewable energy generators are not authorized under existing state law to engage in retail wheeling, limiting a potential source of renewable energy in the State. This measure authorizes independent generators of renewable energy to engage in retail wheeling pursuant to policies and procedures established by the Public Utilities Commission, if and when the Commission determines that retail wheeling is in the public interest.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Public Utilities Commission will use an investigatory docket that examines certain issues related to retail wheeling in its determination of whether retail wheeling is in the public interest;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3194, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3194, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1285-24 Economic Development on S.B. No. 3265

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Hawaii Film Advisory Council;
- (2) Amend the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit to:
 - (A) Amend the aggregate cap amount;
 - (B) Extend the sunset date of the Tax Credit to January 1, 2039;
 - (C) Clarify the requirements for obtaining an independent third-party certification for the Tax Credit;
 - (D) Expand the definition of "qualified production" to include streaming platforms; and
 - (E) Amend the definition of "qualified production costs" to include fashion production and music production costs;
- (3) Provide a general excise tax exemption for certified development of film studio facilities; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the establishment of one full-time equivalent film industry development liaison position, and associated administrative costs, within the Creative Industries Division of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawaiʻi System; Honolulu Film Office; Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawaiʻi; Hawaii Media Inc.; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; SAG-AFTRA Hawaii Local; ʻŌhina LLC; Motion Picture Association; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; IATSE Local 665; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaiʻi International Film Festival; Island Film Group; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that collaboration with the film industry has been of great benefit for Hawaii, helping the State diversify its economy with industry spending currently at \$400,000,000 and economic output at over \$700,000,000 annually. Your Committee further finds that the establishment of a Hawaii Film Advisory Council will strategically position Hawaii as a premier destination for filmmakers, attracting high-profile productions and stimulating economic activity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Hawaii Film Advisory Council membership;
- (2) Amending the definition of "qualified production costs" to include costs associated with the creation, design, fashion, and accessories products created by Hawaii businesses for use in the production and costs associated with the contracting and licensing of Hawaii-originated music to be utilized in on-camera use or post-production, rather than fashion production and music production costs;
- (3) Deleting language that would have:
 - (A) Provided a general excise tax exemption for certified development of film studio facilities; and
 - (B) Amended the aggregate cap amount for and extended the sunset date of the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3265, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3265, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1286-24 Economic Development on S.B. No. 2497

The purpose of this measure is to amend the tax credit for research activities by:

- (1) Changing the total amount of certified credits to an unspecified sum;

- (2) Extending the sunset date of the tax credit; and
- (3) Narrowing the qualifying criteria for the tax credit to qualified high technology businesses that are small businesses registered in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.; H Nu Photonics LLC; Oceanit; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that research activities have been shown to be effective in stimulating regional or state technology and research and development sectors. Your Committee further finds that for the past two years, the existing maximum amount of \$5,000,000 for the tax credit for research activities is often reached very quickly after applications for the tax credit open, leaving many eligible businesses unable to take advantage of the tax credit. This measure will amend the maximum amount of the tax credit for research activities while narrowing the qualifying criteria for the tax credit to small businesses to allow for more research and development companies to qualify for the credit and benefit small businesses in the research sector.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the provision that excluded the applicability of the base amount in the Internal Revenue Code in determining qualified research expenses;
- (2) Amending the definition of "qualified high technology business";
- (3) Inserting a definition for "small business";
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider amending the maximum aggregate amount of tax credits for research activities that can be certified per year to \$15,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1287-24 Economic Development on S.B. No. 2081

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Alliance for Collaboration in the Exploration of Space; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the fields of aerospace and aeronautics have played a pivotal role in expanding and diversifying the national economy by forging new inroads to scientific discovery, advancing national engineering and manufacturing expertise, pioneering innovations in communications and computer technologies, enhancing surveillance of our home planet, and enabling a better understanding of weather systems and climate change. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's strategic near-equatorial location, geography, resident expertise in a broad range of aerospace- and aeronautics-related technologies, and long-standing ties with space-faring nations throughout the Asia-Pacific region provide vital assets and promise great capabilities. Your Committee believes that establishing the Aerospace and Aeronautics Development Program will promote the growth and diversification of the State's aerospace and aeronautics businesses, diversify the State's economy, and create high paying jobs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating funds for the establishment of one full-time equivalent position within the Hawaii Technology Development Corporation to assist the Corporation's aerospace coordinator;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$75,000 for an aerospace development specialist; \$40,000 for program travel and conferences; and \$35,000 for consulting and subject matter expertise support.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2081, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2081, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1288-24 Economic Development on S.B. No. 2974

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Business Revitalization Task Force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including by mitigating regulatory and tax burdens.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaiian Telcom; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5.

Your Committee finds that the State continues to be ranked low in terms of business opportunities and economic competitiveness by many organizations. The low rankings largely reflect the uniqueness of the State's geographic location and its economic structure, having a smaller market for new products and relying heavily on a few industries. Your Committee further finds that the State needs to balance economic growth with environmental concerns, social equity, and government finances. Your Committee believes that the establishment of a task force is an important means of collecting ideas from stakeholders and addressing the economic challenges the State faces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Business Revitalization Task Force's membership;

- (2) Requiring the Task Force to:
 - (A) Select a chairperson from among certain members;
 - (B) Meet no less than quarterly;
 - (C) Develop recommendations for improving governmental operations and reducing costs; and
 - (D) Consider reports issued by the Auditor; State Ethics Commission; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization and any other relevant reports in performing its duties;
- (3) Authorizing the Task Force to conduct its meetings by teleconference or other similar means;
- (4) Requiring that any staff to assist the Task Force in performing its duties be assigned by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism or the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Governor;
- (5) Allowing the Task Force to submit all or parts of its recommendations to the Legislature prior to the submission of its report;
- (6) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that the establishment and activities of the Business Revitalization Task Force can be accomplished without funding. However, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$50,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1289-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2726

The purpose of this measure is to require the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on condominium subjects, which will help the Condominium Property Regime Task Force fulfill its obligation under Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Angel's Site Management Solutions; Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter; Honolulu Tower AOA; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; AARP Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau; State Procurement Office; and Kokua Council.

Your Committee finds that Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established the Condominium Property Regime Task Force, which was tasked with:

- (1) Examining and evaluating issues regarding condominium property regimes governed by the Condominium Property Act;
- (2) Conducting an assessment of the alternative dispute resolution systems established by the Legislature;
- (3) Investigating whether additional duties and fiduciary responsibilities should be placed on members of the boards of directors of condominium property regimes; and
- (4) Developing any legislation necessary.

Your Committee further finds that the Condominium Property Regime Task Force requires further research so that it may better complete its objectives. Information provided by the Legislative Reference Bureau, as proposed by this measure, will enable the Task Force to develop potential legislation on an informed and objective basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Extending the deadline for the final report and the cease date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force to June 30, 2026;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1290-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3365

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to:
 - (A) Certify treatments performed on wood chips, compost, and filter socks; and
 - (B) Prohibit the intrastate distribution of untreated plant care components that originated outside the State; and
- (2) Place certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

Your Committee finds that it is critically important to prevent destructive invasive species from entering the State. Your Committee further finds that wood chips, compost, and filter socks may be used to enrich the soil with nutrients and prevent erosion. However, when left untreated, wood chips, compost, and filter socks may be a source of invasive species. Your Committee notes that in particular, wood chips and compost are a known vector for the highly invasive

coconut rhinoceros beetle. This measure ensures these materials are treated and certified before distribution, which will significantly mitigate the risk of pest infestation and promote the protection of the State's agricultural industry and the environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony by the Department of Agriculture that the phrase "entering the State" as used in this measure may be in conflict with existing law regulating the inspection of commodities. As written, this measure would require the Department of Agriculture to inspect and release regulated goods before all requirements, such as treatment for pests, have been met. The Department indicated that treatment for pests occurs either prior to entry into the State or, if a pest infestation is discovered upon inspection, while the shipment is in quarantine. Therefore your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider inserting language clarifying that plant care components be either treated prior to entering the State or quarantined until treatment is completed.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1291-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3183

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2025, establish a county mileage-based road usage charge for electric vehicles, while allowing, until June 30, 2028, owners of electric vehicles the choice of paying a \$50 registration surcharge in lieu of the county mileage-based road usage charge;
- (2) Clarify the collection and disposition of funds from the state and county mileage-based road usage charges; and
- (3) Establish a \$50 maximum state mileage-based road usage charge until June 30, 2028.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association; and Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association.

Your Committee finds that increasing popularity of electric vehicles has presented opportunities and challenges for Hawaii's transportation infrastructure. The State's fuel tax revenue, which is used to fund necessary road maintenance and infrastructure, is declining as more of the State's residents adopt electric vehicles. To address the loss of fuel tax revenue, Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, enacted a mileage-based road usage charge on electric vehicles to establish a fair and sustainable means of funding for the maintenance and improvement of roadways owned and maintained by the State. Your Committee further finds that the counties are facing a similar decline in county fuel tax revenue, leading to a shortfall in funding for the maintenance of county road infrastructure. This measure is intended to establish a mileage-based road usage charge on the county level to ensure that all of the State's roads and bridges are safe and accessible as Hawaii begins transitioning to a fair and sustainable source of transportation funding.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the rate for the county mileage-based road usage charge is to be comparable to the county fuel tax on gasoline and no more than the estimated county fuel tax; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Sayama, Belatti, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen).

SCRep. 1292-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2518

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a geothermal resources characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Research and Development of the County of Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Sustainable Energy Hawai'i; Blue Planet Foundation; Innovations Development Group, Inc.; Indigenous Consultants, LLC; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that geothermal energy is heat that was generated during the planet's formation stored in rocks and fluids and brought as steam to the Earth's surface using deep wells. The steam drives turbines to generate electricity. Your Committee further finds that geothermal has been identified as a near-term and mid-term decarbonization opportunity for Hawaii. Geothermal energy thus has the potential to play an extremely significant role in meeting the State's energy objectives of reliability, affordability, and diversification. Because geothermal exploration and identification require significant investment of upfront capital, underlying research to confirm the viability of geothermal is needed. This measure therefore provides the Hawaii State Energy Office with the necessary authorization to explore for geothermal resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Amato, Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1293-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2770

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to establish an opt-in program that allows an annual payment in lieu of real property taxes for land or improvements that produce or store renewable energy sold to an electric utility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Clearway Energy Group; Ulupono Initiative; Longroad Energy; Hawaiian Electric; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Act 97, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, established a one hundred percent renewable portfolio standard for electric utilities by December 31, 2045, which requires that all net electricity sales be from renewable energy sources. Your Committee further finds that several renewable energy projects have faced drastic property tax increases, which have impacted the financial viability of those projects and created uncertainty for future renewable energy projects. This measure will provide more certainty for developers of renewable energy projects by allowing the counties to establish opt-in programs for in-lieu payments of real property taxes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2770, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1294-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3021

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program the Electric Mobility Rebate Program; and
- (2) Expand eligibility and amend the maximum rebate amounts available under the Electric Mobility Rebate Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i Bicycling League; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; 350Hawaii.org; Carbon Cashback Hawai'i; Blue Planet Foundation; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii households face two challenges with respect to transportation. The first is financial. For Hawaii households, owning a personal vehicle costs about \$8,100 per year. The second is environmental. Ground transportation accounts for roughly twenty-five percent of greenhouse gas emissions in the State.

To address these dual challenges, your Committee finds that electric mobility devices, including adaptive electric bicycles, electric bicycles, electric cargo bikes, electric micro-mobility devices, and electric mopeds, offer a more affordable transportation option for Hawaii households while simultaneously reducing carbon emissions. This measure encourages the further adoption of electric mobility devices by creating multiple rebate levels, expanding the availability of the rebate, and increasing the amount additional qualified individuals would receive.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1295-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3128

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System (Oahu Region) from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health to December 31, 2026;
- (2) Require the working group established by Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to submit a report to the Legislature on updates to the operating and budget plan and pro forma capital improvements plan and a breakdown of costs related to the transfer;
- (3) Require the Oahu Region and Department of Health to enter into an agreement regarding the Oahu Region taking care of low acuity patients in the Department's custody by the end of 2024; and
- (4) Require the Oahu Region to report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors and Oahu Regional Health Care System of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation comprises five semi-autonomous health care regions within the State, one of which is the Oahu Regional Health Care System (Oahu Region). However, the Oahu Region is unique because of the limited services its facilities, Leahi Hospital and Maluhia, provide. Rather than serving the general population, Leahi Hospital and Maluhia serve primarily long-term care and Medicaid patients and thus operate as de facto safety net social services.

Your Committee further finds that, due to these characteristics, the Legislature concluded that the Department of Health was best suited to operate Leahi Hospital and Maluhia. This was based on the Department of Health's existing operation of the Hawaii State Hospital, a facility that does not generate revenue but provides necessary care for mentally ill patients. Thus, through Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, the Legislature mandated the transfer of the Oahu Region's facilities to the Department of Health with a deadline of December 31, 2022.

However, your Committee also finds that transfer efforts were hampered by various obstacles, including the high complexity of the transfer and public health emergencies stemming from the water contamination at Red Hill and the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the deadline was extended by Act 150, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, to December 31, 2025. Nonetheless, your Committee finds concerns remain over the transition. This measure further extends the transition to December 31, 2026, to provide adequate time to address the concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1296-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2605

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, and health maintenance organizations, and health benefits plans under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund, to provide health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services;
- (2) Require the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the mandated health insurance coverage; and
- (3) Establish a Reproductive Health Care Working Group and require the Working Group to submit reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; University of Hawaii Professional Assembly; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Kauai Women's Caucus; Essential Access Health; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that all persons in the State – regardless of income, wealth, or type of insurance – should have access to the full range of preventive sexual and reproductive health services at no cost. Your Committee further finds that the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148) mandates that coverage include certain preventive sexual and reproductive health services. However, the continued existence of these covered services is at risk with ongoing litigation. As such, this measure codifies the preventive service coverage requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 into state law. Your Committee also finds that the Reproductive Health Care Working Group established by this measure will provide the Legislature with important information regarding barriers to and gaps in reproductive health care in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1297-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2837

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily authorize the Oahu Regional Health Care System to oversee the operations and management agreement of the proposed Maui State Veterans Home; and
- (2) Establish a timeline and process whereby the permanent ownership and oversight of the operations and management agreement of the proposed Maui State Veterans Home is reassigned to the Maui Regional Health Care System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Maui Regional Health Care System of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Oahu Region Health Care System of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Oahu Veterans Council; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that veterans have served the country and State with honor, courage, and at great personal sacrifice and family cost. There are approximately one hundred thousand veterans in the State, of which forty-one thousand are aged sixty-five and older.

Your Committee further finds that State Veterans Homes are long-term care facilities that provide nursing home, domiciliary, or adult day care and are owned, operated, and managed by state governments. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs authorized two hundred sixty-eight beds for State Veterans Homes in Hawaii. The Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home in Hilo, Hawaii has ninety-five beds. The Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home on Oahu is under construction and will have one hundred twenty beds. At this time, there is not a State Veterans Home to serve the seven thousand five hundred veterans on Maui.

Your Committee also finds that the Department of Defense is in the process of constructing a State Veterans Home on Maui. However, the Department of Defense does not have the medical expertise for continued operational oversight of a long-term care facility. Accordingly, this measure temporarily transfers the oversight of the State Veterans Home on Maui to the Oahu Regional Health Care System and then permanently transfers the oversight to the Maui Regional Health Care System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1298-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3125

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections; and
- (2) Require health insurance plans and health care providers to maintain confidentiality policies and procedures for minor-initiated medical care and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Kumukahi Health+ Wellness; Parents And Children Together; Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Essential Access Health; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports critical treatment of minors diagnosed with sexually transmitted infections, including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Existing statutes do not appear to permit minors to consent to medical care related to the prevention of sexually transmitted

infections such as HIV, which is a critical gap in access to medical care. Permitting minors who cannot or will not seek the consent of their parents or guardians to consent to HIV medical care is essential to the health of the minor and a valuable step in ending the HIV epidemic in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1299-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 572

The purpose of this measure is to authorize and specify conditions under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms, and broaden the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

Your Committee finds that under existing law, the Department of Agriculture has two main options to take emergency action on an invasive pest: request the Governor to declare a state of emergency due to potential loss of the environment or adopt emergency rules, including rules for the quarantine of an area or commodity. The Department may act on an invasive species or its host only if the pest has been declared a pest by the Board of Agriculture; however, the Board of Agriculture has not established a process for designating pests. Your Committee further finds that this measure provides an alternative to the existing options, which may not allow the rapid response and flexibility required to timely contain or eradicate pests.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a requisition shall terminate automatically one hundred calendar days after the declaration of a biosecurity emergency, or by a separate proclamation by the Governor;
- (2) Removing language that would have allowed awards paid out for claims for damage when the Governor requisitions and takes control of any property due to a biosecurity emergency to be paid out of the general revenues of the applicable county; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1300-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2556

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Office of the Public Defender; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Human Services; Partners In Care; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and ACLU of Hawai'i. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that over the course of six years, the Community Court Outreach Project has held several court sessions across Oahu. Through these sessions, the Community Court has addressed more than ten thousand cases, recalled more than nine hundred bench warrants, lifted more than six thousand driver license stoppers, and assisted more than six hundred participants with social services or referrals. This measure would further support the Community Court and provide much needed resources and funding to assist the Court's clients and operations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1301-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2512

The purpose of this measure is to establish notice and reporting requirements for the transfer of certain contributions or grants received by the State pursuant to the Governor's emergency powers.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Your Committee finds that this measure will enhance government transparency, especially during a state of emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the notice and reports are related to the expenditure or use of resources; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1302-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2836

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that the State has a unified vision and approach toward the development and redevelopment of public lands on Maui by establishing an Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate effective and efficient housing development and redevelopment of state and county lands on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Maui Hotel & Lodging Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the interagency council proposed by this measure would provide effective coordination among federal, state, and county agencies and the Maui community to facilitate the recovery of permanent housing on Maui.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to remove the members of the Legislature and instead have the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint a member; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2836, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2836, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1303-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2503

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) All places of public accommodation and state building construction projects constructed after December 31, 2024, to provide universal changing accommodations that are equally accessible regardless of gender; and
- (2) Bids for state building construction projects that are submitted after June 30, 2025, to include universal changing accommodations, where feasible and cost effective.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Disability and Communication Access Board; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Rainbow Family 808; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that many individuals with intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities require assistance when using restroom facilities. However, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers often face challenges in finding safe, hygienic, and accessible spaces during outings or daily activities. This measure is intended to alleviate the burden on persons with disabilities and their families and caregivers by requiring the implementation of universal changing accommodations in all places of public accommodation and state buildings.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Delaying the requirement that all places of public accommodation and state building construction projects provide universal changing accommodations to those establishments constructed after July 31, 2025, so that it occurs after the requirement that bids for state building construction projects include universal changing accommodations;
- (2) Inserting a severability clause; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1304-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 578

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a retiree to be employed as an investigator in a position identified by the Department of the Attorney General as a labor shortage or difficult-to-fill position, subject to certain conditions, without reenrollment in the Employees' Retirement System and without loss or interruption of retirement benefits; and
- (2) Require reporting of the employment of those retirees to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Law Enforcement; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Employees' Retirement System.

Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General has identified certain investigator positions as difficult to fill and critically important to the Department's law enforcement capability and objectives. Given the Department's long-standing need for investigators, this measure would expedite the process of bringing trained, experienced investigators back to the work force without any loss or interruption to their existing retirement benefits.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 578, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1305-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2319

The purpose of this measure is to propose a constitutional amendment to raise the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from seventy years to seventy-five years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that many judges and justices are forced to retire from the bench at the age of seventy years old pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution. Your Committee believes that judges and justices who are willing and able to preside over cases into their mid-seventies should be allowed to continue serving the public in these important positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2319 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1306-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2557

The purpose of this measure is to allow the court to appoint an attorney for the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment, rather than entitling an indigent subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to representation by a public defender.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the ACLU of Hawai'i and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

Your Committee finds that the purpose of assisted community treatment is to curb dangerous behavior that could result in involuntary hospitalization, incarceration, or adverse outcomes such as injury, serious illness, or even death. Persons who are the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment are protected throughout the petition process by guardians ad litem who act in the person's best interest, medical professionals, and the court. Since these persons are not at risk of detention, representation by a public defender is usually not necessary and can often result in delayed treatment. This measure would enable the swift treatment of persons who are seriously mentally ill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1307-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2832

The purpose of this measure is to specify that the counties may issue traffic infractions for violations of any law prohibiting or restricting the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles on highways.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; County of Hawai'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; one member of the Maui County Council; and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that this measure ensures that counties are able to issue traffic infractions wherever vehicles are stopping, standing, or parking and creating an unsafe environment on state or county roadways.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2832, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2832, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1308-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2286

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Permit the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with eligible employers or registered apprenticeship programs in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns;
- (2) Subject to certain limitations, require the Department of Human Resources Development to collaborate with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for certain portions of the on-the-job-training work experience program;
- (3) Provide that the State shall be the responsible employer for purposes of workers' compensation coverage when a student or recent graduate performs paid or unpaid work for a private or public employer as part of the on-the-job-training work experience program; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that providing state funds for private-sector internships is in the best interests of the State and will promote economic growth, foster public-private collaborations, and support job creation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the scope of the workers' compensation coverage for students and recent graduates; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1309-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2289

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health to include in its annual report regarding Kalaupapa Settlement:
 - (A) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other governmental or qualified nongovernmental entities of the powers and duties of state agencies over Kalaupapa Settlement; and
 - (B) Community engagement efforts with community stakeholders; and
- (2) Sunset the measure on the first June 30th after the Revisor of Statutes receives a written gubernatorial proclamation that the transfer of the Department's powers and duties over Kalaupapa Settlement is complete.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa; and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Health and other government agencies have been meeting for years about the transfer of the Kalaupapa Settlement to another entity when there is no longer a living community but thus far have not included Molokai community voices in the transition team or discussions about the eventual transfer. This measure seeks to make the transition planning process more transparent and inclusive of the communities most likely to be affected by the transfer.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying language regarding the permanent transfer of the powers and duties of the Kalaupapa Settlement to other qualified governmental agencies or qualified nongovernmental entities;
- (2) Clarifying language regarding the immediate addition of Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa to the executive transition team;
- (3) Deleting the sunset provision; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1310-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program, to be implemented by the State in at least one school zone or work zone in each county;
- (2) Create a new offense of noncompliance with speed limit under automated speed enforcement system; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Honolulu Police Department; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Budget and Finance; and AAA Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that nearly half of all traffic fatalities in Hawaii in 2021 involved speeding. Your Committee further finds that speed safety cameras are proven to deter speeding and its impact and are recommended for state and local adoption by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Highway Administration. Your Committee believes that establishing an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program will significantly reduce speed-related traffic fatalities in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying statutory references as it relates to the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program;
- (2) Limiting the implementation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program to those locations where a photo red light imaging detector system has been implemented; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1311-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 2362

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Department of Agriculture; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Floriculture and Nursery Association; East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the commercial production of ornamental ginger in the State has been declining, as emerging plant diseases are negatively impacting the production and economic viability of ornamental ginger. Your Committee further finds that researchers and extension agents at the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources have performed a statewide survey and causal agent identification study, which determined that a combination of six viruses is the cause of the ornamental ginger's decline, with other pathogens and ornamental ginger genetic variation as possible contributing factors. This measure further supports the University of Hawaii's statewide research and efforts to produce virus-free plants and develop cultural management strategies for managing virus-infected plants.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$125,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2362, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2362, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1312-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.B. No. 3026

The purpose of this measure is to amend the membership of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides by replacing representatives of the pineapple and sugar industries with representatives of the coffee and diversified agriculture industries.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawai'i System; Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Advisory Committee on Pesticides, which is composed of representatives from industries that make, use, or are affected by pesticides, is required to advise and assist the Department of Agriculture in developing or revising laws and rules related to pesticides in the State. Your Committee further finds that as coffee and other crops have emerged as major contributors to the local agriculture industry, the composition of the Advisory Committee has remained the same. Therefore, this measure updates the composition of the Advisory Committee to more accurately reflect the current landscape of the agriculture industry in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes the concerns about ensuring that the composition of the Advisory Committee on Pesticides includes active stakeholders, such as the Hawaii Farmers Union United, who are familiar with the challenges faced by farmers and the impacts of pesticide use.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3026, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3026, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1313-24 Agriculture & Food Systems/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2159

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to prepare and periodically update the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include other agricultural economic updates, including aquaculture, that expand the State's priority on food by including freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms as a viable food source; and
- (2) Require the Governor to submit the updated plan to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Maui Phoenix Farms LLC dba Maui Trout Company; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that since the last update to the State's Agricultural Functional Plan in 1991, Hawaii's agriculture industry has undergone immense diversification and expanded beyond a predominantly plantation-based agricultural sector. An emerging segment within Hawaii's agriculture industry is aquaculture, which involves the use of aquatic systems to harvest fish and other animal products. This measure ensures that updates to the State's Agricultural Functional Plan will provide guidance on the development of the aquaculture industry and the ways in which it can support food and nutrition security within the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to produce a report on freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms prior to updating the State Agriculture Functional Plan and applying the proposed elements of the updated State Agriculture Functional Plan to the report instead;

- (2) Adding as an element of the report research and monitoring, performed in collaboration with Native Hawaiian organizations of the impacts that expanding aquacultural markets may have on Hawaii's traditional and customary fishing practices and the State's ocean ecosystems;
- (3) Requiring the Department of Agriculture, rather than the Governor, to submit the first report, rather than the updated State Agriculture Functional Plan, to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1314-24 Agriculture & Food Systems/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2960

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that agricultural lots shall be used for farming by requiring that purchasers and lessees of farm lots submit proof of using the lots to produce food or conduct other agricultural activities; and
- (2) Authorize certain agricultural cooperatives to apply for farm lots.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; and five individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Agriculture.

Your Committees find that agricultural lands are a key resource that can be used to meet the State's goals for economic diversification and food self-sufficiency. However, nonfarming use of agricultural lands has significantly increased over the past few decades. This measure ensures that agricultural lands are used primarily for productive agricultural purposes and further supports food sustainability in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting purchasers or lessees who experience significant economic hardship directly caused by a disaster from certain agriculture-related requirements;
- (2) Clarifying that an agricultural cooperative association may apply for a farm lot if at least fifty-one percent ownership interest is owned by one or more members who qualify as bona fide farmers;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1315-24 Agriculture & Food Systems/Water & Land on S.B. No. 2560

The purpose of this measure is to provide that each lease that the Department of Agriculture enters into, renews, or extends shall authorize the Department to:

- (1) Enter the leased premises at any time to survey for, identify, investigate, control, or eradicate invasive pests;
- (2) Require a lessee to maintain control of any invasive pests on the leased premises, at the lessee's expense; and
- (3) Terminate the lease if the lessee refuses the Department entry or is found in violation of any applicable law, rule, or order relating to the control or eradication of invasive pests.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and five individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council.

Your Committees find that the impacts of invasive species to Hawaii have been severe, negative, and expensive and have included serious habitat degradation, extinction of native species, increased wildfire risk, increases in the cost of agriculture and livestock production, and many other impacts. Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to better regulate lessees of agricultural lands will strengthen the State's efforts to mitigate the threats and impacts of invasive species.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing references to "invasive pest" with "pest";
- (2) Adding language that ensures that the Department of Agriculture works with lessees to manage pests, including providing prior notification before entering premises, working with lessees to seek funding and develop a plan to control pests, and terminating a lease if a lessee refuses to work cooperatively toward the control of pests;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture & Food Systems and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Agriculture & Food Systems: Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran, Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lowen, Ward).

Water & Land: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1316-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 1099

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions;
- (2) Authorize the use of county surcharge revenues for affordable and workforce housing infrastructure in counties having a population of five hundred thousand or less; and
- (3) Authorize, in all counties that adopt or have adopted a surcharge on state tax, the use of county surcharge revenues for housing infrastructure, including roadways, water, and sewer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Taxation; one member of the Maui County Council; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the development of housing is of critical importance to the State. Historically, housing developers were responsible for the development of infrastructure to support housing, requiring them to ultimately pass the cost on to homebuyers. Your Committee further finds that Act 48, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, authorized, among other things, the use of county surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure, under certain conditions. This measure further clarifies the authority of the counties to use county surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure costs, ensuring that those associated costs are not passed on to homebuyers and making homeownership attainable for more residents.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have extended the period in which a county may adopt a surcharge on state tax, under certain conditions;
- (2) Clarifying the authority of the counties to use county surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure costs, including financing costs;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1317-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.B. No. 3007

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct the minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency; and
- (2) Require the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies, under certain circumstances.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; and United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Transportation; Department of Health; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that as the State is facing unprecedented vacancies in state positions, it is critical to streamline the application process to allow state departments, divisions, and agencies to fill these vacancies in a timely and efficient manner. This measure allows state departments, divisions, and agencies the ability to review their own applicants for vacant positions, speeding up the review process for key positions and ensuring that the state workforce is adequately staffed with dedicated workers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3007, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3007, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1318-24 Human Services/Transportation on S.B. No. 3002

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; AARP Hawai'i; National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and five individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services and Department of Transportation.

Your Committees find that Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, established a statewide Task Force on Mobility Management within the Department of Health. Your Committees further find that this Task Force's final report addressed the need for the development and establishment of a Mobility Management Program, where a single entity in a geographical area is charged with knowing and deploying the entire array of transportation resources available. Your Committees recognize that there remains a strong need for mobility management in the State and believes that implementing the recommendations made by the Task Force is critical to meeting the transportation needs of the State's disabled and elderly population.

However, your Committees note the concerns raised in testimony by the Department of Transportation, commenting that establishing the Statewide Outreach and Coordinator positions within the Department may not be effective, given that transit services are predominantly administered at the county level. Your Committees discussed who may be the most appropriate entity to assume responsibility for coordination and planning of the recommendations made by the Task Force on Mobility Management and find that the Disability and Communication Access Board may be the most appropriate agency.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Human Services and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3002, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3002, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Human Services: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Transportation: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1319-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.B. No. 2122

The purpose of this measure is to extend the State's energy-portfolio standards from 2030 to 2045, update the standards, and authorize the Public Utilities Commission to adjust the 2045 standard and establish interim goals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Office of Climate Change Sustainability and Resiliency of the City and County of Honolulu; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Hawaiian Electric; Hawai'i Energy; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that section 269-96, Hawaii Revised Statutes, sets a statewide energy efficiency goal for 2030 and directs the Public Utilities Commission to establish interim goals. Your Committee further finds that the energy-efficiency portfolio standards must be extended in order to ensure that the State continues its progress in clean energy and decarbonization. This measure addresses this need by extending the energy portfolio standards to 2045, updating the standards, and authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to adjust the 2045 and interim standards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2122, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1320-24 Housing on S.B. No. 2066

The purpose of this measure is to establish another means for a housing project to seek an exemption from certain laws and rules, including those relating to planning, zoning, and construction, that are developed under the various programs of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Church of the Crossroads and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and NAIOP Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a severe shortage of housing, leading to many residents moving out of Hawaii in search of more affordable housing options on the mainland. To address the housing shortage, existing law authorizes certain housing projects to be exempt from all State laws and rules relating to planning, zoning, construction of dwelling units, under certain conditions. However, your Committee further finds that recent interest rates have increased to the point where it is no longer feasible to finance housing construction under the restrictions in existing law. Your Committee believes that the State must further incentivize the development of housing for residents by creating a new pathway for projects to seek exemption from state laws, county charters or ordinances, or rules.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a purpose section;
- (2) Amending the conditions that housing projects seeking an exemption from all state rules and laws must meet to include meeting existing requirements, not having an affordability requirement or income restrictions, and dedicating one hundred percent of the units in the project exclusively for qualified residents for the lifetime of the project;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

SCRep. 1321-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Create a registry for all preschools and K-12 educational institutions within the State that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as a result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish positions within the Department of Education to manage the registry and carry out the requirements of this measure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Department of Education; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; Kamehameha Schools; Punahou School; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; and Hawaii Council of Private Schools. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that the establishment of a harm to students registry is critically important to increasing the communication between public and private preschools and K-12 educational institutions regarding individuals who have inflicted harm to students. The registry will assist educational institutions in making informed employment decisions which will better protect Hawaii's students from habitual perpetrators.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing the Department of Education to share information from the harm to students registry with the Department of Human Services;
- (2) Establishing a process for a person to have their name removed from the harm to students registry;
- (3) Clarifying when an institution must defend and indemnify the Department of Education from liability;
- (4) Clarifying that term "institution" includes both public and private educational institutions;
- (5) Requiring a reporting private school, public charter school, or early learning program or school to certify, before transmitting an employee's name and other information to the Department of Education, that the employee either waived the right to appeal or lost the appeal; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1322-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3191

The purpose of this measure is to permanently authorize the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee finds that the commercialization of intellectual property created by basic and applied research at the University of Hawaii greatly benefits the State by diversifying employment opportunities, creating a more robust innovation sector, introducing better performing products, and providing a potential economic return on the public resources committed to the University. This measure would allow the University of Hawaii to support its various activities and initiatives to develop and commercialize the intellectual property created by university faculty, staff, or alumni, resulting in a more diverse workforce and dynamic economy in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1323-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2351

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Rename the "Hawaii Workforce Development Council" as the "Hawaii Workforce Development Board" to be administratively attached to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Workforce Development Board and local workforce development boards to develop written conflict of interest policies;
- (3) Amend provisions related to the selection of the Chairperson, duties, and powers of the Hawaii Workforce Development Board; and
- (4) Repeal the requirement for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to submit an annual report to the Legislature on the activities of the K-12 Agriculture Workforce Development Pipeline Initiative.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from IATSE Local 665 and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that while the Legislature conformed the composition and duties of the Workforce Development Council with the new governance structure established by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 through Act 57, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, the conflict of interest

provisions in the federal law for state and local workforce development boards were not incorporated into state law. This measure will codify in state law the federal provisions governing conflicts of interest for members of state and local workforce development boards and the renaming of the Council.

Your Committee finds that the companion to this measure, H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2024), a substantially similar measure, was previously passed by your Committee. Your Committee further finds that H.B. No. 2199, H.D. 2, is preferable as in that measure, the Hawaii Workforce Development Board maintains its administrative attachment to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and therefore does not require an appropriation for full-time equivalent positions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. 2199, H.D. 2; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2351, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1324-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2685

The purpose of this measure is to establish judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Parents And Children Together; Domestic Violence Action Center; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that individuals who commit violence against, or otherwise abuse, their intimate partners may also use the judicial system to continue the abuse after the relationship has ended by using court proceedings to control, harass, intimidate, coerce, or impoverish the former intimate partner. Your Committee further finds that even if a lawsuit is meritless, forcing an abuse survivor to expend time, money, and emotional resources responding to the action provides a means for the abuser to assert power and control over the survivor. This measure is intended to establish judicial procedures to limit or prevent the use of litigation by an abuser to further victimize a survivor.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "abusive litigation" to comport with a defendant's right of due process by amending circumstances and case to be only those in which there would be a finding by a court that a party has committed intimate partner violence against another;
- (2) Amending the crimes pursuant to which a court may find that a party has committed intimate partner violence against another to include the offense of aggravated harassment by stalking, rather than the offense of harassment;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion;
- (4) Inserting a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026, for the judicial procedures to prevent and remedy abusive litigation; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2685, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2685, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1325-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3157

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to dispose of public land leases by direct negotiation for commercial or industrial use on parcels of up to five acres.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one member of the Hawai'i County Council and UNITE HERE Local 5.

Your Committee finds that disposing of certain public land leases by public auction is often cumbersome and has been a deterrent to leasing public lands, resulting in many properties remaining vacant, generating no income, and serving no public benefit. Allowing the Board of Land and Natural Resources to directly lease public lands for certain commercial and industrial use would make these leases more attractive while also ensuring that the public interest is protected in the process through existing statutory safeguards.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1326-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2937

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u; Kupuna for the Mo'opuna; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that this measure would facilitate the continued progress in Hawaiian-medium education and the revitalization of the Hawaiian language across the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1327-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3139

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to expand existing crisis intervention and diversion services to divert persons in crisis from the criminal justice system to the health care system;
- (2) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and training and certification of crisis intervention officers; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program, crisis intervention coordinator positions, and the training and certification of crisis intervention officers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Health; Office of the Public Defender; State Council on Mental Health; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Alzheimer's Association; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; AlohaCare; and Hawai'i Psychological Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Community Alliance on Prisons; Queen's Health System; and Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition.

Your Committee finds that this measure is intended to assist persons experiencing mental health or substance use crises by providing training for law enforcement officers on how to safely interact with these persons and divert them to appropriate health care services, rather than incarcerate them.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring crisis intervention officers to be train and certified in mental health and co-occurring disorders involving substance use disorders for first aid and the crisis intervention team model;
- (2) Permanently exempting the three crisis intervention coordinator positions in the Department of Law Enforcement from civil service laws;
- (3) Clarifying the process for initiating an emergency admission; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1328-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2305

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a Silver Alert Program to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Health; State Council on Development Disabilities; County of Hawai'i Office of the Prosecuting Attorney; Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; AARP Hawai'i; Easterseals Hawaii; Kokua Council; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Papa Ola Lokahi; Alzheimer's Association-Aloha Chapter; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Pukalani Superette; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that silver alerts, which are used in thirty-seven other states, are vital tools that provide time-sensitive information to the public about elderly, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled persons who have gone missing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "developmentally disabled";
- (2) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Holt, Souza).

SCRep. 1329-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs/Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2861

The purpose of this measure is to prevent unfair exclusive listing agreements from becoming prevalent in the State by:

- (1) Making certain long-term exclusive listing agreements for the sale of residential real property void and unenforceable under the state law that governs unfair and deceptive practices;

- (2) Prohibiting the recording or filing of exclusive listing agreements of any duration with the Bureau of Conveyances; and
- (3) Establishing certain remedies for persons who are subject to unfair exclusive listing agreements.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that exclusive listing agreements are agreements that require a homeowner to grant exclusive listing rights for a property over a period of time – in some cases up to forty years. However, these agreements, which are recorded as liens, run with the property, and not with the homeowner. As a result, future owners are subject to the agreement which can impede a homeowner's ability to borrow money through a mortgage or home equity loan. Your Committees further find that companies that provide exclusive listing agreements often target vulnerable populations, such as seniors, and do not adequately explain the agreement's terms. This measure would protect Hawaii's homeowners by prohibiting this unfair and deceptive practice.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the preamble;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees note that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs has assured your Committees that this measure would not preclude parties from mutually agreeing to a subsequent one-year agreement after the expiration of the initial one-year agreement.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider changing the effective date to November 1, 2024, to give the realtors time to provide educational awareness of the new law and create new forms.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen).

SCRep. 1330-24 Water & Land on S.B. No. 2182

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; The Nature Conservancy; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition.

Your Committee finds that this measure recognizes the economic and environmental importance of Hawaii's ocean resources and the need to protect them.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Modifying to whom the Ocean Stewardship User Fee applies;
- (2) Instead of making permanent the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund, extending its sunset date to January 1, 2031;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2182, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1331-24 Water & Land/Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2908

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit residential rent increases in affected areas for an unspecified period after a severe storm warning or issuance of an emergency proclamation.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; UNITE HERE Local 5; Lāhainā Strong; and three individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committees find that this measure seeks to protect individuals affected by natural disasters and emergencies from predatory increases in the rents for their homes.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency or local state of emergency;
- (2) Allowing the prohibition against any increase in the selling price of any commodity, whether at the retail or wholesale level, in the area that is the subject of the proclamation or the severe weather warning to be restricted to particular commodities in the proclamation;
- (3) Providing that the prohibitions against increasing the prices of commodities and terminating residential tenancies expire seventy-two, rather than ninety-six, hours after the effective date and time of the declaration, except under certain circumstances;
- (4) Clarifying that agencies other than the National Weather Service issue and cancel severe weather warnings;
- (5) Changing its effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2908, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2908, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Gates, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1332-24 Water & Land/Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3344

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Hawaii Wildfire Relief Fund and Corporation to provide compensation for property damage resulting from a wildfire, regardless of cause.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260; AES Hawai'i; Ulupono Initiative; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaiian Electric; Clearway Energy Group; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Administrative Hearings, Division of Consumer Advocacy, and Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Office of the Auditor; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; and Hawaiian Telecom.

Your Committees find that when the cause of a wildfire is uncertain or contested, costly and protracted litigation ensues. Litigation regarding wildfire damages can impose massive costs on the State, counties, utilities, landowners, and other defendants that may be alleged to have contributed to catastrophic wildfires. Such costs can overwhelm these major institutions of the community, undermining their ability to make investments needed by Hawaii. Indeed, even the possibility of litigation regarding a future catastrophic wildfire can create a cloud of uncertainty that threatens to impair the ability of these entities to attract capital on reasonable terms--capital that is vital to make investments in wildfire prevention, among other priorities. Such an outcome harms everyone.

Your Committees further find that it is in the public interest to ensure that the threat of wildfires does not make investment in Hawaii's public utilities so financially risky that it becomes too costly or impossible for them to raise capital to implement vital plans, including plans to mitigate wildfire risk, and to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service to the people of the State. Your Committees also find that it serves the public good to avoid the costs of litigation arising out of catastrophic wildfires in order to protect Hawaii's economy and encourage investment in the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Introducing the concept of and adding a definition for an "operation date";
- (2) Amending the definitions of "catastrophic wildfire", "cooperative utility", "eligible claim", and "investor-owned utility";
- (3) Adding definitions for "property insurer", "property owner", and "upfront";
- (4) Clarifying that the Wildfire Relief Fund is not subject to chapter 431, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (5) Specifying that the Wildfire Relief Fund Corporation Board of Directors consists of five members, including the manner in which their terms are staggered;
- (6) Clarifying that the Auditor must conduct an annual financial audit of the Wildfire Relief Fund Corporation and Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (7) Removing telecommunications carriers as entities that may participate in the Wildfire Relief Fund as a contributor;
- (8) Modifying certain provisions for contributors' participation in the Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (9) Amending the components of the plan that an electric utility must submit to the Public Utilities Commission for the Commission's approval;
- (10) If any agency of the State that requires any contributor other than an electric utility to submit a plan to mitigate wildfire risk, allowing the agency to prohibit a contributor from participating in the Wildfire Relief Fund as a contributor until the agency approves the contributor's plan;
- (11) Clarifying the timing of the Public Utilities Commission's approval of the plan identified in paragraph (9) in relation to the electric utility's deadline to make a required contribution and commencement of participation in the Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (12) Deleting the requirement for an actuarial study regarding the Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (13) Modifying the manner in which the Wildfire Relief Fund is capitalized by initial contributions, including by:
 - (A) Specifying that the total capitalization of the Wildfire Relief Fund can be calculated based on the financial capacity of the Fund, not simply the amount of liquid money in the Fund;
 - (B) Requiring the State to make an initial monetary contribution in an unspecified amount to the Wildfire Relief Fund and irrevocably pledge to appropriate and provide up to an unspecified amount to the Fund, subject to certain conditions;
 - (C) Limiting the aggregate amount of the State's financial responsibility to the Wildfire Relief Fund, contingent or otherwise, to an unspecified amount; and
 - (D) Allowing the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund to permit payment of the initial contribution through an upfront payment and deferred annual payments, with interest;
- (14) Modifying provisions regarding how potential contributors can participate in the Wildfire Relief Fund after the Fund has begun operating;
- (15) Modifying certain provisions concerning insufficient funding of the Wildfire Relief Fund, including by allowing the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund to permit payment of supplemental contributions by deferred annual supplemental contributions with interest, rather than a single upfront contribution;
- (16) Prohibiting an electric utility from recovering its contributions to the Wildfire Relief Fund from its customers in rates;
- (17) In its evaluation of the prudence of the conduct of a public utility in connection with a catastrophic wildfire, requiring the Public Utilities Commission to determine whether the actions of the public utility were prudent and in the public interest;
- (18) Applying the Public Utilities Commission's determination of prudence to all public utilities, not solely investor-owned utilities;
- (19) Requiring contributors to notify the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund if they will make, or fail to make, a supplemental contribution to the Fund at least thirty days before the supplemental contribution is due;

- (20) Specifying that it is the Department of Land and Natural Resources that assigns areas within the State to extreme, high, and moderate wildfire risk classes;
- (21) Clarifying compensation amounts from the Wildfire Relief Fund that may be claimed by property owners with insurance coverage for the losses;
- (22) Specifying that the date for a property insurer to elect to participate in the Wildfire Relief Fund election is the same as the date for property owners to submit a request to opt out of participation in the Fund;
- (23) Specifying that property damage claims apply to real or personal property;
- (24) Authorizing the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund to extend, for good cause, the declaration of a depletion event by an additional thirty days;
- (25) Tolling the limitation period for any cause of action arising out of the catastrophic wildfire that could be asserted by the property owner or property insurer that declines to accept the depletion payment from the date of the catastrophic wildfire to the date the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund offers claimants the depletion payment;
- (26) Not binding any property owner or property insurer, other than a contributor, that accepts the depletion payment to the limitation on claims with respect to only the applicable catastrophic wildfire;
- (27) Entitling any contributor against whom a claim is brought by a recipient of a depletion payment to a credit against the contributor's financial liability as to that claimant, in an amount equal to the depletion payment received by the claimant multiplied by the contributor's proportion of contribution to the Wildfire Relief Fund relative to the other contributors;
- (28) After the payments to all claimants who accepted the depletion payment have been made, and within three years from the date of the applicable wildfire, requiring the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund to make additional payments to each claimant who accepted the depletion payment;
- (29) Requiring the additional payments identified in paragraph (28), when added to the depletion payment, to be equal to the full value of the Administrator of the Wildfire Relief Fund's determination of the amount of payment due to each claimant;
- (30) Clarifying the process for hearings and appeals of determinations, including specifying thirty-day deadlines;
- (31) Clarifying that the rights of a property insurer to sue as subrogee of its policyholder are not affected by a property owner's participation in the Wildfire Relief Fund and eligibility to seek uninsured property damages from the Fund;
- (32) Establishing a working group within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to prepare a report and submit it to the Legislature by November 1, 2024, concerning implementation of the Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (33) Inserting an appropriation of general revenues, to take effect on the operation date, as defined in this measure, as a reserve against the State's irrevocable pledge to the Wildfire Relief Fund;
- (34) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; provided that part I takes effect on July 1, 2025; and
- (35) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider testimony suggesting that:

- (1) The total capitalization amount of the Wildfire Relief Fund should be \$1,000,000,000;
- (2) The initial contributions to the Wildfire Relief Fund by public utilities other than investor-owned electric utilities, property owners, and other governmental entities that are eligible to participate in the Fund should be \$333,300,000 collectively;
- (3) The initial contributions to the Wildfire Relief Fund by investor-owned electric utilities should be \$333,300,000;
- (4) The initial monetary contribution of the State to the Wildfire Relief Fund should be \$9,300,000 and the irrevocable pledge of the State to the Fund should be \$324,000,000, for a total of \$333,300,000;
- (5) At no time should the aggregate amount of the State's financial responsibility to the Wildfire Relief Fund, contingent or otherwise, exceed \$324,000,000;
- (6) The maximum amount that an uninsured property owner can receive from the Wildfire Relief Fund should be \$50,000;
- (7) An insured property owner should receive as Wildfire Relief Fund compensation the lesser of:
 - (A) Thirty-five percent of the amount by which the property owner's losses exceed the amount of insurance coverage for the losses; or
 - (B) Fifty percent of the property owner's insurance coverage applicable to the losses; and
- (8) The sum of \$32,400,000 should be appropriated from the general fund as a reserve for the State's irrevocable pledge to the Wildfire Relief Fund.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3344, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3344, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ganaden).

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Amato, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Gates, Tam).

SCRep. 1333-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2516

The purpose of this measure is to specify that the Chief Information Officer is to:

- (1) Provide centralized computer information management and processing services;
- (2) Be exempt from civil service;
- (3) Report to the Comptroller; and
- (4) Have the same salary as the First Deputy Comptroller.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Transform Hawai'i Government.

Your Committee finds that, at its inception, the Chief Information Officer was a position in the Office of the Governor with the position reporting directly to the Governor. Your Committee further finds that Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011, transferred the position to the Department of Accounting and General Services, but did not amend the reporting structure. This measure corrects this inadvertent structural deficiency by directing the Chief Information Officer to report to the Comptroller.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Restoring language that specifies that the Governor, rather than the Comptroller, shall appoint the Chief Information Officer, subject to the Senate's advice and consent process;
- (2) Specifying that the salary of the Chief Information Officer shall be established by the Governor, rather than be the same as the First Deputy Comptroller; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1334-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2285

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "health care" for purposes of health planning and resource development and health care cost control by the State Health Planning and Development Agency;
- (2) Amend the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and Development Agency;
- (3) Establish a task force known as the Hui Ho'omana within the State Health Planning and Development Agency; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the State Health Planning and Development Agency for administrative costs and to establish positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Aging; State Health Planning and Development Agency; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawaii Primacy Care Association; and AlohaCare. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawai'i Pacific Health; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee finds that it is paramount that residents in the State have access to affordable, quality, and equitable health care. The risks from the fragmentation of health care are of great concern in Hawaii due to the size and geographic distribution of the population across the various islands and where health care services are delivered almost entirely through a system of nonprofit providers. Your Committee further finds that, at its inception, the State Health Planning and Development Agency was established to be the State's health oversight agency. This measure will solidify the Agency's authority as a health oversight agency to ensure that all residents of the State have access to high-quality, equitable, and affordable health and long-term care services.

Your Committee also finds that the Hui Ho'omana established by this measure will provide an important means of achieving a multi-stakeholder vision for the ideal future of health care in Hawaii, including input from state agencies, the public and private health sectors, and consumer and neighbor island perspectives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the representatives from the Statewide Health Coordinating Council on the Hui Ho'omana be confirmed by the Senate; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1335-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3239

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Wellness and Resilience to convene a Medical Debt Forgiveness Working Group to study the feasibility of developing, implementing, and executing a program for the State to acquire and forgive outstanding medical debt of Hawaii residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; The Queen's Health System; Holomua Collaborative; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Your Committee finds that medical debt can take a serious toll on an individual's mental and physical well-being. Individuals with debt are three times more likely to have mental health conditions, such as anxiety, stress, or depression. Medical debt is also more likely to burden people with disabilities or in worse health, lower-income persons, and uninsured persons. This measure will convene a working group to examine the feasibility of relieving Hawaii residents of a medical debt burden.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3239, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Nakashima, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1336-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2922

The purpose of this measure is to create a process whereby electric utilities are able to timely recover the prudently incurred costs and expenses of developing, implementing, and administering wildfire protection plans and ensure those costs and expenses are not borne disproportionately by any particular ratepayer or county.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Public Utilities Commission; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260; Life of the Land; Longroad Energy; Clearway Energy Group; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaiian Electric; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Budget and Finance; Hawaii State Energy Office; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committees find that the Hawaii State Energy Office conducted a comprehensive energy system risk assessment for Oahu on the interdependencies within the energy sector supply chain and the interdependencies of the energy sector with Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Lifeline services that are essential to the response and recovery from hazard events. The Office found that wildfire is one of the top two most significant threats to the State's critical energy infrastructure and the emergency response sectors that depend on it. At the same time, power infrastructure in red flag conditions can also be the cause of wildfire.

Your Committees further find that as wildfire risk has increased in a warming climate, many states are starting to adopt best practices for wildfire mitigation or protection plans. These plans are widely available and have been largely based on California's laws and regulations. These laws and regulations may serve as a model for the State and can potentially be adapted to suit the State's unique geography, culture, and overall landscape through workshops, hosted by either the electric utilities or the Public Utilities Commission. This measure moves the State forward to implement best practices in mitigating wildfire risk and by providing a mechanism for electric utilities to finance wildfire mitigation projects.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Incorporating the contents of S.B. No. 2997, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, a measure that:
 - (A) Creates a process whereby electric utilities develop and submit effective risk-based wildfire protection plans to the Public Utilities Commission for approval and the Commission evaluates those plans and either approves them or does so with modifications; and
 - (B) Requires public utilities to report wildfires caused by or occurring in connection with their operations;
- (2) Amending various definitions;
- (3) Amending the required contents of the wildfire protection plans;
- (4) Clarifying that the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is to determine the reasonable costs to develop, implement, and administer a wildfire protection plan, including establishing a mechanism to recover these costs in rates;
- (5) Limiting the liability of electric utilities, the State, and the Commission and its commissioners, employees, and agents with respect to any action taken under the measure;
- (6) Integrating the Commission's consideration of penalties with the existing Performance Based Regulation process;
- (7) Prohibiting the admissibility of the Commission's determination that an electric utility materially failed to comply with an approved wildfire protection plan in certain lawsuits and other actions;
- (8) Amending the requirements for an electric utility to apply to the Commission for a financing order to issue bonds, including:
 - (A) Amending the factors the Commission must consider when determining whether to approve or deny an application for a financing order;
 - (B) Clarifying that the Commission must issue a financing order within one hundred twenty days of the filing of an application for wildfire protection costs that are paid or obligated to be paid;
 - (C) Authorizing an electric utility to include in its application a request for authorization to sell, transfer, assign, or pledge recovery property to a governmental financing entity in certain circumstances;
 - (D) Prohibiting the Commission from issuing a financing order if the wildfire protection charges under all issued financing orders constitute more than five percent of the average residential customer bill;
 - (E) Specifying the actions the State and its agencies are prohibited from taking regarding financing orders and bonds; and
 - (F) Amending the Commission's procedure for periodic true-up adjustments to wildfire protection charges;
- (9) Permitting wildfire protection property to be sold or assigned by certain parties upon default under the terms of a recovery bond; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance, in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Sayama, Belatti, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Souza).

SCRep. 1337-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3237

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to designate certain species as pests, and periodically update taxa designated as pests, for control or eradication and develop and implement a control or eradication program for each designated pest, under certain conditions;
- (2) Establish a Plant Nursery Licensing Program, as part of the Department of Agriculture's Biosecurity Program, to regulate the sale of nursery stock;
- (3) Prohibit the import of any material infested or infected with a pest or that is a pest unless imported under an appropriate permit or compliance agreement and amend the Department of Agriculture's authority to impose other limits on imports and transportation; and

- (4) Amend the method by which the Board of Agriculture makes and updates noxious weed designations and clarify responsibilities for the control or eradication of noxious weeds.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; ‘Ahahui o nā Kauka, Association of Native Hawaiian Physicians; Sierra Club of Hawai‘i; Livable Hawaii Kai Hui; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Farmers Union United; Hawai‘i’s Thousand Friends; Kua‘Āina Ulu ‘Auamo; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai‘i Land Trust; O‘ahu Invasive Species Committee; League of Women Voters of Hawaii; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai‘i Forest Industry Association; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; and Big Island Invasive Species Committee.

Your Committee finds that the State imports eighty percent of its commodities and ninety percent of its food, making border biosecurity critical for preventing new invasive species from arriving and spreading in the State. Your Committee further finds that many other states combat invasive pests by routinely quarantining areas infested with high impact pests and preventing the sale of infested merchandise. Your Committee believes that this measure will grant the Department of Agriculture the tools needed to carry out its responsibilities and effectively regulate and prevent new and existing invasive species from entering Hawaii, while also promoting greater biosecurity.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3237, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3237, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1338-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3234

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Impose a different transient accommodation tax rate for transient vacation rentals and a property insurance surcharge on conveyance tax and use those revenues to capitalize the Hawaii Property Insurance Association (Association) and Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (Fund);
- (2) Expand the statutory authorization for the Association to issue property insurance other than fire insurance for certain real properties organized as a condominium and amend the designated geographic area eligible for coverage to specifically include Lava Zones 1 and 2;
- (3) Require Association member insurers and licensed property and casualty insurers to recoup assessment costs paid into the Association and Fund through a surcharge on premiums;
- (4) Require coverage limits and deductibles and fund capitalization amounts for licensed property and casualty insurers to be established in a plan of operation for the Fund, subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner; and
- (5) Reinstate the special mortgage recording fee to capitalize the Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Palehua Townhouse Association; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Hawaii Financial Services Association; Honolulu Tower AOA; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaii Bankers Association; First Insurance Company of Hawaii; Community Associations Institute, Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Association of Mortgage Brokers and Professionals; Hawaii Credit Union League; Zephyr Insurance Company, Inc.; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Taxation; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; and Hawai‘i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that the availability of condominium building master insurance policy and unit owner insurance policy options within the condominium insurance marketplace was shrinking, even before the August 2023 Maui wildfire event. For condominium building master insurance policies, insurers have increased deductible amounts from what used to be between \$10,000 to \$25,000 per unit, per occurrence, to as much as \$250,000. Furthermore, insurance premiums for hurricane insurance policies have recently risen so high that three hundred seventy-five to three hundred ninety buildings have opted to renew their hurricane insurance policies with less than one hundred percent hurricane coverage. This measure expands the markets of last resort in the State to assist the stabilization of the property insurance market until risks can be depopulated back to the standard insurance market when market conditions improve and risks become more insurable because of building component replacement or maintenance, or mitigation equipment or protocols have been implemented for fire, wildfire, or hurricane events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Updating the preamble;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1339-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3335

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Enact the Hawaii Cannabis Law to:
 - (A) Provide a legal safe harbor from state or county criminal prosecution concerning activities relating to cannabis for those who strictly comply with the provisions of the law;

- (B) Establish the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Authority as an independent body with the power to administratively regulate all aspects of the cannabis plant;
 - (C) Legalize the sale and possession of cannabis for personal adult use beginning January 1, 2026;
 - (D) Provide economic opportunities to disproportionately impacted areas;
 - (E) Encourage those currently engaging in illegal, unlicensed commercial cannabis activities to enter the legal market;
 - (F) Ensure that state and county law enforcement agencies work closely with the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Authority and vigorously investigate and prosecute illegal cannabis activities that fall outside any safe harbor protection; and
 - (G) Mandate that the Hawaii Cannabis and Hemp Authority make the protection of public health and safety its highest priorities;
- (2) Establish a tax on the retail sale of cannabis and a tax on the sale of medical cannabis and require every business engaged in the sale of cannabis to obtain a cannabis tax permit;
 - (3) Add new traffic offenses relating to the consumption or possession of marijuana or marijuana concentrate and clarifying existing traffic offenses as they relate to marijuana and marijuana concentrate;
 - (4) Making conforming amendments relating to the legalization of personal adult use of cannabis under the Hawaii Cannabis Law;
 - (5) Establish the temporary Cannabis and Hemp Control Implementation Advisory Committee to advise and assist the Cannabis and Hemp Control Board regarding the Hawaii Cannabis Law;
 - (6) Transfer the personnel and assets of the Department of Health and assets of the Department of Agriculture relating to cannabis and hemp to the Hawaii Hemp and Cannabis Authority;
 - (7) Establish positions and appropriate funds; and
 - (8) Make other conforming and housekeeping amendments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of the Public Defender; Lau Ola LLC, dba Big Island Grown Dispensaries; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Doctors for Drug Policy Reform; Marijuana Policy Project; National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana; Love Sandwich, LLC; Techmana LLC; Hawai'i Alliance for Cannabis Reform; Cultivation Sector Consulting, LLC; Green Aloha Ltd.; Pakalolo for the People; Law Enforcement Action Partnership; Hawaiian Ethos LLC; Noa Botanicals; Kauai Hemp Company; Cannabis Society of Hawai'i; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Solutions; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Cure Oahu; 808 Viral; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; University of Hawai'i System; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Hawai'i Police Department; Honolulu Police Department; Kaua'i Police Department; Maui Police Department; Hawaii Family Forum; One Impact Hawaii; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Care Waialua; Smart Approaches to Marijuana Hawaii; Hawaii Federation of Republican Women; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; ABC Stores; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Taxation; Department of Education; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Health; Department of Human Resources Development; Office of Information Practices; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association; Akamai Cannabis Consulting; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Reason Foundation; Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance; Hawai'i Hemp Farmers Association; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; GreenWave Advisors LLC; and eight individuals.

Your Committee finds that the existing prohibition on cannabis has allowed an illicit market to flourish in the State. In an illicit market, there are no regulations ensuring the safety of the products made available to consumers. By legalizing cannabis, a well-structured regulatory framework may protect consumers and ensure public safety by enforcing potency and purity standards and testing, labeling, and packaging requirements. The legalization of cannabis allows the regulatory authority to control access to cannabis, including which individuals may sell and purchase cannabis, and ensure safety.

Your Committee further finds that there is a growing body of evidence demonstrating the beneficial aspects of cannabis. The State was among the earliest entities to recognize the beneficial aspects of cannabis and was the first state to authorize the medical use of cannabis through the enactment of Act 228, Session Laws of Hawaii 2000. More recently, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, on August 29, 2023, recommended that cannabis be rescheduled from Schedule I to Schedule III under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

Your Committee also finds that the recognition of cannabis as having beneficial properties has led to a growing trend of adult use legalization. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws authorizing the personal possession and consumption of cannabis by adults. This measure will promote consumer protection and safety through the establishment of a framework for the legal regulation of cannabis in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring cannabis businesses to enter into, maintain, and abide by the terms of a labor peace agreement with a bona fide labor organization as an ongoing material condition of initial application and renewal of a license or permit;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3335, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3335, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 3 (Hashem, Onishi, Pierick). Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1340-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2757

The purpose of this measure is to align sex trafficking laws with federal law by providing that the commercial sexual exploitation of a minor is a form of sex trafficking.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Honolulu Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Hawai'i Youth Services Network;

Imua Alliance; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that sex trafficking is a serious and pervasive issue in the State. Your Committee further finds that, unlike federal regulations, existing state laws do not recognize the solicitation of a minor for prostitution as a form of sex trafficking. This measure is intended to bring the State's laws regarding the solicitation of minors in alignment with federal regulations to ensure persons exploiting children for commercial sex are held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2757, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2757, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1341-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3159

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that a contested case hearing is not required for matters that are identical or arising from the same factual situation as another administrative matter that has been previously adjudicated; and
- (2) Include administrative contested case proceedings within the scope of the vexatious litigant statute.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Earthjustice; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Life of the Land; Starn O'Toole Marcus & Fisher; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure seeks to remove the requirement of conducting multiple contested case hearings on substantially similar matters where the party or parties requesting the hearing can make no bona fide showing as to why new or additional proceedings are warranted.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3159, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3159, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Souza). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1342-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.R. No. 139

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Tahirih Association BEYOND BARS Reentry Program; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State has failed to divert women from the criminal justice system and that the population of incarcerated women at the Women's Community Correctional Center has increased by nine hundred fifty percent since 1978. This measure requests that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 139 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1343-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.C.R. No. 160

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Criminal Justice Research Institute; Tahirih Association BEYOND BARS Reentry Program; YWCA O'ahu; FilmWorks Pacific; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that the State has failed to divert women from the criminal justice system and that the population of incarcerated women at the Women's Community Correctional Center has increased by nine hundred fifty percent since 1978. This measure requests that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 160 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1344-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 101

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to order Hawaiian Electric to continue to deploy and pursue community-based renewable energy projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Elemental Excelerator; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii PV Coalition; and Solar United Neighbors. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that community-based renewable energy projects help make renewable energy accessible to individuals who are unable to install their own solar energy systems. Your Committee further finds that in a status update requested by the Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric recommended that Phase 2, Tranche 2 of its Community-Based Renewable Energy Project be paused, which would delay the installation of additional community-based renewable energy projects. This measure requests that the Public Utilities Commission order Hawaiian Electric to continue Phase 2, Tranche 2 of the Project and continue to issue requests for proposals for the Community-Based Renewable Energy Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 101 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1345-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 120

The purpose of this measure is to request the Public Utilities Commission to order Hawaiian Electric to continue to deploy and pursue community-based renewable energy projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Elemental Excelerator; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii PV Coalition; and Solar United Neighbors. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that community-based renewable energy projects help make renewable energy accessible to individuals who are unable to install their own solar energy systems. Your Committee further finds that in a status update requested by the Public Utilities Commission, Hawaiian Electric recommended that Phase 2, Tranche 2 of its Community-Based Renewable Energy Project be paused, which would delay the installation of additional community-based renewable energy projects. This measure requests that the Public Utilities Commission order Hawaiian Electric to continue Phase 2, Tranche 2 of the Project and continue to issue requests for proposals for the Community-Based Renewable Energy Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 120 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1346-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 192

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Greenpeace Hawaii and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the American Chemistry Council.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are persistent, toxic substances that are harmful to the health of humans and wildlife. This measure urges the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 192 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1347-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 212

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu; Greenpeace Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the American Chemistry Council.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are persistent, toxic substances that are harmful to the health of humans and wildlife. This measure urges the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 212 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1348-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 132

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Greenpeace Hawaii and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Covanta. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that waste combustion facilities are among the largest sources of industrial air pollution. Your Committee further finds that waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills in the State do not continuously monitor and sample certain air pollutants. This measure requests the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee notes that funding for the feasibility study proposed by this measure may not be necessary, as the Department of Health should already be considering the feasibility of implementing continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills as part of its duties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 132 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1349-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 153

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Covanta. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that waste combustion facilities are among the largest sources of industrial air pollution. Your Committee further finds that waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills in the State do not continuously monitor and sample certain air pollutants. This measure requests the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee notes that funding for the feasibility study proposed by this measure may not be necessary, as the Department of Health should already be considering the feasibility of implementing continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills as part of its duties.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 153 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1350-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 177

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that big oil companies have an enormous carbon footprint and have significantly contributed to climate change. Your Committee further finds that in a lawsuit filed by the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Supreme Court rejected claims made by defendants that big oil and gas companies do not fall within state court jurisdiction and that there is no public nuisance claim for a climate damages case under Hawaii law. This measure requests that the Attorney General file a lawsuit against big oil corporations for climate damages to the State and engage a third-party law firm that has expertise in this legal area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 177 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1351-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 197

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Attorney General file a lawsuit against big oil corporations for climate damages to the State and engage a third-party law firm that has expertise in this legal area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; and Greenpeace Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that big oil companies have an enormous carbon footprint and have significantly contributed to climate change. Your Committee further finds that in a lawsuit filed by the City and County of Honolulu, the Hawaii Supreme Court rejected claims made by defendants that big oil and gas companies do not fall within state court jurisdiction and that there is no public nuisance claim for a climate damages case under Hawaii law. This measure requests that the Attorney General file a lawsuit against big oil corporations for climate damages to the State and engage a third-party law firm that has expertise in this legal area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 197 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1352-24 Labor & Government Operations/Water & Land on H.R. No. 52

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a stream maintenance working group within the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to establish the Stream Maintenance Working Group, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (3) Requesting the representative from the City and County of Honolulu to serve as chairperson of the Working Group, rather than the representative from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

(4) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to provide administrative support to the Working Group, instead of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 52, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 52, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1353-24 Labor & Government Operations/Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 67

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a stream maintenance working group within the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committees received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to establish the Stream Maintenance Working Group, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (3) Requesting the representative from the City and County of Honolulu to serve as chairperson of the Working Group, rather than the representative from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (4) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to provide administrative support to the Working Group, instead of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Labor & Government Operations and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 67, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 67, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Labor & Government Operations: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Sayama, Alcos).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1354-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 141

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Establish a two-year Agricultural Crime Pilot Project to examine and assess the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural crimes and crime cases in certain counties in the State;
- (2) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement, the City and County of Honolulu and County of Kauai to hire an enforcement officer for each county;
- (3) Assess the implementation of the pilot project to determine whether to continue, expand, or end the pilot project; and
- (4) Submit an interim report and final report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025 and the Regular Session of 2026, respectively.

Your Committee received no written testimony for this measure.

Your Committee finds that agricultural crimes such as theft and vandalism are a persistent and significant issue effecting farmers and ranchers in the State. Your Committee further finds that agricultural crimes increase agricultural costs of production, making it more difficult for local agricultural operations to sustainably produce food. This measure asks the Department of Agriculture to establish a two-year Agricultural Crime Pilot Project, monitor the pilot project's effectiveness and longevity prospects, and hire a full-time enforcement officer to be placed within the respective county prosecuting attorney's office or any other law enforcement agency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to include the County of Maui in the Agricultural Crime Pilot Program; and
- (2) Updating the title to reflect the amended change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 141, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 141, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1355-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 162

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Establish a two-year Agricultural Crime Pilot Project to examine and assess the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural crimes and crime cases in certain counties in the State;
- (2) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement, the City and County of Honolulu and County of Kauai to hire an enforcement officer for each county;
- (3) Assess the implementation of the pilot project to determine whether to continue, expand, or end the pilot project; and
- (4) Submit an interim report and final report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025 and the Regular Session of 2026, respectively.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual.

Your Committee finds that agricultural crimes such as theft and vandalism are a persistent and significant issue effecting farmers and ranchers in the State. Your Committee further finds that agricultural crimes increase agricultural costs of production, making it more difficult for local agricultural operations to sustainably produce food. This measure asks the Department of Agriculture to establish a two-year Agricultural Crime Pilot Project, monitor the pilot project's effectiveness and longevity prospects, and hire a full-time enforcement officer to be placed within the respective county prosecuting attorney's office or any other law enforcement agency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to include the County of Maui in the Agricultural Crime Pilot Program; and
- (2) Updating the title to reflect the amended change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 162, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 162, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1356-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 13

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Agriculture to:

- (1) Conduct a study to determine the percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and are actively being used for farming purposes; and
- (2) Determine the dollar amounts of lease rent, cost of infrastructure improvements made by the original lessee, sum paid by the purchaser of the remainder of the lease, and amount from the sum paid by the purchaser that goes to the State; and
- (3) Submit a report of its finds and recommendations, including and proposed legislation, to the Legislature, prior to the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received no written testimony for this measure.

Your Committee finds that the State provides agricultural leases at below market rates to bolster local food production, and that some of these leases are being used primarily as residences or non-agricultural businesses, left unused for food production. Your Committee further finds that lessees in high-demand locations can transfer the remainder of their lease to the highest bidder, often converting their lease into a substantial profit above and beyond their investments into the property. This measure asks the Board of Agriculture to conduct a study to better understand the severity and scope of agricultural leases being used in this way, to pave the way for future legislation to provide a possible remedy for this issue.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 13 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1357-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 23

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Agriculture to:

- (1) Conduct a study to determine the percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and are actively being used for farming purposes; and
- (2) Determine the dollar amounts of lease rent, cost of infrastructure improvements made by the original lessee, sum paid by the purchaser of the remainder of the lease, and amount from the sum paid by the purchaser that goes to the State; and
- (3) Submit a report of its finds and recommendations, including and proposed legislation, to the Legislature, prior to the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received opposition from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the State provides agricultural leases at below market rates to bolster local food production, and that some of these leases are being used primarily as residences or non-agricultural businesses, left unused for food production. Your Committee further finds that lessees in high-demand locations can transfer the remainder of their lease to the highest bidder, often converting their lease into a substantial profit above and beyond their investments into the property. This measure asks the Board of Agriculture to conduct a study to better understand the severity and scope of agricultural leases being used in this way, to pave the way for future legislation to provide a possible remedy for this issue.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 23 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1358-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 14

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Create a plan to develop an Invasive Species Placard Program and assess the resources needed to implement the program; and
- (2) Submit the plan, the assessment of the resources needed to implement the program, and its recommendations, including to any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species.

Your Committee finds that invasive pests are animals, insects, disease agents, or other organisms that are detrimental to agriculture, horticulture, public health, or natural resources including native biota or that have an otherwise adverse effect on the natural environment. Your Committee further finds that members of the public would be less likely to purchase and spread invasive pests if nurseries, farms, and other agriculture-related businesses were required to show a placard stating their invasive pest status within the classification system developed by the Department of Agriculture. Accordingly, this measure asks

the Department of Agriculture to create a plan for the Invasive Species Placard Program and to share this plan with the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 14 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1359-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 24

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Create a plan to develop an Invasive Species Placard Program and assess the resources needed to implement the program; and
- (2) Submit the plan, the assessment of the resources needed to implement the program, and its recommendations, including to any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and one individual. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that invasive pests are animals, insects, disease agents, or other organisms that are detrimental to agriculture, horticulture, public health, or natural resources including native biota or that have an otherwise adverse effect on the natural environment. Your Committee further finds that members of the public would be less likely to purchase and spread invasive pests if nurseries, farms, and other agriculture-related businesses were required to show a placard stating their invasive pest status within the classification system developed by the Department of Agriculture. Accordingly, this measure asks the Department of Agriculture to create a plan for the Invasive Species Placard Program and to share this plan with the Legislature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 24 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1360-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 32

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Develop a strategic plan to enhance food security for low-income communities in Hawaii by identifying and assessing barriers to accessing locally produced and nutritious food; and
- (2) Explore strategies to expand access to affordable, locally sourced food and support local farmers through economic incentives and capacity-building programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; and Church State Council.

Your Committee finds that food security is a fundamental human right that is essential for public health. Your committee further recognizes the challenges faced by low-income communities in accessing nutritious food and advocates for promoting local food production to improve health, economic security, and environmental sustainability. Accordingly, this measure calls for a comprehensive strategic plan involving collaboration among government agencies, community organizations, and agricultural stakeholders to address issues related to food access, affordability, land use, education, and community engagement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to include communities recovering from disasters to the food security study;
- (2) Adding a request for the study to include communities recovering from disasters, particularly in the Lahaina community following the August 2023 wildfires; and
- (3) Updating the title to reflect the amended changes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 32, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 32, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1361-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 43

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Develop a strategic plan to enhance food security for low-income communities in Hawaii by identifying and assessing barriers to accessing locally produced and nutritious food; and
- (2) Explore strategies to expand access to affordable, locally sourced food and support local farmers through economic incentives and capacity-building programs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Church State Council; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that food security is a fundamental human right that is essential for public health. Your committee further recognizes the challenges faced by low-income communities in accessing nutritious food and advocates for promoting local food production to improve health, economic security, and environmental sustainability. Accordingly, this measure calls for a comprehensive strategic plan involving collaboration among government agencies, community organizations, and agricultural stakeholders to address issues related to food access, affordability, land use, education, and community engagement.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to include communities recovering from disasters to the food security study;

- (2) Adding a request for the study to include communities recovering from disasters, particularly in the Lahaina community following the August 2023 wildfires; and
- (3) Updating the title to reflect the amended changes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 43, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 43, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1362-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 140

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Convene a working group to review the effectiveness of the relevant State laws governing agricultural-based commercial operations; and
- (2) Invite relevant stakeholders to participate in the working group.

Your Committee received testimony no written testimony for this measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii law permits agricultural-based commercial operations to operate on agricultural land without a minimum requirement of agricultural activity on that land. Your committee further finds that the intent of the statute authorizing this operation was to enable bona fide agricultural producers to remain profitable and continue to farm in the State by allowing producers to have additional income streams. The authorizing statute is thus being abused by businesses receiving permits to sell and display goods that have been produced anywhere in the state. Accordingly, this measure requests the convening of a working group comprised of relevant stakeholders to review the effectiveness of the relevant state laws governing agriculture-based commercial operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 140 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1363-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 161

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Convene a working group to review the effectiveness of the relevant State laws governing agricultural-based commercial operations; and
- (2) Invite relevant stakeholders to participate in the working group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Keep the North Shore Country; Hui o Kamananui; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Hawai'i Farm Bureau, and four individuals. Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii law permits agricultural-based commercial operations to operate on agricultural land without a minimum requirement of agricultural activity on that land. Your committee further finds that the intent of the statute authorizing this operation was to enable bona fide agricultural producers to remain profitable and continue to farm in the State by allowing producers to have additional income streams. The authorizing statute is thus being abused by businesses receiving permits to sell and display goods that have been produced anywhere in the state. Accordingly, this measure requests the convening of a working group comprised of relevant stakeholders to review the effectiveness of the relevant state laws governing agriculture-based commercial operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 161 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1364-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 31

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a study of ways to increase access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, including:

- (1) Public policy options for addressing the benefits cliff created by SNAP's eligibility requirements, including a cost-benefit analysis of expanding eligibility to households that are three hundred percent above the federal poverty level; and
- (2) An estimate of the number of Hawaii residents whose income is below the three hundred percent federal poverty level and who may become eligible for SNAP benefits if the State expands income eligibility to this level; and
- (3) An estimate of the number of residents who are currently eligible for SNAP, but not enrolled; and
- (4) Other issues that the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization determines to be important in increasing access to SNAP benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support from Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Public Health Institute; and AlohaCare. Your Committee received comments from the Hawaii State Department of Human Services; University of Hawaii; and UHERO.

Your Committee finds that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are crucial in providing food assistance to some of Hawaii's most economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Many families just below SNAP's income eligibility threshold decline pay increases because the financial benefit of increased economic opportunities does not exceed the potential cost of losing SNAP benefits, thus creating a SNAP benefits cliff. Your Committee further finds that increasing access to SNAP benefits would help economically vulnerable households meet their basic needs without limiting their earning potential.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Striking language regarding education level requirements of SNAP recipients;
- (2) Adding language requesting relevant State departments and agencies to provide the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization with access to information to successfully complete the study;

- (3) Adding language requesting the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to submit both a preliminary and final report of the study; and
- (4) Amending the date that the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization is requested to submit a preliminary and final report of the study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 31, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 31, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1365-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 42

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a study of ways to increase access to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, including:

- (1) Public policy options for addressing the benefits cliff created by SNAP's eligibility requirements, including a cost-benefit analysis of expanding eligibility to households that are three hundred percent above the federal poverty level; and
- (2) An estimate of the number of Hawaii residents whose income is below the three hundred percent federal poverty level and who may become eligible for SNAP benefits if the State expands income eligibility to this level; and
- (3) An estimate of the number of residents who are currently eligible for SNAP, but not enrolled; and
- (4) Other issues that the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization determines to be important in increasing access to SNAP benefits.

Your Committee received testimony in support from Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; AlohaCare; and Hawaii Hunger Action Network. Your Committee received comments from the Hawaii State Department of Human Services; University of Hawaii; and UHERO.

Your Committee finds that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are crucial in providing food assistance to some of Hawaii's most economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Many families just below SNAP's income eligibility threshold decline pay increases because the financial benefit of increased economic opportunities does not exceed the potential cost of losing SNAP benefits, thus creating a SNAP benefits cliff. Your Committee further finds that increasing access to SNAP benefits would help economically vulnerable households meet their basic needs without limiting their earning potential.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Striking language regarding education level requirements of SNAP recipients;
- (2) Adding language requesting relevant State departments and agencies to provide the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization with access to information to successfully complete the study;
- (3) Adding language requesting the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to submit both a preliminary and final report of the study; and
- (4) Amending the date that the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization is requested to submit a preliminary and final report of the study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 42, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 42, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1366-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 22

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor and pertinent State agencies to commit to provide culturally appropriate resources, services, and programs for Native Hawaiian individuals and families experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Department of Health; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from 'Apoākea (Infinite Reach) Native Hawaiian Innovation Institute.

Your Committee finds that intellectual and developmental disabilities are often lifelong disabilities that may involve challenges that affect intellectual functioning and adaptive functioning, or a person's ability to learn, reason, communicate, socialize, or perform self-care tasks. Your Committee further finds that implementing programs and services with Native Hawaiian cultural focuses and contexts can serve as effective care for individuals with disabilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 22 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1367-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 33

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor and pertinent State agencies to commit to provide culturally appropriate resources, services, and programs for Native Hawaiian individuals and families experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Department of Health; Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Your Committee received comments on this measure from 'Apoākea (Infinite Reach) Native Hawaiian Innovation Institute.

Your Committee finds that intellectual and developmental disabilities are often lifelong disabilities that may involve challenges that affect intellectual functioning and adaptive functioning, or a person's ability to learn, reason, communicate, socialize, or perform self-care tasks. Your Committee further finds that implementing programs and services with Native Hawaiian cultural focuses and contexts can serve as effective care for individuals with disabilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 33 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1368-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 180

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the positive effects of cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii State Office of Youth Services; Partners in Development Foundation; RYSE; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that ten percent of Hawaii's homeless population is comprised of individuals under the age of eighteen years, and forty-four percent of homeless youth report having spent time in jail or a juvenile detention center. Community-based support centers for homeless or formerly incarcerated youth substantially reduce the likelihood that youth are incarcerated and experience homelessness. Your Committee further finds that expanding State and private sector collaboration and implementing proven and effective therapeutic and cultural methods to promote youth wellness can help the State reduce homelessness and the negative effects of incarceration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 180, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 180, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1369-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 200

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the positive effects of cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii State Office of Youth Services; Partners in Development Foundation; RYSE; Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that ten percent of Hawaii's homeless population is comprised of individuals under the age of eighteen years, and forty-four percent of homeless youth report having spent time in jail or a juvenile detention center. Community-based support centers for homeless or formerly incarcerated youth substantially reduce the likelihood that youth are incarcerated and experience homelessness. Your Committee further finds that expanding State and private sector collaboration and implementing proven and effective therapeutic and cultural methods to promote youth wellness can help the State reduce homelessness and the negative effects of incarceration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 200, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 200, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1370-24 Education on H.R. No. 27

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education to adopt a policy relating to community schools to guide the establishment of additional community schools throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ceeds of Peace; Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Pacific American Foundation; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; CARES; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that community schools provide comprehensive programs and services to meet the unique needs of students and families, including a lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and dental care, persistent hunger, trauma, and exposure to violence. Your Committee further finds that the community school strategy aligns with the Department of Education's Nā Hopena A'o Framework, strengthening the sense of belonging, responsibility, excellence, aloha, and total well-being. Your Committee notes that community schools programs are already operating in many parts of Hawaii, especially in remote, rural, and economically disadvantaged areas, and believes that more students and their families could benefit from an expansion of community schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 27 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1371-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 38

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education to adopt a policy relating to community schools to guide the establishment of additional community schools throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Ceeds of Peace; Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance; Democratic Party of Hawai'i Education Caucus; Pacific American Foundation; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; CARES; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that community schools provide comprehensive programs and services to meet the unique needs of students and families, including a lack of stable housing, inadequate medical and dental care, persistent hunger, trauma, and exposure to violence. Your Committee further finds that the community school strategy aligns with the Department of Education's Nā Hopena A'o Framework, strengthening the sense of belonging, responsibility,

excellence, aloha, and total well-being. Your Committee notes that community schools programs are already operating in many parts of Hawaii, especially in remote, rural, and economically disadvantaged areas, and believes that more students and their families could benefit from an expansion of community schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 38 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1372-24 Education on H.R. No. 168

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that school libraries and school library media centers are staffed with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii Association of School Librarians; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that a well-equipped and staffed school library is essential for fostering student learning, personal growth, and academic success. Schools with a strong school library program and a licensed school librarian provide their students with the best chance to succeed. Your Committee further finds that licensed school librarians collaborate with teachers to enhance learning with print materials, electronic books, and electronic databases. Additionally, licensed school librarians provide guidance, expertise, and support in fostering a love for reading and ensure students have the necessary information literacy skills necessary for college, career development, and community engagement. Your Committee believes that staffing libraries and library media centers with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists will provide all students with the resources and support needed for their growth and success.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 168 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1373-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 188

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that school libraries and school library media centers are staffed with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawaii State Public Library System; Hawai'i Library Association; Hawaii Association of School Librarians; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that a well-equipped and staffed school library is essential for fostering student learning, personal growth, and academic success. Schools with a strong school library program and a licensed school librarian provide their students with the best chance to succeed. Your Committee further finds that licensed school librarians collaborate with teachers to enhance learning with print materials, electronic books, and electronic databases. Additionally, licensed school librarians provide guidance, expertise, and support in fostering a love for reading and ensure students have the necessary information literacy skills necessary for college, career development, and community engagement. Your Committee believes that staffing libraries and library media centers with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists will provide all students with the resources and support needed for their growth and success.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 188 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1374-24 Education on H.R. No. 64

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the State Public Charter School Commission, to submit a report to the Legislature on increasing access to stable, suitable, and affordable facilities for public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; Kualapuu Public Charter School; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's public charter schools serve a critical role as laboratories of innovation in the State's education system, with more than twelve thousand students enrolled in public charter schools. Your Committee further finds that the lack of funding for, and availability of, proper facilities has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally and locally, forcing some charter schools in Hawaii to hold classes outdoors, on covered lanais, or in unstable temporary structures.

Your Committee further finds that although the State Public Charter School Commission may request funding for facilities as part of its annual budget request, the amounts received in recent fiscal years have not kept pace with the cost of providing and maintaining high quality facilities. Your Committee notes that unused or underutilized state facilities would help alleviate the lack of proper facilities for public charter schools. Additionally, there are various financing options, such as federal support, that can be used to help support public charter schools. Your Committee believes that the State has the opportunity and responsibility to maximize existing assets that are currently available to assist public charter schools to ensure all students have proper facilities for their education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a recipient of a certified copy of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 64, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 64, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1375-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 79

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the State Public Charter School Commission, to submit a report to the Legislature on increasing access to stable, suitable, and affordable facilities for public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN; Kanu o ka Aina; Kualapuu Public Charter School; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's public charter schools serve a critical role as laboratories of innovation in the State's education system, with more than twelve thousand students enrolled in public charter schools. Your Committee further finds that the lack of funding for, and availability of, proper facilities has been a long-standing issue for charter schools nationally and locally, forcing some charter schools in Hawaii to hold classes outdoors, on covered lanais, or in unstable temporary structures.

Your Committee further finds that although the State Public Charter School Commission may request funding for facilities as part of its annual budget request, the amounts received in recent fiscal years have not kept pace with the cost of providing and maintaining high quality facilities. Your Committee notes that unused or underutilized state facilities would help alleviate the lack of proper facilities for public charter schools. Additionally, there are various financing options, such as federal support, that can be used to help support public charter schools. Your Committee believes that the State has the opportunity and responsibility to maximize existing assets that are currently available to assist public charter schools to ensure all students have proper facilities for their education.

Your Committee has amended this measure by including the Executive Director of the School Facilities Authority as a recipient of a certified copy of this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 79, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 79, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1376-24 Education on H.R. No. 149

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that each public school and public charter school in the State, from kindergarten through grade twelve, employs, or retains under contract, a certain number of mental health professionals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing an acute mental health crisis among children and youth. Your Committee further finds that school psychologists provide direct and indirect support to evaluate and address students' intellectual development, academic success, social-emotional learning, and mental and behavioral health. Additionally, school counselors counsel students and parents, evaluate students' abilities, address learning problems, and assist students in career and personal development. Your Committee recognizes that school psychologists and school counselors are crucial to supporting the mental health and well-being of students in school.

Your Committee notes that the National Association of School Psychologists recommends a ratio of one psychologist to five hundred students and the American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor to two hundred fifty students. Public schools and public charter schools in Hawaii presently do not meet the recommendations by the National Association of School Psychologists. Your Committee believes that ensuring adequate staffing levels of mental health professionals consistent with recommended ratios will provide Hawaii's keiki with critical support needed to address the ongoing mental health crisis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the Chairperson of the Board of Education as a recipient of a certified copy of this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 149, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 149, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1377-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 170

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that each public school and public charter school in the State, from kindergarten through grade twelve, employs, or retains under contract, a certain number of mental health professionals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing an acute mental health crisis among children and youth. Your Committee further finds that school psychologists provide direct and indirect support to evaluate and address students' intellectual development, academic success, social-emotional learning, and mental and behavioral health. Additionally, school counselors counsel students and parents, evaluate students' abilities, address learning problems, and assist students in career and personal development. Your Committee recognizes that school psychologists and school counselors are crucial to supporting the mental health and well-being of students in school.

Your Committee notes that the National Association of School Psychologists recommends a ratio of one psychologist to five hundred students and the American School Counselor Association recommends a ratio of one school counselor to two hundred fifty students. Public schools and public charter schools in Hawaii presently do not meet the recommendations by the National Association of School Psychologists. Your Committee believes that ensuring adequate staffing levels of mental health professionals consistent with recommended ratios will provide Hawaii's keiki with critical support needed to address the ongoing mental health crisis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the Chairperson of the Board of Education as a recipient of a certified copy of this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 170, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 170, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1378-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.R. No. 18

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to address issues related to water and air contamination and remediation arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training Facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Marine Corps; University of Hawai'i System; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that lead contamination from the Puuloa Range Training Facility threatens the health and safety of the residents of the Ewa Beach community. This measure establishes a working group to address the water and air contamination and remediation issues arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training Facility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 18, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 18, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1379-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.C.R. No. 28

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to address issues related to water and air contamination and remediation arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training Facility.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the United States Marine Corps; University of Hawai'i System; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council and one individual.

Your Committee finds that lead contamination from the Puuloa Range Training Facility threatens the health and safety of the residents of the Ewa Beach community. This measure establishes a working group to address the water and air contamination and remediation issues arising from the operation of the Puuloa Range Training Facility.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 28, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 28, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1380-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.C.R. No. 121

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the United States Navy to eradicate octocoral and other invasive species from the waters of Pearl Harbor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that octocoral and other invasive species are threatening Pearl Harbor's maritime ecosystem. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources has not been informed of the outcomes of pilot eradication projects conducted by the United States Navy in certain areas of Pearl Harbor. Your Committee further finds that this information would be essential to informing the State's response if octocoral and other invasive species are found outside Pearl Harbor.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding findings related to the United States Navy's pilot eradication projects;
- (2) Encouraging the United States Navy to provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with status updates on the eradication and spread of invasive octocoral;
- (3) Amending its title; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 121, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 121, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1381-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 169

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State to:

- (1) Prohibit the use of biocontrol agents that might threaten economically important forage grass species; and
- (2) Provide for the protection of Hawaii's rangelands and grass species that sustain beef cattle production through funding policies, initiatives, and directives to state agencies.

Your Committee received no written testimony for this measure.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's beef cattle industry has created significant economic and environmental benefits, including contributions to the state economy, job creation, food security, and culture. Your Committee recognizes the importance of Hawaii's rangelands, which cover about twenty percent of the state's landmass, in providing ecosystem services such as soil stabilization and carbon sequestration. It recognizes ranchers as essential stewards of these lands, managing them through livestock grazing to prevent soil erosion and invasive weed growth. Your Committee further finds reason for concern regarding the labeling of certain forage grasses as invasive species, noting their importance for both livestock feed and ecological balance. Your Committee acknowledges the role of livestock grazing in managing these grasses and reducing the risk of wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language describing ranchers as grass farmers and replacing it with the critical role they play in managing lands and reducing fuels loads; and
- (2) Adding language requesting the State to also consider a holistic approach when addressing wildfire risk by utilizing a variety of tools and strategies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 169, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 169, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1382-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 189

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State to:

- (1) Prohibit the use of biocontrol agents that might threaten economically important forage grass species; and
- (2) Provide for the protection of Hawaii's rangelands and grass species that sustain beef cattle production through funding policies, initiatives, and directives to state agencies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; Larry Jeffs Farms, LLC; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaiian Electric and ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's beef cattle industry has created significant economic and environmental benefits, including contributions to the state economy, job creation, food security, and culture. Your Committee recognizes the importance of Hawaii's rangelands, which cover about twenty percent of the state's landmass, in providing ecosystem services such as soil stabilization and carbon sequestration. It recognizes ranchers as essential stewards of these lands, managing them through livestock grazing to prevent soil erosion and invasive weed growth. Your Committee further finds reason for concern regarding the labeling of certain forage grasses as invasive species, noting their importance for both livestock feed and ecological balance. Your Committee acknowledges the role of livestock grazing in managing these grasses and reducing the risk of wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language describing ranchers as grass farmers and replacing it with the critical role they play in managing lands and reducing fuels loads; and
- (2) Adding language requesting the State to also consider a holistic approach when addressing wildfire risk by utilizing a variety of tools and strategies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 189, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 189, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1383-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.R. No. 150

The purpose of this measure is to request:

- (1) State and county agencies to check and scan the microchip of a deceased dog or cat found on a public roadway; and
- (2) Request any information found to be timely passed along to county animal services.

Your Committee has received testimony in support of this measure from nine individuals.

Your Committee finds that the loss of pet cats and dogs in creates a significant emotional impact, and that closure for such losses can help mitigate the impact. Your Committee notes that many pets are killed on state or county roadways and disposed of without any effort to identify their owners. Your committee further finds that since January 1, 2022, pet owners have been required to microchip their pets, facilitating easier identification. Accordingly, this measure urges state and county agencies to scan deceased pets for microchips and record relevant information, enabling the notification of owners and facilitating reunions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 150 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1384-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on H.C.R. No. 171

The purpose of this measure is to request:

- (1) State and county agencies to check and scan the microchip of a deceased dog or cat found on a public roadway; and
- (2) Any information found to be timely passed along to county animal services.

Your Committee has received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society; Kauai Humane Society; Popoki Place Oahu Cat Sanctuary; Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain; and twenty-five individuals.

Your Committee finds that the loss of pet cats and dogs in creates a significant emotional impact, and that closure for such losses can help mitigate the impact. Your Committee notes that many pets are killed on state or county roadways and disposed of without any effort to identify their owners. Your committee further finds that since January 1, 2022, pet owners have been required to microchip their pets, facilitating easier identification. Accordingly, this measure urges state and county agencies to scan deceased pets for microchips and record relevant information, enabling the notification of owners and facilitating reunions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 171 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

SCRep. 1385-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.R. No. 60

The purpose of this measure is to request that the United States Department of Defense, including the Navy, Army, and Air Force, increase on-base housing availability for active duty personnel and their dependents assigned to military installations in the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that the large population of military personnel assigned to Hawaii further exacerbates the affordable housing shortage in the State. This measure requests the Department of Defense to increase on-base housing availability for active duty personnel and their dependents, as this may lessen competition for limited housing between local civilian residents and military personnel.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 60 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1386-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.C.R. No. 75

The purpose of this measure is to request that the United States Department of Defense, including the Navy, Army, and Air Force, increase on-base housing availability for active duty personnel and their dependents assigned to military installations in the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that the large population of military personnel assigned to Hawaii further exacerbates the affordable housing shortage in the State. This measure requests the Department of Defense to increase on-base housing availability for active duty personnel and their dependents, as this may lessen competition for limited housing between local civilian residents and military personnel.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 75 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1387-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.R. No. 41

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement, fire departments and police departments of each county, humane societies in each county, and media organizations throughout the State to collaborate to create and disseminate public service announcements to highlight the dangers of, and advocate against the use of, illegal fireworks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the effects of illegal fireworks are significant and wide-ranging, including physical injuries to and psychological effects on individuals, displacement of pets, and negative impacts on wildlife. This measure urges various state and county entities to collaborate to create and disseminate public service announcements to highlight the dangers of, and advocate against the use of, illegal fireworks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 41, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 41, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1388-24 Corrections, Military, & Veterans on H.C.R. No. 52

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement, fire departments and police departments of each county, humane societies in each county, and media organizations throughout the State to collaborate to create and disseminate public service announcements to highlight the dangers of, and advocate against the use of, illegal fireworks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the effects of illegal fireworks are significant and wide-ranging, including physical injuries to and psychological effects on individuals, displacement of pets, and negative impacts on wildlife. This measure urges various state and county entities to collaborate to create and disseminate public service announcements to highlight the dangers of, and advocate against the use of, illegal fireworks.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 52, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 52, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1389-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 127

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a Vegetation Management Working Group to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding regulations that define property owner obligations to perform vegetation management on public and private property for purposes of wildfire risk mitigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that vegetation management, including the creation of firebreaks and the removal of buildup of flammable vegetation, is essential for the mitigation of wildfire risks and the promotion of safer conditions for the State's communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Vegetation Management Working Group, in its review of vegetation management, to consider the wildfire mitigation actions that are being proposed as part of the Hawaiian Electric Company's Climate Adaptation Transmission and Distribution Resilience Program in Docket No. 2022-0135 and the electric utilities' (including Kauai Island Utility Cooperative) hazard mitigation plans to be filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) over the next few months, in response to Commission Order No. 40396. These plans will be filed as part of a non-docketed proceeding under Case No. 2023-04661.

Your Committee notes the Department of Land and Natural Resources' concern that establishing a working group without appropriating funds for the administrative support needs of the group would place an unfunded mandate on the Department that would consume substantial time and resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 127, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 127, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1390-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 148

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a Vegetation Management Working Group to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding regulations that define property owner obligations to perform vegetation management on public and private property for purposes of wildfire risk mitigation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1260. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that vegetation management, including the creation of firebreaks and the removal of buildup of flammable vegetation, is essential for the mitigation of wildfire risks and the promotion of safer conditions for the State's communities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Vegetation Management Working Group, in its review of vegetation management, to consider the wildfire mitigation actions that are being proposed as part of the Hawaiian Electric Company's Climate Adaptation Transmission and Distribution Resilience Program in Docket No. 2022-0135 and the electric utilities' (including Kauai Island Utility Cooperative) hazard mitigation plans to be filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) over the next few months, in response to Commission Order No. 40396. These plans will be filed as part of a non-docketed proceeding under Case No. 2023-04661.

Your Committee notes the Department of Land and Natural Resources' concern that establishing a working group without appropriating funds for the administrative support needs of the group would place an unfunded mandate on the Department that would consume substantial time and resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 148, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 148, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1391-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 187

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to collaborate with the University of Hawaii to establish a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Americans for Democratic Action; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are thought to pose a serious toxicity risk to humans, organisms, and the environment. Your Committee further finds that these chemicals have been named "forever chemicals" due to the length of time they remain in the environment, which is a cause for serious concern. Your Committee finds that the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Grant Program proposed by this measure would provide funding to assist local communities, businesses, and residents in Hawaii to obtain the proper testing services for PFAS detection.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 187 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1392-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 207

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to collaborate with the University of Hawaii to establish a Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are thought to pose a serious toxicity risk to humans, organisms, and the environment. Your Committee further finds that these chemicals have been named "forever chemicals" due to the length of time they remain in the environment, which is a

cause for serious concern. Your Committee finds that the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Testing Grant Program proposed by this measure would provide funding to assist local communities, businesses, and residents in Hawaii to obtain the proper testing services for PFAS detection.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 207 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1393-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to submit a hazard mitigation assistance grant request or pre-disaster mitigation program grant request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu, under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that boulders along hillsides pose a threat of dangerous rockfalls and landslides that could directly and indirectly impact communities across the State. On Oahu, the Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley communities are considered a high risk zone for landslides and rockfalls. Your Committee further finds that certain hillsides surrounding Moanalua Valley are owned by the federal government, such as Tripler Army Medical Center. Your Committee notes that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is responsible for planning for and responding to natural and human-caused emergencies in the State and believes that the Agency should assist in obtaining federal grants for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 115 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1394-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 134

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to submit a hazard mitigation assistance grant request or pre-disaster mitigation program grant request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu, under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that boulders along hillsides pose a threat of dangerous rockfalls and landslides that could directly and indirectly impact communities across the State. On Oahu, the Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley communities are considered a high risk zone for landslides and rockfalls. Your Committee further finds that certain hillsides surrounding Moanalua Valley are owned by the federal government, such as Tripler Army Medical Center. Your Committee notes that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency is responsible for planning for and responding to natural and human-caused emergencies in the State and believes that the Agency should assist in obtaining federal grants for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 134 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1395-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 73

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to install a new emergency siren in upper Pacific Palisades, Oahu, to increase emergency management protections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

Your Committee finds that it is often difficult, if not impossible, for certain community members in the Pacific Palisades area to hear the emergency siren. Your Committee finds that on numerous occasions, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board has sought the support of Hawaii's emergency management agencies to resolve this issue but has yet to receive proper assistance. Your Committee further finds that placing a new siren in upper Pacific Palisades would resolve this issue and promote public safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 73 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1396-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 87

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to install a new emergency siren in upper Pacific Palisades, Oahu, to increase emergency management protections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that it is often difficult, if not impossible, for certain community members in the Pacific Palisades area to hear the emergency siren. Your Committee finds that on numerous occasions, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board has sought the support of Hawaii's emergency management agencies to resolve this issue but has yet to receive proper assistance. Your Committee further finds that placing a new siren in upper Pacific Palisades would resolve this issue and promote public safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 87 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1397-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 29

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to support continued funding of the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Lieutenant Governor; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; CTIA; Verizon; Charter Communications; and Hawaii Broadband Hui.

Your Committee finds that the United States Congress assigned the Federal Communications Commission to administer the Affordable Connectivity Program, the successor program to the Emergency Broadband Benefit, which helped almost nine million households to afford internet access during the coronavirus 2019 pandemic. Your Committee further finds that in areas of the State in which broadband is available, the Affordable Connectivity Program allows subscribers to afford internet speeds and devices sufficient for key online activities, such as at-home learning, health care, banking, and public services. In areas of the State in which broadband is not available, the Affordable Connectivity Program incentivizes the deployment of new broadband infrastructure.

Your Committee also finds that thousands of Hawaii residents benefit from the Affordable Connectivity Program, but they are at risk of losing broadband service in 2024 if the United States Congress does not fund an extension of the program. Your Committee believes that allowing the Affordable Connectivity Program to end will be a great disservice to those who rely on the program to access vital online services and resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 29 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1398-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 9

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands at He'eia, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, for the existing drain and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. The Board identified portions of the existing drain seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-6-003:077, He'eia, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, as encroaching upon state submerged lands and on July 8, 2010, approved the issuance of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement to resolve the drain encroachment and on December 13, 2019, approved technical amendments to insert accurate legal references and facilitate the easement documentation process. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 9 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1399-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 10

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:051, Kaneohe, Koolauloko, Oahu, for the existing boat ramp and concrete wall, and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. The Board identified portions of an existing boat ramp and concrete wall, and existing improvements constructed thereon, seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:051, Kaneohe, Koolauloko, Oahu, as encroaching upon state submerged lands and on August 26, 2022, approved a grant of a twenty-five-year, non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 10, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 10, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1400-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 11

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement for the existing revetment fronting the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 3-5-058:011, Waialae-Iki, Honolulu, Oahu, which was placed upon state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. On April 14, 2023, the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved a grant of a twenty-five-year non-exclusive easement to resolve the revetment encroachment. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 11, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 11, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1401-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 12

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering an existing concrete boat ramp seaward of the land identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:013, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu, which is situated upon state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. The Board identified the existing concrete boat ramp seaward of the land identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:013, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu, as encroaching upon state submerged lands and on May 12, 2023, approved a grant of a twenty-five-year, non-exclusive easement to resolve the concrete boat ramp encroachment. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 12, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 12, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1402-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 13

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering portions of the existing riprap revetment, ramp, and rock groin seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 5-3-008:012, Hauula, Koolauloa, Oahu, which were placed on state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. The Board identified portions of an existing riprap revetment, ramp, and rock groin seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 5-3-008:012, Hauula, Koolauloa, Oahu, as encroaching upon state submerged lands and on August 26, 2022, approved a grant of a twenty-five-year, non-exclusive easement to resolve the riprap revetment, ramp, and rock groin encroachments. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 13, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1403-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 14

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-014: 022, Maalaea Beach Lots, Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, for the existing seawall, and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Milowai Maalaea AOA; Ma'alaea Village Association; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. The Board identified a portion of the existing seawall seaward

of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-014: 022, Maalaea Beach Lots, Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, as encroaching upon state submerged lands and on January 8, 2021, approved an amendment to the Board of Land and Natural Resources' October 9, 2015, approval of a term, non-exclusive easement to shorten the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifty-five to twenty-five years, or in the event the applicant is unsuccessful in acquiring the fee or obtaining an extension of the ground lease of the abutting apartment property, to end on December 31, 2038, concurrent with the expiration of the ground lease for the abutting apartment property. Your Committee further finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the continued use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years;
- (3) Requesting the Board of Land and Natural Resources to require that the easement provide for either public access to the shoreline from the grass next to the seawall or the installation of a railing along the top of the seawall to allow the public lateral access to the shoreline; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 14, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1404-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 22

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands identified as Tax Map Key: (1)3-1-039: seaward of 065, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, for the construction, use, repair, and maintenance of concrete steps pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to obtain prior authorization from the Legislature and prior approval of the Governor to dispose of state submerged lands. A private entity requested the approval of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands to reconstruct concrete steps on state submerged lands in the same location, alignment, configuration, and footprint as previously existing concrete steps that had been constructed on the makai side of an existing seawall that fronted state submerged land identified as Tax Map Key: (1)3-1-039: seaward of 065, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, and that were removed from the state submerged lands in 2021. Your Committee further finds that on October 13, 2023, the Board approved a grant of a twenty-five-year non-exclusive easement to resolve any encroachment issues. Your Committee also finds that this measure expresses the requisite legislative approval so that an easement may be issued for the use of those state submerged lands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding WHEREAS clauses explaining your Committee's concerns about the ongoing challenges posed by sea-level rise and the existing practice of issuing easements to private landowners for state submerged lands on a case-by-case basis;
- (2) Providing that the term of the non-exclusive easement to resolve the existing encroachments should not exceed fifteen years; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 22, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1405-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 96

The purpose of this measure to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Health's Clean and Sober Homes Registry and any related programs, including:

- (1) a list of unregistered clean and sober homes.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; and the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the clean and sober homes, also known as sober living recovery residences, support the recovery of individuals with substance use disorders and help prevent relapse, criminal justice system involvement, and overdose. While most clean and sober homes are well-run, there are concerns that other homes are overcrowded and not well-managed. While there is a need to assess the clean and sober homes not listed on the State registry, your Committee finds that the information that H.R. 96 seeks to obtain is not an audit, and therefore cannot be obtained by the State Auditor. Your Committee further finds that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division within the Department of Health testified in favor of addressing this problem with an informal working group, as described in H.C.R. 178, which they are willing to convene and lead with no additional appropriation. Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition also testified in support of this strategy.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.C.R. 178, a measure that:
 - (A) Requests the Department of Health to assess the registration and monitoring of clean and sober homes by convening and leading an informal working group to discuss the management of clean and sober homes;
 - (B) Clarifies what a clean and sober home, or a recovery residence, is;

- (C) Clarifies that Act 193, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, developed procedures intended to ensure that clean and sober homes were properly monitored and accountable by creating a voluntary clean and sober home registry within the Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division;
 - (D) Clarifies that most clean and sober homes are independently owned, and many are not monitored by the State, especially if the clean and sober home is not registered with the Department of Health; and
 - (E) Establishes that there is a need to improve the operation of clean and sober homes not on the voluntary registry; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 96, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 96, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1406-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Health's Clean and Sober Homes Registry and any related programs, including:

- (1) a list of unregistered clean and sober homes.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; and the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the clean and sober homes, also known as sober living recovery residences, support the recovery of individuals with substance use disorders and help prevent relapse, criminal justice system involvement, and overdose. While most clean and sober homes are well-run, there are concerns that other homes are overcrowded and not well-managed. While there is a need to assess the clean and sober homes not listed on the State registry, your Committee finds that the information that H.C.R. 115 seeks to obtain is not an audit, and therefore cannot be obtained by the State Auditor. Your Committee further finds that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division within the Department of Health testified in favor of addressing this problem with an informal working group, as described in H.C.R. 178, which they are willing to convene and lead with no additional appropriation. Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition also testified in support of this strategy.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.C.R. 178, a measure that:
 - (A) Requests the Department of Health to assess the registration and monitoring of clean and sober homes by convening and leading an informal working group to discuss the management of clean and sober homes;
 - (B) Clarifies what a clean and sober home, or a recovery residence, is;
 - (C) Clarifies that Act 193, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, developed procedures intended to ensure that clean and sober homes were properly monitored and accountable by creating a voluntary clean and sober home registry within the Hawaii Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division;
 - (D) Clarifies that most clean and sober homes are independently owned, and many are not monitored by the State, especially if the clean and sober home is not registered with the Department of Health; and
 - (E) Establishes that there is a need to improve the operation of clean and sober homes not on the voluntary registry; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 115, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1407-24 Housing on H.R. No. 99

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to adopt administrative rules that preempt the counties from imposing residential income requirements on housing projects that are lower than those adopted or established by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that there are inconsistencies with housing regulations between the State and each county, placing stress on residents and housing developers. Your Committee further finds that the State already has one of the highest levels of regulations on housing development and these inconsistencies add to the onerous process of building housing throughout the State. Your Committee believes that any inconsistency between the State and counties should be remedied by ensuring that the counties do not implement stricter requirements for the development of housing than the requirements set by the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the counties to adopt or amend ordinances to be consistent with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's rules regarding residential income requirements on housing projects, instead of requesting Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to amend their rules to preempt the counties from imposing stricter income requirements;
- (2) Deleting language that would have requested the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to amend its application process for developers seeking expedited processing and exemptions to preempt any affordability threshold criteria of any county;
- (3) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 99, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 99, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1408-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 118

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to adopt administrative rules that preempt the counties from imposing residential income requirements on housing projects that are lower than those adopted or established by the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that there are inconsistencies with housing regulations between the State and each county, placing stress on residents and housing developers. Your Committee further finds that the State already has one of the highest levels of regulations on housing development and these inconsistencies add to the onerous process of building housing throughout the State. Your Committee believes that any inconsistency between the State and counties should be remedied by ensuring that the counties do not implement stricter requirements for the development of housing than the requirements set by the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the counties to adopt or amend ordinances to be consistent with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's rules regarding residential income requirements on housing projects, instead of requesting Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to amend their rules to preempt the counties from imposing stricter income requirements;
- (2) Deleting language that would have requested the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to amend its application process for developers seeking expedited processing and exemptions to preempt any affordability threshold criteria of any county;
- (3) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 118, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1409-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 89

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Director of Finance to adopt administrative rules to define "beneficial effects to the State" to include financing of housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's limited supply of housing continues to be a major issue and the State must find ways to expand financing options to increase the supply of housing. Your Committee further finds that existing law authorizes the Director of Finance to invest the public treasury with certain depositories, under certain conditions, that will have beneficial effects to the State. Your Committee believes that supporting various ways to finance the development of housing should be considered a beneficial effect to the State, which will help ensure that there is a sufficient supply of affordable housing to keep residents in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 89, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 89, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

SCRep. 1410-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 24

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a study on scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions categorize different kinds of emissions a company creates in its own operations and wider value chain. Your Committee further finds that assessing and reporting scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions, is crucial for identifying opportunities to reduce emissions across public and private sectors. Your Committee has considered the testimony submitted on this measure and concluded that the Department of Health, instead of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, would be a more appropriate entity to consider including an analysis of scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions as part of its work to track greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to section 342B-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Health, instead of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, to consider including an analysis of scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions into its work to track greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) Requesting the Department of Health to include its analysis in their next greenhouse gas emissions inventory report if the analysis is included in its work to track greenhouse gas emissions;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 24, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 24, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1411-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 35

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a study on scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Alliance for Progressive Action; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the University of Hawai‘i System.

Your Committee finds that scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions categorize different kinds of emissions a company creates in its own operations and wider value chain. Your Committee further finds that assessing and reporting scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions, is crucial for identifying opportunities to reduce emissions across public and private sectors. Your Committee has considered the testimony submitted on this measure and concluded that the Department of Health, instead of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, would be a more appropriate entity to consider including an analysis of scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions as part of its work to track greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to section 342B-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Health, instead of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization, to consider including an analysis of scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions into its work to track greenhouse gas emissions;
- (2) Requesting the Department of Health to include its analysis in their next greenhouse gas emissions inventory report if the analysis is included in its work to track greenhouse gas emissions;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 35, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 35, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1412-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.R. No. 193

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Alaska Airlines; Hawai‘i Gas; Pono Pacific; Airlines for America; Par Hawaii; Airlines Committee of Hawaii; Hawaiian Airlines; and Island Energy Services.

Your Committee finds that renewable liquid fuels offer a viable solution for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector. This measure requests that the Hawaii State Energy Office convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing the chairperson of the working group to invite other members; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 193, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 193, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1413-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on H.C.R. No. 213

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai‘i Farm Bureau; Alaska Airlines; Hawai‘i Gas; Pono Pacific; Airlines for America; Par Hawaii; Airlines Committee of Hawaii; Hawaiian Airlines; Island Energy Services; and Pacific Biodiesel.

Your Committee finds that renewable liquid fuels offer a viable solution for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector. This measure requests that the Hawaii State Energy Office convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing the chairperson of the working group to invite other members; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 213, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

SCRep. 1414-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 100

The purpose of this measure is to encourage developers to incorporate net zero waste building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that the fresh water resources of the State are vital and finite and in recent years, some of Hawaii's waters have been severely polluted by a variety of toxic contaminants. Your Committee further finds that, as recommended by the United States Department of Energy, developers can help sustain the State's fresh water resources by designing and constructing net zero water housing projects that minimize total water consumption and wastewater discharge and maximize alternative water sources. Your Committee believes that the construction of net zero water housing in the State would reduce the impact on aquifers and water reclamation infrastructure and conserve more water resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 100 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1415-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 202

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to support the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pacific Housing Assistance Corporation.

Your Committee finds that as the price of housing continues to rise, more and more middle-class Americans find themselves opting for suitable rental housing rather than homeownership. Your Committee further finds that the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Act, which was first introduced in the United States Congress on December 7, 2023, aims to increase the supply of affordable housing for middle-income families who earn too much to qualify for low-income affordable housing. Your Committee believes that the passage of the federal Workforce Housing Tax Credit Act is critically important to support the creation of new housing for middle-income families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 202 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1416-24 Housing on H.R. No. 120

The purpose of this measure is to request the State Building Code Council to adopt, amend, or update the State Building Code to authorize point access block construction for residential buildings up to six stories.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that existing building code requirements effectively mandate a double-loaded corridor building, where two stairways access a corridor in the middle of the building with units on each side. This can result in the dwelling units in these buildings having daylight come only from one single exterior wall with little to no cross ventilation. Your Committee further finds that buildings with point access blocks are compact single stair buildings with dwellings that are centered around a stairway and elevator core and have a single point of access. Dwelling units in buildings with point access blocks tend to be very flexible, with a higher proportion of units ranging from two- to four-bedrooms. Your Committee believes that the State would benefit from allowing the residential buildings to be constructed to allow for point access blocks, which could alleviate the State's severe lack of housing by reducing construction costs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 120 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1417-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 139

The purpose of this measure is to request the State Building Code Council to adopt, amend, or update the State Building Code to authorize point access block construction for residential buildings up to six stories.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that existing building code requirements effectively mandate a double-loaded corridor building, where two stairways access a corridor in the middle of the building with units on each side. This can result in the dwelling units in these buildings having daylight come only from one single exterior wall with little to no cross ventilation. Your Committee further finds that buildings with point access blocks are compact single stair buildings with dwellings that are centered around a stairway and elevator core and have a single point of access. Dwelling units in buildings with point access blocks tend to be very flexible, with a higher proportion of units ranging from two- to four-bedrooms. Your Committee believes that the State would benefit from allowing the residential buildings to be constructed to allow for point access blocks, which could alleviate the State's severe lack of housing by reducing construction costs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 139 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1418-24 Housing on H.R. No. 112

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop a ten-year plan to satisfy Hawaii's housing demand.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State is currently experiencing a severe shortage of housing, leading to many residents moving out of Hawaii in search of more affordable housing options on the mainland. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is statutorily tasked with providing financing for housing and the development of housing. Your Committee believes that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation should take a proactive approach to address the State's housing shortage by creating a ten-year housing plan to address Hawaii's housing demand.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 112 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1419-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 131

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop a ten-year plan to satisfy Hawaii's housing demand.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State is currently experiencing a severe shortage of housing, leading to many residents moving out of Hawaii in search of more affordable housing options on the mainland. Your Committee further finds that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is statutorily tasked with providing financing for housing and the development of housing. Your Committee believes that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation should take a proactive approach to address the State's housing shortage by creating a ten-year housing plan to address Hawaii's housing demand.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 131 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1420-24 Housing on H.R. No. 102

The purpose of this measure is to request the counties to amend or adopt an ordinance to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on parcels that meet certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that with the severe shortage of affordable housing, the State needs to focus on innovative solutions to address housing demands. Your Committee further finds that there are certain institutions that are willing to build housing on their lands but are prohibited from doing so under existing zoning laws. This measure would encourage the development of housing throughout the State by allowing religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on their lands, under certain conditions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 102 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1421-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 122

The purpose of this measure is to request the counties to amend or adopt an ordinance to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on parcels that meet certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that with the severe shortage of affordable housing, the State needs to focus on innovative solutions to address housing demands. Your Committee further finds that there are certain institutions that are willing to build housing on their lands but are prohibited from doing so under existing zoning laws. This measure would encourage the development of housing throughout the State by allowing religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on their lands, under certain conditions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 122 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1422-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 74

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the State of Hawaii to adopt a proposed constitutional amendment, and the electorate to ratify the proposed amendment, guaranteeing all individuals the right to a clean and healthy environment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Green Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the proposal and ratification of an environmental rights amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution, as contemplated in this measure, is a potent symbol of the State's commitment to providing its residents with a healthy environment, a stable climate, clean air, and clean water.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the right to a stable climate within the proposed constitutional amendment;
- (2) Modifying its title to reflect its amended scope; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 74, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 74, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1423-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 88

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the State of Hawaii to adopt a proposed constitutional amendment, and the electorate to ratify the proposed amendment, guaranteeing all individuals the right to a clean and healthy environment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Green Party of Hawai‘i; 350Hawaii.org; Greenpeace Hawaii; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the proposal and ratification of an environmental rights amendment to the Hawaii State Constitution, as contemplated in this measure, is a potent symbol of the State's commitment to providing its residents with a healthy environment, a stable climate, clean air, and clean water.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the right to a stable climate within the proposed constitutional amendment;
- (2) Modifying its title to reflect its amended scope; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 88, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 88, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1424-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 57

The purpose of this measure is to request the Insurance Commissioner to coordinate and develop a Wildfire Insurance Compact with strategic partner states that have similar wildfire risks or robust disaster management systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that developing a wildfire insurance compact represents a proactive step toward securing Hawaii's future amid the growing potential for the occurrence of wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provision that requested the Insurance Commissioner to develop a Wildfire Insurance Compact that focuses primarily on risk pooling and informational technology sharing to mitigate and share the risks and costs associated with wildfires; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 57, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 57, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1425-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 72

The purpose of this measure is to request the Insurance Commissioner to coordinate and develop a Wildfire Insurance Compact with strategic partner states that have similar wildfire risks or robust disaster management systems.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee finds that developing a wildfire insurance compact represents a proactive step toward securing Hawaii's future amid the growing potential for the occurrence of wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the provision that requested the Insurance Commissioner to develop a Wildfire Insurance Compact that focuses primarily on risk pooling and informational technology sharing to mitigate and share the risks and costs associated with wildfires; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 72, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 72, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1426-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 194

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders in order to protect, restore, and manage Hawaii's wetlands, especially those in West Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee finds that wetlands provide vital environmental services, such as supporting subsistence food practices, protecting against sea surge inundations and sea level rise, safeguarding coral reefs and nearshore fisheries from the impacts of runoff, and providing habitats for native bird and plant species. Your Committee further finds over thirty percent of Hawaii's coastal wetlands have been lost due to development and stream diversion and that the State's wetlands, specifically those on West Maui, faced significant challenges in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee additionally finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources does not have the resources to address many of the problems presently facing wetlands but can cultivate successful partnerships between the private sector, public agencies, and other stakeholders in order to serve the needs of Hawaii, its environment, and communities. Your Committee finds that in collaboration with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders, the Department of Land and Natural Resources would be able to provide the services needed to restore and protect Hawaii's wetlands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 194 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1427-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 214

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders in order to protect, restore, and manage Hawaii's wetlands, especially those in West Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; and The Nature Conservancy.

Your Committee finds that wetlands provide vital environmental services, such as supporting subsistence food practices, protecting against sea surge inundations and sea level rise, safeguarding coral reefs and nearshore fisheries from the impacts of runoff, and providing habitats for native bird and plant species. Your Committee further finds over thirty percent of Hawaii's coastal wetlands have been lost due to development and stream diversion and that the State's wetlands, specifically those on West Maui, faced significant challenges in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires.

Your Committee additionally finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources does not have the resources to address many of the problems presently facing wetlands but can cultivate successful partnerships between the private sector, public agencies, and other stakeholders in order to serve the needs of Hawaii, its environment, and communities. Your Committee finds that in collaboration with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders, the Department of Land and Natural Resources would be able to provide the services needed to restore and protect Hawaii's wetlands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 214 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1428-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 200

The purpose of this measure is to recommend that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority make certain changes to its policies relating to the use of its land.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that public housing residents should be empowered to utilize green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and the development of climate-resilient and welcoming natural spaces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Encouraging the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to create green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and climate resilience; consider actions that allow for in-ground planting, resident use of green spaces, facilitated community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and climate-resilient landscapes; and consider the provision of technical and financial assistance;
- (2) Modifying its title to reflect its amended scope;
- (3) Requesting the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to collaborate with residents of public housing in implementing the recommendations outlined in this measure;
- (4) Adding the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as a recipient of a certified copy of the measure; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 200, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 200, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1429-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 220

The purpose of this measure is to recommend that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority make certain changes to its policies relating to the use of its land.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that public housing residents should be empowered to utilize green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and the development of climate-resilient and welcoming natural spaces.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Encouraging the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to create green spaces for food production, cultural activities, and climate resilience; consider actions that allow for in-ground planting, resident use of green spaces, facilitated community engagement, sustainable agriculture, and climate-resilient landscapes; and consider the provision of technical and financial assistance;
- (2) Modifying its title to reflect its amended scope;

- (3) Requesting the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to collaborate with residents of public housing in implementing the recommendations outlined in this measure;
- (4) Adding the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as a recipient of a certified copy of the measure; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 220, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 220, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1430-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 8

The purpose of this measure is to approve the dedication of Kukuia Street, Lahaina, Hawaii, TMK No. 2-4-5-021-021 (por.) to the County of Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that Land Patent Grant No. S-15,792, issued on November 4, 1994, conveyed over 500 acres to the Housing Finance Development Corporation for the development of the Villages at Leali'i housing project in Lahaina. Your Committee finds that at the time of this land transfer, the land was undeveloped. Your Committee finds that following the completion of housing developments, land is historically dedicated to a county that will be in charge of maintaining the land. Your Committee finds that historically a dedication of land to a county represents a conveyance of lands from the Department's inventory and, as such, is subject to legislative approval under section 171-64.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Your Committee additionally finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the dedication of Kukuia Street to the County of Maui, as this land will provide a roadway and potential affordable rental housing in Lahaina, Maui, which is much needed in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 8 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1431-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.R. No. 160

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor to declare a Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that there has been a significant rise in cyber harassment and cyberbullying in the last ten years as a result of internet usage increasing exponentially. Your Committee believes that the State has not adequately addressed cyber harassment and cyberbullying, and declaration of Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day is a step in the right direction to recognize this issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Setting the date of Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day on June 21, 2024;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 160, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 160, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1432-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.C.R. No. 180

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor to declare a Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that there has been a significant rise in cyber harassment and cyberbullying in the last ten years as a result of internet usage increasing exponentially. Your Committee believes that the State has not adequately addressed cyber harassment and cyberbullying, and declaration of Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day is a step in the right direction to recognize this issue.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Setting the date of Cyber Harassment and Cyberbullying Awareness Day on June 21, 2024;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 180, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 180, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1433-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.R. No. 25

The purpose of this measure is to urge the President of the United States to promptly reinstate funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East to support its life-saving and critical humanitarian assistance programs to Palestinian refugees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Rise for Palestine; Hawai‘i Workers Center; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church; Faith Action Hawai‘i; Democratic Socialists of O‘ahu; Jewish Voice for Peace-Hawai‘i; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that innocent men, women, and children in Palestine continue to face mass displacement, loss of livelihoods, and limited access to necessities such as food, clean water, and health care services. Your Committee further finds that humanitarian agencies assisting Palestinians in dire need require continuous funding from governments or other private donors. Your Committee therefore believes that the United States should help fund the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and World Food Programme, as supporting these agencies save Palestinian lives through food assistance, cash transfers, and other necessary interventions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the humanitarian agency receiving aid from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to the United Nations Children's Fund and World Food Programme;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 25, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 25, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1434-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.C.R. No. 36

The purpose of this measure is to urge the President of the United States to promptly reinstate funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees in the Near East to support its life-saving and critical humanitarian assistance programs to Palestinian refugees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Rise for Palestine; Democratic Socialists of O‘ahu; UNITE HERE! Local 5; Jewish Voice for Peace-Hawai‘i; Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church; Faith Action Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Workers Center; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from One Impact Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that innocent men, women, and children in Palestine continue to face mass displacement, loss of livelihoods, and limited access to necessities such as food, clean water, and health care services. Your Committee further finds that humanitarian agencies assisting Palestinians in dire need require continuous funding from governments or other private donors. Your Committee therefore believes that the United States should help fund the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund and World Food Programme, as supporting these agencies save Palestinian lives through food assistance, cash transfers, and other necessary interventions.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the humanitarian agency receiving aid from the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to the United Nations Children's Fund and World Food Programme;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 36, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 36, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1435-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 172

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Health to convene a working group to address issues relating to patient transfer and ambulance services and evaluate potential solutions.

Your Committee received testimony in support from The Hawaii Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Air Methods; and Hawaii Medical Association. The Department of Health offered comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 172 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Nakashima, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1436-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 173

The purpose of this measure is to request the Insurance Commissioner to convene a working group to assess the feasibility and impact of requiring coverage for commercial properties and structures, including greenhouses and shade houses, under the Hawaii Property Insurance Association's plan of operation.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee notes that this resolution is a work in progress and that under current law, the Hawaii Property Insurance Association is statutorily authorized to cover commercial risks up to the limits of coverage for residential risks as set forth in the plan of operation. During the public hearing, an issue was raised regarding clarifying or expanding the scope of this measure, including the types of commercial properties that may be considered under the Association's plan of operation. Your Committee notes that this measure is a work in progress and supports continued discussion as this measure moves forward.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 173 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Nakashima, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1437-24 Legislative Management on H.R. No. 119

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the implementation of a year-round Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that a year-round Legislature in Hawaii could allow for increased transparency in the legislative process as it would provide lawmakers more time to discuss and analyze the pressing issues of the State, while also giving the public more time to participate. However, your Committee notes that a year-round Legislature would require increased staffing and resources. These costs associated with a year-long Legislature have not been studied in depth. Your Committee believes that it would be beneficial to get a better understanding of the costs associated with a year-long Legislature and the potential financial burden on taxpayers by studying states that currently operate on a year-round basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the scope of the study to focus on certain states with year-round legislatures to clarify the similarities and differences in legislative operations, costs, and policies regarding outside employment;
- (2) Changing when the Legislative Reference Bureau's report is to be submitted to the Legislature to forty-five days, rather than twenty days, before the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 119, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 119, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1438-24 Legislative Management on H.C.R. No. 138

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the implementation of a year-round Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that a year-round Legislature in Hawaii could allow for increased transparency in the legislative process as it would provide lawmakers more time to discuss and analyze the pressing issues of the State, while also giving the public more time to participate. However, your Committee notes that a year-round Legislature would require increased staffing and resources. These costs associated with a year-long Legislature have not been studied in depth. Your Committee believes that it would be beneficial to get a better understanding of the costs associated with a year-long Legislature and the potential financial burden on taxpayers by studying states that currently operate on a year-round basis.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the scope of the study to focus on certain states with year-round legislatures to clarify the similarities and differences in legislative operations, costs, and policies regarding outside employment;
- (2) Changing when the Legislative Reference Bureau's report is to be submitted to the Legislature to forty-five days, rather than twenty days, before the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 138, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1439-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 163

The purpose of this measure is to designate the month of May as Postpartum Depression Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Office of Wellness & Resilience.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 163 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1440-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 183

The purpose of this measure is to designate the month of May as Postpartum Depression Awareness Month in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Office of Wellness & Resilience and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 183 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1441-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 144

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Medical Association and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association to convene a roundtable to establish medical protocols to ensure that an individual's thyroid function is tested before psychotropic medications for mental illness are prescribed.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and four individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 144 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1442-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 225

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for step therapy requirements for stage two through stage five cancer.

Your Committee received testimony in support from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 225 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1443-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 1

The purpose of this measure is to urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt a policy on a national and local level guaranteeing an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the American Association of University Women of Hawaii; AlohaCare; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and seven individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 1 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1444-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 5

The purpose of this measure is to urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt a policy on a national and local level guaranteeing an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the American Association of University Women of Hawaii; AlohaCare; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and five individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 5 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1445-24 Water & Land/Housing on H.C.R. No. 3

The purpose of this measure is to urge each of the counties of the State to establish an emergency zoning code that would allow for the siting of temporary shelters to be used immediately following a disaster.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that the August 2023 Maui wildfires reportedly damaged 3,631 properties, a majority of which were rental housing and housing for low-income families. Numerous private individuals have set up temporary housing on private land, with much of the temporary housing going on agricultural lands; however, no county has established an emergency zoning code that would allow the siting of temporary shelters, such as trailers, recreational vehicles, and prefabricated housing. Your Committees recognize that disasters can occur anywhere and at any time and believe that the establishment of emergency zoning codes for the siting of temporary shelters for use immediately after a disaster will help address the aftereffects of any future disaster and ensure that residents have a clean and safe place to reside during trying times.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water & Land and Housing that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 3 and recommend its adoption.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Water & Land: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Ganaden, Hashem, Takayama, Souza).

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

SCRep. 1446-24 Legislative Management on H.C.R. No. 201

The purpose of this measure is to establish a candidate advisory committee for the nomination of the Auditor, Ombudsman and Legislative Reference Bureau Director.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the creation of a candidate advisory committee for the nomination of the Auditor, Ombudsman, and Legislative Reference Bureau Director will be a transparent process that enables public input to ensure that the best qualified individuals are selected for these legislative service agency director positions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 201 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1447-24 Housing on H.R. No. 70

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to adopt administrative rules to create a process for housing projects to be exclusively for sale or rent to qualified residents.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a severe shortage of housing. To address the housing shortage, existing law authorizes certain housing projects to be exempt from all State laws and rules relating to planning, zoning, construction of dwelling units, under certain conditions. However, your Committee further finds that recent interest rates have increased to the point where it is no longer feasible to finance housing construction under the restrictions in existing law. Your Committee believes that the State must further incentivize the development of housing for residents by creating a new pathway for projects to seek exemption from state laws, county charters or ordinances, or rules.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is urged to amend their administrative rules to establish another pathway for housing projects seeking an exemption from state laws and rules, including meeting existing requirements, not having an affordability requirement or income restrictions, and dedicating one hundred percent of the units in the project exclusively for qualified residents for the lifetime of the project;
- (2) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 70, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 70, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

SCRep. 1448-24 Housing on H.C.R. No. 84

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to adopt administrative rules to create a process for housing projects to be exclusively for sale or rent to qualified residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that the State is experiencing a severe shortage of housing. To address the housing shortage, existing law authorizes certain housing projects to be exempt from all State laws and rules relating to planning, zoning, construction of dwelling units, under certain conditions. However, your Committee further finds that recent interest rates have increased to the point where it is no longer feasible to finance housing construction under the restrictions in existing law. Your Committee believes that the State must further incentivize the development of housing for residents by creating a new pathway for projects to seek exemption from state laws, county charters or ordinances, or rules.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is urged to amend their administrative rules to establish another pathway for housing projects seeking an exemption from state laws and rules, including meeting existing requirements, not having an affordability requirement or income restrictions, and dedicating one hundred percent of the units in the project exclusively for qualified residents for the lifetime of the project;
- (2) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 84, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 84, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

SCRep. 1449-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.R. No. 80

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Endorse the participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
- (2) Support further progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade and the early conclusion of negotiations, and encourage the United States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and
- (3) Commemorate the State's thirty-first anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan and the forty-fifth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan and the United States share common values, such as the ideal of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy. Your Committee further finds that Mandarin is designated as a critical language in the United States, exemplified by the establishment of the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin language instruction. The University of Hawaii and the National Tsing Hua University also share a partnership to enhance their exchange programs, granting the opportunity to improve Mandarin language skills for a number of Hawaii residents. Given the already positive relationships between the United States and Taiwan and Hawaii and Taiwan, your Committee believes in supporting further progress in these two relationships and endorses greater inclusion of Taiwan in various international organizations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 80 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1450-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on H.C.R. No. 96

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Endorse the participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization;
- (2) Support further progress on the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade and the early conclusion of negotiations, and encourage the United States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and
- (3) Commemorate the State's thirty-first anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan and the forty-fifth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that Taiwan and the United States share common values, such as the ideal of democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy. Your Committee further finds that Mandarin is designated as a critical language in the United States, exemplified by the establishment of the United States-Taiwan Education Initiative in 2020 to strengthen cooperation on international education and highlight Taiwan's ability to provide Mandarin language instruction. The University of Hawaii and the National Tsing Hua University also share a partnership to enhance their exchange programs, granting the opportunity to improve Mandarin language skills for a number of Hawaii residents. Given the already positive relationships between the United States and Taiwan and Hawaii and Taiwan, your Committee believes in supporting further progress in these two relationships and endorses greater inclusion of Taiwan in various international organizations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 96 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Sayama).

SCRep. 1451-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Transportation on H.R. No. 40

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies and make related recommendations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that decreasing transportation-related emissions is essential to achieving the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals. Your Committees further find that vehicle miles traveled have increased almost forty percent over the last twenty-five years and, without intervention, are projected to continue to increase. This measure requests the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies and make related recommendations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to collaborate with the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 40, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 40, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

Transportation: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1452-24 Energy & Environmental Protection/Transportation on H.C.R. No. 51

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies and make related recommendations.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission; Blue Planet Foundation; and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that decreasing transportation-related emissions is essential to achieving the State's greenhouse gas reduction goals. Your Committees further find that vehicle miles traveled have increased almost forty percent over the last twenty-five years and, without intervention, are projected to continue to increase. This measure requests the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to develop vehicle miles traveled reduction strategies and make related recommendations.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Commission to collaborate with the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Transportation that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 51, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 51, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Energy & Environmental Protection: Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Kahaloa, Ward).

Transportation: Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1453-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.R. No. 72

The purpose of this measure is to encourage private businesses with thirty or more employees to have an automated external defibrillator on-site.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the AED Institute.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 72 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Nakashima, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1454-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 86

The purpose of this measure is to encourage private businesses with thirty or more employees to have an automated external defibrillator on-site.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the AED Institute and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 86 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 5 (Nakashima, Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen, Tam).

SCRep. 1455-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 56

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a Stakeholder Working Group to make recommendations to enhance meaningful access to health care in the State through the provision of language assistance services.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Office of Language Access; AlohaCare; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawaii Public Health Institute; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center; Kula no na Po'e Hawaii o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; and six individuals. Your committee received comments from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language adding the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 56, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 56, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1456-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 71

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a Stakeholder Working Group to make recommendations to enhance meaningful access to health care in the State through the provision of language assistance services.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Department of Health; Office of Language Access; AlohaCare; Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawaii Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawaii Public Health Institute; Waipahu Safe Haven Immigrant/Migrant Resource Center; Kula no na Po'e Hawaii o Papakolea, Kewalo, Kalawahine; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services; Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights; and five individuals. Your committee received comments from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language adding the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 71, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 71, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1457-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 6

The purpose of this measure is to urge the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation to monitor the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. U.S. Food and Drug Administration and take action to limit the case from further restricting access to safe abortion options.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Association of University Women of Hawaii; AlohaCare; Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; and nine individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 6 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1458-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2333

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Chief Election Officer to use accurate copies of paper ballots, rather than the originals, when conducting a precinct audit of an electronic voting system's tally.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Common Cause Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that as a condition of using an electronic tally of ballots created by an electronic voting system, the Chief Election Officer is required to conduct a random audit of the vote counts in ten percent of the precincts where an electronic voting system was used. By allowing the use of accurate copies of paper ballots, rather than the original paper ballots, to conduct the audits, this measure will increase the efficiency of the audits without compromising their precision.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2333, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1459-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2193

The purpose of this measure is to amend the offense of use of a computer in the commission of a separate crime to include violation of privacy in the first and second degrees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Honolulu Police Department; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that the use of a computer to commit a separate crime, such as hacking into someone's personal or financial information, has become increasing prevalent in this digital age. Violation of privacy in the first and second degree can have devastating consequences for individuals. Your Committee believes that clarifying and strengthening penalties for using a computer to violate privacy will uphold and protect individuals' privacy rights and ensure equitable administration of justice.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a sunset date of July 1, 2027;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1460-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3033

The purpose of this measure is to align the criminal offense of tampering with physical evidence with the wording of the Model Penal Code for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual.

Your Committee finds that existing laws addressing the tampering of physical evidence omit several phrases from the corresponding offense in the Model Penal Code. This measure is intended to increase public confidence in investigations conducted by state and local law enforcement by strengthening the State's laws prohibiting tampering with physical evidence.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3033, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3033, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1461-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3034

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly categorize defenses to penal liability based on intoxication that is not self-induced or is pathological as affirmative defenses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; and Hawai'i Police Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that an affirmative defense entitles a defendant to an acquittal if the trier of fact finds that the evidence, when considered in light of any contrary prosecution evidence, proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the specified fact or facts negate penal liability. Categorizing nonself-induced or pathological criminal intoxication defenses as affirmative defenses will increase the likelihood that related evidence will be properly preserved.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a sunset date of July 1, 2027;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3034, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1462-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3226

The purpose of this measure is to amend administrative procedure to provide that a maximum time period to grant or deny a business or development-related permit, license, or approval shall only apply if a request for a contested case has not been filed or is required by law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that this measure will address contested cases filed within the specified timeframes, uphold due process, and ensure a fair contested case hearing for all parties involved.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying when the maximum time period applies by deleting language applying it to instances where a contested case is required by law;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3226, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3226, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1463-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2197

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "advance gambling activity" to repeal language that included making no effort to prevent the occurrence or continuation of gambling activity.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu and Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that this measure would hold property owners accountable if they have knowledge of the illegal activity occurring on their property and they continue to allow illegal gambling establishments to operate.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a sunset date of July 1, 2027;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1464-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3037

The purpose of this measure is to allow the prosecution of persons who provide pornographic materials to undercover law enforcement officers who represent themselves as minors for the purposes of undercover operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Honolulu Police Department; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that the Department of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force regularly conducts Operation Keiki Shield operations where undercover law enforcement officers pose as minors on the Internet to identify, locate, arrest, and prosecute offenders who solicit minors to engage in sexual activities on the Internet. Your Committee further finds that because the existing offense of promoting pornography for minors only allows for prosecution if the pornographic material is sent to an actual minor, undercover officers engaged in authorized Operation Keiki Shield operations are unable to charge offenders even when the offender falsely believes they are sending pornographic material to an actual minor and not an undercover officer posing as a minor. Your Committee believes that expanding the offense of promoting pornography for minors to include offenders who send pornographic material to an officer posing as a minor because they believe the officer is in fact a minor will greatly assist in the prosecution of offenders who disseminate pornographic materials to minors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a savings clause;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1465-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2845

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit:

- (1) A person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one; and
- (2) A person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition, with exceptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America – Hawaii Chapter; Everytown for Gun Safety; Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America; Indivisible Hawaii; Everytown Veteran Advisory Council; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; National Rifle Association for Hawaii; Hawaii Firearms Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that despite the State having some of the strongest gun safety laws in the nation, including restrictions on the ownership of firearms by persons under the age of twenty-one, existing law does not restrict the purchase, ownership, or possession of ammunition by persons under the age of twenty-one. Setting a minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess ammunition is consistent with the existing minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess a firearm in the State and helps to ensure the safety of residents and reduce incidents of gun violence in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1466-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3011

The purpose of this measure is to make it unlawful for certain entities, or agents thereof, to operate a weed whacker in or within one hundred feet of a residential zone during certain times.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Windward Coalition and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i County Department of Parks and Recreation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that noise pollution is a steadily increasing problem, particularly in densely populated areas of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that weed whackers contribute an excessive and unusual amount of noise, which is not only severely annoying and distracting, but also has the potential to cause permanent hearing damage. This measure provides certain restrictions on the operation of a weed whacker within or in close proximity to residential areas, ensuring that residents are able to live in a healthy and peaceful environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Holt, Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1467-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 53

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of mandatory health insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; Infusion Access Foundation; AdvaMed; International Cancer Advocacy Network; Alzheimer's Association-Aloha Chapter; and four individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 53 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1468-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 78

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Community Care Foster Family Homes and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes for Medicaid clients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Adult Foster Home care Association of Hawaii, ILWU – Local 1000, the presidents of six associations of community care foster family homes, and numerous individuals. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- 1) Request the Department of Human Services provide an evaluation and report of the impacts of the implemented rate increases on uptake, utilization, and cost savings to the Medicaid program; and
- 2) Require implementation of rate studies every four years starting from the date of the last rate study, requiring said results be reported to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the following legislative session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 78, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 78, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1469-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 94

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Community Care Foster Family Homes and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes for Medicaid clients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Adult Foster HomeCare Association of Hawaii, ILWU – Local 1000, the presidents of six associations of community care foster family homes, and numerous individuals. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure to:

- 1) Request the Department of Human Services provide an evaluation and report of the impacts of the implemented rate increases on uptake, utilization, and cost savings to the Medicaid program; and
- 2) Require implementation of rate studies every four years starting from the date of the last rate study, requiring said results be reported to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the following legislative session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 94, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1470-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 75

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to establish a working group to address issues relating to reimbursements and payments to home and community-based services providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Coalition of Caregivers, and United Community Healthcare of Hawaii. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee requests that the Department of Human Services provide a projected budget breakdown for the implementation of this working group prior to the next hearing for this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 75, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 75, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1471-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 91

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to establish a working group to address issues relating to reimbursements and payments to home and community-based services providers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; the Healthcare Association of Hawaii; ILWU Local 1000; Coalition of Caregivers, United Community Healthcare of Hawaii; and two individuals. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your Committee requests that the Department of Human Services provide a projected budget breakdown for the implementation of this working group prior to the next hearing for this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 91, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1472-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 35

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to adopt the Social Security 2100 Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawaii and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 35 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1473-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 46

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to adopt the Social Security 2100 Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawaii and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 46 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1474-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 104

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Law Enforcement to convene a Search and Rescue Working Group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that hiking is a popular outdoor activity to enjoy the State's unique natural environment. Your Committee further finds that certain areas within the numerous hiking trails available to the public throughout the State pose safety concerns and consequently have been closed to the public. Despite warnings, some individuals and groups unlawfully enter trails that have been closed to the public due to safety concerns, ultimately putting themselves at risk of significant injury and risking damage to native habitats and other natural resources that may be in those closed areas for preservation purposes.

Your Committee also finds that an increase in hiking in Hawaii requires more emergency responders to be readily available in case hikers are in need of search and rescue, increasing the risks posed to emergency responders. Your Committee notes that the State and counties of Hawaii incur significant costs associated with the rescue of hikers who choose to go on illegal hikes and often ignore signs prohibiting access, with each rescue costing upwards of thousands of dollars, and nearly one thousand rescues are made every year in Hawaii. Because of the considerable costs associated with the search and rescue of individuals who willfully disregard their and others' safety by ignoring warning signs, your Committee believes that it is critical to develop policies concerning hiking that encourage public safety and accountability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 104 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1475-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 124

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Law Enforcement to convene a Search and Rescue Working Group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that hiking is a popular outdoor activity to enjoy the State's unique natural environment. Your Committee further finds that certain areas within the numerous hiking trails available to the public throughout the State pose safety concerns and consequently have been closed to the public. Despite warnings, some individuals and groups unlawfully enter trails that have been closed to the public due to safety concerns, ultimately putting themselves at risk of significant injury and risking damage to native habitats and other natural resources that may be in those closed areas for preservation purposes.

Your Committee also finds that an increase in hiking in Hawaii requires more emergency responders to be readily available in case hikers are in need of search and rescue, increasing the risks posed to emergency responders. Your Committee notes that the State and counties of Hawaii incur significant costs associated with the rescue of hikers who choose to go on illegal hikes and often ignore signs prohibiting access, with each rescue costing upwards of thousands of dollars, and nearly one thousand rescues are made every year in Hawaii. Because of the considerable costs associated with the search and rescue of individuals who willfully disregard their and others' safety by ignoring warning signs, your Committee believes that it is critical to develop policies concerning hiking that encourage public safety and accountability.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 124 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1476-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Fire Department; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial, which was completed in 2016, offers a place of honor for those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that this measure is an important first step toward erecting a proper memorial that honors the sacrifices of Hawaii's non-law-enforcement first responders--firefighters, paramedics/emergency medical technicians, lifeguards, and medical flight nurses and pilots.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 81, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 81, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1477-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 97

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Hawai'i Fire Department; Global Medical Response (American Medical Response); United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; Board of Directors for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial for Fall Law Enforcement Officers in the State of Hawaii; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial, which was completed in 2016, offers a place of honor for those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that this measure is an important first step toward erecting a proper memorial that honors the sacrifices of Hawaii's non-law-enforcement first responders--firefighters, paramedics/emergency medical technicians, lifeguards, and medical flight nurses and pilots.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 97, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1478-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 39

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the operations and management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (Division) manages the State's small boat harbors, mooring and boating facilities, and statewide ocean recreation programs. The Division's responsibilities include enforcing laws and rules pertaining to boating safety and regulation of commercial activities and overseeing permits for ocean recreation events.

Your Committee further finds that in recent years, community members have expressed numerous concerns about the Division, particularly its lack of effective communication with the boating community, an inconsistent approach to interpreting and enforcing administrative rules, repeated and prolific complaints across the State about Division management, and ongoing employee misconduct complaints and ethics violations. Your Committee notes that the office of the Auditor previously conducted a management audit and issued in April 2001 Report No. 01-09, "Audit of the Management of State Boating Facilities by the Department of Land and Natural Resources", which found that mismanagement of state boating facilities has been a recurring problem and recommended that the Division develop strategic plans to address these ongoing issues with the boating program. Your Committee believes that a performance audit conducted by the Auditor on the current operations and management of the Division is warranted, based on the public's and the Auditor's long-standing concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 39 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1479-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 50

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the operations and management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (Division) manages the State's small boat harbors, mooring and boating facilities, and statewide ocean recreation programs. The Division's responsibilities include enforcing laws and rules pertaining to boating safety and regulation of commercial activities and overseeing permits for ocean recreation events.

Your Committee further finds that in recent years, community members have expressed numerous concerns about the Division, particularly its lack of effective communication with the boating community, an inconsistent approach to interpreting and enforcing administrative rules, repeated and prolific complaints across the State about Division management, and ongoing employee misconduct complaints and ethics violations. Your Committee notes that the office of the Auditor previously conducted a management audit and issued in April 2001 Report No. 01-09, "Audit of the Management of State Boating Facilities by the Department of Land and Natural Resources", which found that mismanagement of state boating facilities has been a recurring problem and recommended that the Division develop strategic plans to address these ongoing issues with the boating program. Your Committee believes that a performance audit conducted by the Auditor on the current operations and management of the Division is warranted, based on the public's and the Auditor's long-standing concerns.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 50 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1480-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 86

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to clearly delineate or distinguish property boundaries to ensure that hunting activities are occurring on designated lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that there have been multiple incidents where hunters have crossed from public hunting areas and trespassed onto private lands. Your Committee finds that this trespassing has sometimes resulted in the injury or loss of private livestock and even human life. Your Committee further finds that a clear delineation between public and private property lines would reduce the likelihood of these occurrences.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 86 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1481-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 105

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to clearly delineate or distinguish property boundaries to ensure that hunting activities are occurring on designated lands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that there have been multiple incidents where hunters have crossed from public hunting areas and trespassed onto private lands. Your Committee finds that this trespassing has sometimes resulted in the injury or loss of private livestock and even human life. Your Committee further finds that a clear delineation between public and private property lines would reduce the likelihood of these occurrences.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 105 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1482-24 Education on H.R. No. 145

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State Public Charter School Commission to work with stakeholders to develop and adopt administrative rules governing the negotiation process between the Commission and public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; Kualapuu Public Charter School; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that existing state law allows the State Public Charter School Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to administer and implement state laws regarding public charter schools and negotiate and execute sound charter contracts with each approved charter applicant and with existing public charter schools. Your Committee further finds that although existing state law provides the Board of Education with the power to decide appeals of decisions by the Commission to deny the approval of a charter application, deny renewal of a charter contract, or revoke a charter school's charter contract, there is no appeals process for a complaint regarding unfair negotiating practices by the Commission. Your Committee believes that a more defined system of negotiation between public charter schools and the Commission is needed to allow charter schools to run their own individual operations effectively and efficiently.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the State Public Charter School Commission only consider providing an appeals process before the Board of Education for addressing complaints regarding the Commission's execution of administrative rules in developing administrative rules as requested by this measure;
- (2) Deleting certain findings made in this measure;
- (3) Amending its title; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 145, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 145, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1483-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 166

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State Public Charter School Commission to work with stakeholders to develop and adopt administrative rules governing the negotiation process between the Commission and public charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governing Board of Kanu O Ka 'Aina New Century Public Charter School; Hawaii Academy of Arts & Science Public Charter School; Kualapuu Public Charter School; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission.

Your Committee finds that existing state law allows the State Public Charter School Commission (Commission) to adopt rules to administer and implement state laws regarding public charter schools and negotiate and execute sound charter contracts with each approved charter applicant and with existing public charter schools. Your Committee further finds that although existing state law provides the Board of Education with the power to decide appeals of decisions by the Commission to deny the approval of a charter application, deny renewal of a charter contract, or revoke a charter school's charter contract, there is no appeals process for a complaint regarding unfair negotiating practices by the Commission. Your Committee believes that a more defined system of negotiation between public charter schools and the Commission is needed to allow charter schools to run their own individual operations effectively and efficiently.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the State Public Charter School Commission only consider providing an appeals process before the Board of Education for addressing complaints regarding the Commission's execution of administrative rules in developing administrative rules as requested by this measure;
- (2) Deleting certain findings made in this measure;
- (3) Amending its title; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 166, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1484-24 Education on H.R. No. 172

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Education's statewide backlog of capital improvement repair and maintenance projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hui for Excellence in Education; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 4,425 buildings statewide, which is more than twenty million square feet of space. This is a time-consuming and financially draining task as approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's two hundred fifty-seven public schools are more than one hundred years old, and the average age of school buildings in the State is seventy-two years. Your Committee further finds that properly repairing and maintaining public school buildings are necessary for the safety of Hawaii's students and teachers.

Your Committee notes that in January 2018, the Department of Education reported to the Legislature that the school repair and maintenance backlog was \$293,000,000. The Department of Education later redacted that statement, reporting that the true backlog was \$868,000,000. This backlog has sharply increased in the few past years and is now estimated to be more than \$1,400,000,000, with more than four thousand six hundred repair and maintenance projects needed to be undertaken or finished by the Department of Education. Your Committee believes that an audit of the Department of Education could help identify any shortcomings in the current distribution of funds and determine any necessary changes to increase the efficiency of the Department of Education's capital improvement repair and maintenance projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Auditor examine certain processes of the Department of Education related to repair and maintenance and procurement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 172, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 172, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1485-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 192

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Education's statewide backlog of capital improvement repair and maintenance projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hui for Excellence in Education; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Education is responsible for the repair and maintenance of 4,425 buildings statewide, which is more than twenty million square feet of space. This is a time-consuming and financially draining task as approximately twenty percent of Hawaii's two hundred fifty-seven public schools are more than one hundred years old, and the average age of school buildings in the State is seventy-two years. Your Committee further finds that properly repairing and maintaining public school buildings are necessary for the safety of Hawaii's students and teachers.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Auditor examine certain processes of the Department of Education related to repair and maintenance and procurement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 192, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1486-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 61

The purpose of this measure is to urge state departments and agencies to enable employees to telework to the greatest extent possible.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services. Your Committee received testimony with comments from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee notes that expanding telework capabilities will provide employees better flexibility and work-life balance as it allows employees to have more control over their schedules and daily life. Your Committee also highlights the cost savings to workers from lower commute costs such as gas, transportation, and parking due to increased telework. Your Committee believes telework will also make the state of Hawaii a more desirable employer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 61 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1487-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 76

The purpose of this measure is to urge state departments and agencies to enable employees to telework to the greatest extent possible.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Hawaii State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Hawaii Government Employee Association. Your Committee received testimony with comments from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee notes that expanding telework capabilities will provide employees better flexibility and work-life balance as it allows employees to have more control over their schedules and daily life. Your Committee also highlights the cost savings to workers from lower commute costs such as gas, transportation, and parking due to increased telework. Your Committee believes telework will also make the state of Hawaii a more desirable employer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 76 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1488-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 63

The purpose of this measure is to request The Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the potential impacts of licensure and regulation of certain human resources management personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Government Employee Association-University of Hawaii and Hawaii Government Employee Association. Your Committee received testimony with comments of this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your committee notes that the legislative auditor testified that no bill was introduced this year to use as a baseline to complete the request outlined in this resolution. However, your committee points out that HB1646 would serve that purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 63 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1489-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 78

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a sunrise review of the potential impacts of licensure and regulation of certain human resources management personnel.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from University of Hawaii Government Employee Association and Hawaii Government Employee Association. Your Committee received testimony with comments of this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your committee notes that the legislative auditor testified that no bill was introduced this year to use as a baseline to complete the request outlined in this resolution. However, your committee points out that HB1646 would serve that purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 78 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1490-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 65

The purpose of this measure is to urge state executive departments to review minimum qualifications and compensation for class specifications for job postings and provide suggestions to the department of human resources development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee notes this measure may increase the opportunity to recruit and hire qualified individuals to fill the growing vacancies throughout the state. Your Committee also notes that this may result in fewer unfilled posts in the State of Hawaii and open doors for a broader pool of candidates.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 65 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1491-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 80

The purpose of this measure is to urge state executive departments to review minimum qualifications and compensation for class specifications for job postings and provide suggestions to the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services.

Your Committee notes this measure may increase the opportunity to recruit and hire qualified individuals to fill the growing vacancies throughout the state. Your Committee also notes that this may result in fewer unfilled posts in the State of Hawaii and open doors for a broader pool of candidates.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 80 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1492-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 66

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to amend title 12, chapter 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to clarify that compensation for advanced practice registered nurses under the state's workers' compensation law is distinct from compensation for registered nurses and shall be one hundred percent of the fees authorized under the Medicare fee schedule.

Your Committee received no testimony.

Your Committee recognizes the long standing supportive relationship between the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and advanced practice registered nurses. Your Committee notes that advance practice registered nurses are required to earn a postgraduate degree and operate at a higher level, overseeing patient care. Your Committee finds that amending the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule to ensure advanced practice registered nurses receive increased compensation will improve access to quality medical care.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 66 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1493-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to amend title 12, chapter 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to clarify that compensation for advanced practice registered nurses under the state's workers' compensation law is distinct from compensation for registered nurses and shall be one hundred percent of the fees authorized under the Medicare fee schedule.

Your Committee received testimony with comments of this measure from the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Hawaii State Center for Nursing.

Your Committee recognizes the long standing supportive relationship between the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and advanced practice registered nurses. Your Committee notes that advance practice registered nurses are required to earn a postgraduate degree and operate at a higher level, overseeing patient care. Your Committee finds that amending the Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule to ensure advanced practice registered nurses receive increased compensation will improve access to quality medical care.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 81 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1494-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 191

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Human Resources Development to evaluate subsidizing public transit for public employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committee received testimony with comments of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee notes subsidizing public transit for public employees may enhance access to transportation options for public employees who face barriers to car ownership. Your Committee notes offering public transit subsidies can improve recruitment efforts and employee retention rates.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 191 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1495-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 211

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Human Resources Development to evaluate subsidizing public transit for public employees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Blue Planet Foundation. Your Committee received testimony with comments of this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee notes subsidizing public transit for public employees may enhance access to transportation options for public employees who face barriers to car ownership. Your Committee notes offering public transit subsidies can improve recruitment efforts and employee retention rates.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 211 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1496-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 53

The purpose of this measure is to request The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an Interagency Enforcement Task Force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Pacific Resource Partnership.

Your Committee notes that convening an interagency enforcement task force is essential for maximizing resources and effective coordination. Your Committee notes interagency task forces facilitate sharing data information to create effective enforcement measures. Your Committee believes the task force will help protect the rights and interests of workers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;

(2) Clarifying that only the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, rather than the Director or the Deputy Director is requested to serve as the Chair of the Interagency Enforcement Task Force;

(3) Limiting the scope of the Working Group to only the construction industry;

(4) Limiting the scope of the Task Force by deleting language requesting the Task Force to encourage identification of violators, work collaboratively with stakeholders to diminish the size of the underground economy and reduce employee misclassification, and work collaboratively with social service agencies to provide assistance to vulnerable populations that have been exploited by the underground economy and employee misclassification;

(5) Requesting the Insurance Commissioner from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to participate as a member of the Task Force; and

(6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 53, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 53, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1497-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 68

The purpose of this measure is to request The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an Interagency Enforcement Task Force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Pacific Resource Partnership.

Your Committee notes that convening an interagency enforcement task force is essential for maximizing resources and effective coordination. Your Committee notes interagency task forces facilitate sharing data information to create effective enforcement measures. Your Committee believes the task force will help protect the rights and interests of workers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Amending its title;

(2) Clarifying that only the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, rather than the Director or the Deputy Director is requested to serve as the Chair of the Interagency Enforcement Task Force;

(3) Limiting the scope of the Working Group to only the construction industry;

(4) Limiting the scope of the Task Force by deleting language requesting the Task Force to encourage identification of violators, work collaboratively with stakeholders to diminish the size of the underground economy and reduce employee misclassification, and work collaboratively with social service agencies to provide assistance to vulnerable populations that have been exploited by the underground economy and employee misclassification;

(5) Requesting the Insurance Commissioner from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to participate as a member of the Task Force; and

(6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 68, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 68, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1498-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 144

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of for-profit, non-profit, and government organizations in Hawaii that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Holomua Collaborative, Hawaiian Host Group, Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Planning Mill, Mana Up, Title Guaranty Hawaii, and one individual. Your Committee received testimony with comments from the Department of Human Resources Development and University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization.

Your Committee notes that conducting a survey can help identify the strategies and best practices of successful implementation of remote work arrangements. Your Committee notes data from the survey provide valuable insights that can inform the development of policies and initiatives aimed at supporting remote work.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Human Resources Development to work in coordination with the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to identify areas in the State that have a combination of lower housing costs and decreased access to good-paying jobs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 144, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 144, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1499-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 165

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of for-profit, non-profit, and government organizations in Hawaii that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Holomua Collaborative, Hawaiian Host Group, Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Planning Mill, Mana Up, Title Guaranty Hawaii, and one individual. Your

Committee received testimony with comments from the Department of Human Resources Development and University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization.

Your Committee notes that conducting a survey can help identify the strategies and best practices of successful implementation of remote work arrangements. Your Committee notes data from the survey provide valuable insights that can inform the development of policies and initiatives aimed at supporting remote work.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting the Department of Human Resources Development to work in coordination with the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to identify areas in the State that have a combination of lower housing costs and decreased access to good-paying jobs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 165, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 165, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1500-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 114

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1,109 people were killed in crashes that involved red light running in 2021. Your Committee further finds that the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector System program established by Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of crashes and citations in areas where red light cameras operate. Your Committee believes that placing red light cameras, along with other road safety measures, in House District 32 will increase road safety and reduce fatal traffic accidents in that district.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Requesting the Department of Transportation to work in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 114, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 114, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1501-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 133

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, 1,109 people were killed in crashes that involved red light running in 2021. Your Committee further finds that the Photo Red Light Imaging Detector System program established by Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, has resulted in a significant decrease in the number of crashes and citations in areas where red light cameras operate. Your Committee believes that placing red light cameras, along with other road safety measures, in House District 32 will increase road safety and reduce fatal traffic accidents in that district.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Requesting the Department of Transportation to work in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 133, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 133, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1502-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and offer recommendations regarding means by which Lānaʻi's supply chain issues caused by barge delays due to poor weather and ocean conditions may be resolved.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee finds that since 1900, Hawaii's residents have relied on Young Brothers for their shipping needs given that chapter 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, legalized the Young Brothers as the sole water carrier to transport property subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission. Your Committee further finds that Lānaʻi is acutely reliant on Young Brothers for regular barge services in order to avoid issues arising from supply chain shortages. Your Committee also finds that supply shortages have been especially prevalent due to unfavorable weather and ocean conditions which have threatened Young Brother's abilities to ensure the safety of their employees and their ability to enter the harbor and unload barges. Your Committee further

finds that in addition to supply chain issues and barge delays, Lānaʻi experiences expensive transportation costs due to its limited sea-barge and air-freight options. These services are essential for Lānaʻi's economic development as they provide a lifeline to the island's grocery stores and local businesses.

Your Committee additionally finds there are numerous ways to mitigate these supply shortage issues that challenge Lānaʻi, such as increasing storage facilities near Kaumālapaʻu Harbor for refrigerated and perishable goods. Your Committee further finds that to best address these supply shortage and harbor infrastructure issues, it is necessary for the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and provide recommended solutions in a report to the Legislature. Your Committee also finds that to ensure the success and usefulness of this study it may be necessary to seek outside expertise, such as that of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 116 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1503-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 135

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and offer recommendations regarding means by which Lānaʻi's supply chain issues caused by barge delays due to poor weather and ocean conditions may be resolved.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Young Brothers, LLC.

Your Committee finds that since 1900, Hawaii's residents have relied on Young Brothers for their shipping needs given that chapter 271G, Hawaii Revised Statutes, legalized the Young Brothers as the sole water carrier to transport property subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission. Your Committee further finds that Lānaʻi is acutely reliant on Young Brothers for regular barge services in order to avoid issues arising from supply chain shortages. Your Committee also finds that supply shortages have been especially prevalent due to unfavorable weather and ocean conditions which have threatened Young Brother's abilities to ensure the safety of their employees and their ability to enter the harbor and unload barges. Your Committee further finds that in addition to supply chain issues and barge delays, Lānaʻi experiences expensive transportation costs due to its limited sea-barge and air-freight options. These services are essential for Lānaʻi's economic development as they provide a lifeline to the island's grocery stores and local businesses.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 135 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1504-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 133

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Transportation conducts a feasibility study regarding the identification, repair, and transfer of private or disputed roads.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Department of Transportation to establish an inventory of the roads and highways that are under its jurisdiction. Your Committee also finds that this chapter requires the Department of Transportation to score and rank the conditions of the roads under its jurisdiction so that repairs may be scheduled. Your Committee further finds that section 264.1-2.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides the county with the power to demand the transfer or surrender of disputed roads. Your Committee finds that the Department of Transportation presently lacks the resources needed to identify and develop a list of all private and disputed roads that are not within its jurisdiction or control and it is necessary to conduct a feasibility study regarding the identification, repair, and transfer of private or disputed roads prior to the Department assuming financial responsibility for these roads.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 133 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1505-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 154

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Transportation conducts a feasibility study regarding the identification, repair, and transfer of private or disputed roads.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the Department of Transportation to establish an inventory of the roads and highways that are under its jurisdiction. Your Committee also finds that this chapter requires the Department of Transportation to score and rank the conditions of the roads under its jurisdiction so that repairs may be scheduled. Your Committee further finds that section 264.1-2.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides the county with the power to demand the transfer or surrender of disputed roads. Your Committee finds that the Department of Transportation presently lacks the resources needed to identify and develop a list of all private and disputed roads that are not within its jurisdiction or control and it is necessary to conduct a feasibility study regarding the identification, repair, and transfer of private or disputed roads prior to the Department assuming financial responsibility for these roads.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 154 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1506-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 135

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Transportation conduct a study regarding the impact of allowing motor vehicle owners to biannually pay motor vehicle registration fees and taxes.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that despite these concerns the annual taxes and fees collected when non-new motor vehicles are registered can pose a huge financial burden to Hawaii's residents who may not be able to afford this lump sum payment. Your Committee also finds that these costs may result in residents abandoning their cars, using illegal vehicles, or struggling to keep up with other payments. Your Committee finds that biannual payments may reduce these issues and allow low-income residents to afford the cost of living and their motor vehicle registration payments. Your Committee notes that while there are concerns regarding biannual payments of motor vehicle registration fees and taxes, such as increased transaction fees charged by the online and kiosk registration systems and additional costs for printing and distributing two renewal notices, registration decals, and notices, this issue warrants greater study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 135 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1507-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 156

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Department of Transportation conduct a study regarding the impact of allowing motor vehicle owners to biannually pay motor vehicle registration fees and taxes.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that despite these concerns the annual taxes and fees collected when non-new motor vehicles are registered can pose a huge financial burden to Hawaii's residents who may not be able to afford this lump sum payment. Your Committee also finds that these costs may result in residents abandoning their cars, using illegal vehicles, or struggling to keep up with other payments. Your Committee finds that biannual payments may reduce these issues and allow low-income residents to afford the cost of living and their motor vehicle registration payments. Your Committee notes that while there are concerns regarding biannual payments of motor vehicle registration fees and taxes, such as increased transaction fees charged by the online and kiosk registration systems and additional costs for printing and distributing two renewal notices, registration decals, and notices, this issue warrants greater study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 156 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1508-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 136

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis on Molokai and Lana'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AlohaCare and one individual.

Your Committee finds that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Molokai and Lana'i were serviced by three airlines. However, following the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the airlines ceased operations, leaving only a single airline providing commercial flights for Molokai and Lana'i residents. As a result, residents of Molokai and Lana'i face unique challenges in accessing nonemergency but critical medical care and are often forced to cancel or miss appointments due to frequent and unexpected flight reassignments and cancellations. Your Committee further finds that federal regulations complicate and restrict the actions the State may take on its own to address this issue. Your Committee believes that this measure demonstrates the State's desire to work with the federal government to provide safe, reliable air transportation for the residents of Molokai and Lana'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 136 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1509-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 157

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis on Molokai and Lana'i.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AlohaCare and one individual.

Your Committee finds that prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Molokai and Lana'i were serviced by three airlines. However, following the COVID-19 pandemic, two of the airlines ceased operations, leaving only a single airline providing commercial flights for Molokai and Lana'i residents. As a result, residents of Molokai and Lana'i face unique challenges in accessing nonemergency but critical medical care and are often forced to cancel or miss appointments due to frequent and unexpected flight reassignments and cancellations. Your Committee further finds that federal regulations complicate and restrict the actions the State may take on its own to address this issue. Your Committee believes that this measure demonstrates the State's desire to work with the federal government to provide safe, reliable air transportation for the residents of Molokai and Lana'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 157 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1510-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 203

The purpose of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to convene a task force to study permitted events in urban Honolulu.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu grants over one hundred permits for events every year. Your Committee further finds that many of these events require the road closure of major arteries in urban Honolulu, and some of these closures can last up to twelve hours, preventing residents

in these areas from leaving their homes and carrying on their daily activities. This measure requests the City and County of Honolulu to examine the frequency, duration, impact, and road closure management of these events on residents of the communities in which these events are held.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 203, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 203, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1511-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 223

The purpose of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to convene a task force to study permitted events in urban Honolulu.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the City and County of Honolulu grants over one hundred permits for events every year. Your Committee further finds that many of these events require the road closure of major arteries in urban Honolulu, and some of these closures can last up to twelve hours, preventing residents in these areas from leaving their homes and carrying on their daily activities. This measure requests the City and County of Honolulu to examine the frequency, duration, impact, and road closure management of these events on residents of the communities in which these events are held.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 223, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 223, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1512-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 161

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and Department of Land and Natural Resources to take action to reduce the carbon emissions arising from airplane transportation to and from the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Airlines for America and Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that each individual must remain within a yearly "carbon budget" of 2.7 tons in order to keep human-made global warming below 1.7 degrees Celsius and reach zero net emissions by 2050. Your Committee further finds that the average round trip flight to and from the State creates 1.8 tons of carbon emissions, which is approximately two-thirds of a person's 2.7-ton annual carbon budget. Your Committee notes that the Federal Aviation Administration currently oversees all aviation regulation, including emissions control, which may lead to preemption of any State regulations that are contrary to federal law. However, your Committee believes that there are multiple possibilities for addressing carbon emissions caused by air travel that do not require direct legislative action.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 161, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 161, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1513-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 181

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and Department of Land and Natural Resources to take action to reduce the carbon emissions arising from airplane transportation to and from the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Airlines for America and Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that each individual must remain within a yearly "carbon budget" of 2.7 tons in order to keep human-made global warming below 1.7 degrees Celsius and reach zero net emissions by 2050. Your Committee further finds that the average round trip flight to and from the State creates 1.8 tons of carbon emissions, which is approximately two-thirds of a person's 2.7-ton annual carbon budget. Your Committee notes that the Federal Aviation Administration currently oversees all aviation regulation, including emissions control, which may lead to preemption of any State regulations that are contrary to federal law. However, your Committee believes that there are multiple possibilities for addressing carbon emissions caused by air travel that do not require direct legislative action.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 181, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 181, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1514-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.C.R. No. 203

The purpose of this measure establish a working group to evaluate the effectiveness of the University of Hawaii Community Colleges Summer Tuition Pilot Program.

Your Committee received testimony providing comments for this measure by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that the financial burden on students attending summer classes has been a longstanding concern,

often hindering their ability to pursue additional coursework or expedite their degree completion and it is in the legislatures best interest to look at diverse ways to support our community college students.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 203 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1515-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.R. No. 185

The purpose of this measure is to urge the University of Hawaii to lead the way in best practices for diversity, equity, and inclusion and demonstrate the importance of these initiatives by adopting a statewide equity statement.

Your Committee received no testimony for this measure.

Your Committee finds that in addition to ethnic diversity, UH is home to many first-generation students, veterans, international students, and students from the continental United States – all of which help make each class of students complex and diverse. As a result, UH has a special burden to ensure that all students feel welcome within the institution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 185 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1516-24 Higher Education & Technology on H.C.R. No. 205

The purpose of this measure is to urge the University of Hawaii to lead the way in best practices for diversity, equity, and inclusion and demonstrate the importance of these initiatives by adopting a statewide equity statement.

Your Committee received testimony in support for this measure from University of Hawaii System.

Your Committee finds that in addition to ethnic diversity, UH is home to many first-generation students, veterans, international students, and students from the continental United States – all of which help make each class of students complex and diverse. As a result, UH has a special burden to ensure that all students feel welcome within the institution.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 205 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 2 (Martinez, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1517-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 33

The purpose of this measure request the Department of Human Services to convene a Baby Bonds Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and the Democratic Party of Hawaii. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your committee requests that UHERO provide a budget and a timeline for completion of the study prior to the next hearing for this measure for a more thorough consideration of this essential study by the next Committee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' designee to the Baby Bonds Working Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 33, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 33, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1518-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 44

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to convene a Baby Bonds Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawaii; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and the Democratic Party of Hawaii. The Department of Human Services provided comments.

Your committee requests that UHERO provide a budget and a timeline for completion of the study prior to the next hearing for this measure for a more thorough consideration of this essential study by the next Committee.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs or the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' designee to the Baby Bonds Working Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 44, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 44, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, none.

SCRep. 1519-24 Economic Development on H.R. No. 55

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Sports Wagering Working Group to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sports Betting Alliance and DraftKings. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that a robust illegal sports betting market thrives in the absence of a legal, regulated framework. Your Committee further finds that the American Gaming Association estimates that Americans wager over \$63,000,000,000 each year in the illegal market with no oversight, consumer protections, or tax revenue generated. Your Committee also finds that sports wagering is offered safely and responsibly by reputable operators in jurisdictions where sports wagering is legal, and these operators implement robust measures with regard to identity verification, consumer protection, responsible gaming, and game integrity that are not present in the illegal market. Your Committee recognizes that the legalization of sports wagering presents an opportunity to generate significant revenue for Hawaii and believes that a comprehensive analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in the State is warranted.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism states in its testimony that for the project to be completed at the scope and timeline as requested in this measure, the Department would need \$200,000 in state funds to hire a research company to conduct the analysis. Alternatively and preferably, the Department currently has vacancies for economist positions and, if the deadline to submit the report to the Legislature is extended to twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026, the Department could fill the economist positions over the next few months and conduct the analysis in house.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 55 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1520-24 Economic Development on H.C.R. No. 70

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Sports Wagering Working Group to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Sports Betting Alliance and DraftKings. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that a robust illegal sports betting market thrives in the absence of a legal, regulated framework. Your Committee further finds that the American Gaming Association estimates that Americans wager over \$63,000,000,000 each year in the illegal market with no oversight, consumer protections, or tax revenue generated. Your Committee also finds that sports wagering is offered safely and responsibly by reputable operators in jurisdictions where sports wagering is legal, and these operators implement robust measures with regard to identity verification, consumer protection, responsible gaming, and game integrity that are not present in the illegal market. Your Committee recognizes that the legalization of sports wagering presents an opportunity to generate significant revenue for Hawaii and believes that a comprehensive analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in the State is warranted.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism states in its testimony that for the project to be completed at the scope and timeline as requested in this measure, the Department would need \$200,000 in state funds to hire a research company to conduct the analysis. Alternatively and preferably, the Department currently has vacancies for economist positions and, if the deadline to submit the report to the Legislature is extended to twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026, the Department could fill the economist positions over the next few months and conduct the analysis in house.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 70 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1521-24 Economic Development on H.R. No. 164

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the fashion and music industries in the State contribute to economic growth, job creation, cultural preservation, and tourism development, and the State's diverse ecosystem of artists, venues, recording studios, and educational institutions strengthens the State's cultural identity and enriches the lives of residents and visitors alike. The success stories of local music programs, accelerators, and projects are examples of the opportunities that exist in the intersection between music and media for the State's artists. Your Committee believes that the convening of a Hawaii Creative Innovation Group will help identify pathways and develop support systems to assist the emerging creative sectors in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 164 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1522-24 Economic Development on H.C.R. No. 184

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that the fashion and music industries in the State contribute to economic growth, job creation, cultural preservation, and tourism development, and the State's diverse ecosystem of artists, venues, recording studios, and educational institutions strengthens the State's cultural identity and enriches the lives of residents and visitors alike. The success stories of local music programs, accelerators, and projects are examples of the opportunities that exist in the intersection between music and media for the State's artists. Your Committee believes that the convening of a Hawaii Creative Innovation Group will help identify pathways and develop support systems to assist the emerging creative sectors in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 184 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1523-24 Economic Development on H.R. No. 94

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a working group to examine the feasibility of a state lottery.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that according to the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, forty-four states and the District of Columbia offer lotteries in the United States. Gallup polls have found that state lotteries are the most popular form of gambling in the United States, with roughly half of respondents saying they purchased a lottery ticket in the past twelve months. In 2021, Americans spent \$105.26 billion on lottery tickets, and state governments on average take in about a third of each lottery jackpot in taxes and revenue.

Your Committee recognizes that Hawaii is one of the few remaining jurisdictions without a state lottery. Your Committee believes that a working group should be convened to study whether a state lottery would be feasible.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism states in its testimony that for the project to be completed at the scope and timeline as requested in this measure, the Department would need \$200,000 in state funds to hire a research company to prepare the feasibility study.

Your Committee further notes that the Department currently has vacancies for economist positions and recommends extending the deadline to submit the report to the Legislature to twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026 to give the Department time to fill the economist positions and conduct the study in house.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its report examining the feasibility of a state lottery to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 94, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 94, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1524-24 Economic Development on H.C.R. No. 113

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a working group to examine the feasibility of a state lottery.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that according to the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, forty-four states and the District of Columbia offer lotteries in the United States. Gallup polls have found that state lotteries are the most popular form of gambling in the United States, with roughly half of respondents saying they purchased a lottery ticket in the past twelve months. In 2021, Americans spent \$105.26 billion on lottery tickets, and state governments on average take in about a third of each lottery jackpot in taxes and revenue.

Your Committee recognizes that Hawaii is one of the few remaining jurisdictions without a state lottery. Your Committee believes that a working group should be convened to study whether a state lottery would be feasible.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism states in its testimony that for the project to be completed at the scope and timeline as requested in this measure, the Department would need \$200,000 in state funds to hire a research company to prepare the feasibility study.

Your Committee further notes that the Department currently has vacancies for economist positions and recommends extending the deadline to submit the report to the Legislature to twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2026 to give the Department time to fill the economist positions and conduct the study in house.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its report examining the feasibility of a state lottery to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 113, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 113, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Quinlan).

SCRep. 1525-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 106

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Telehealth Working Group to examine the impact of widespread telehealth adoption during the COVID-19 pandemic and identify public policy initiatives at the federal and state level to optimize telehealth utilization as the state transitions out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; State Health Planning and Development Agency; University of Hawaii College of Social Sciences and John A. Burns School of Medicine; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and Grassroots Institute of Hawaii. Your Committee received Comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 106, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 106, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1526-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 125

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Telehealth Working Group to examine the impact of widespread telehealth adoption during the COVID-19 pandemic and identify public policy initiatives at the federal and state level to optimize telehealth utilization as the state transitions out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Human Services; State Health Planning and Development Agency; University of Hawaii College of Social Sciences and John A. Burns School of Medicine; Queen's Health System; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Health Information Exchange; and Grassroots Institute of Hawaii. Your Committee received Comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committee has amended the measure by:

- (1) Amending the composition of the working group; and
- (2) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 125, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 125, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1527-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 113

The purpose of this measure is to urge the counties to adopt an ordinance requiring restaurants and other food service establishments to take steps to make their businesses safe for members of the public with severe food allergies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from seven individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending language that requests customers inform their server of any food allergies from being listed on a menu or menu insert to being listed on signage; and
- (2) Deleting language requiring the county ordinances to include a publicly available master list of all ingredients used in the preparation of each food item.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 113, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 113, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1528-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 132

The purpose of this measure is to urge the counties to adopt an ordinance requiring restaurants and other food service establishments to take steps to make their businesses safe for members of the public with severe food allergies.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from CARES.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending language that requests customers inform their server of any food allergies from being listed on a menu or menu insert to being listed on signage; and
- (2) Deleting language requiring the county ordinances to include a publicly available master list of all ingredients used in the preparation of each food item.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 132, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 132, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1529-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 123

The purpose of this measure is resolving to end homelessness on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Maui County Council Chair; and one individual. Your committee received comments from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 123, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 123, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1530-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 141

The purpose of this measure is resolving to end homelessness on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Maui County Council; and three individuals. Your committee received comments from the Department of Human Services; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch. Your committee received opposition from one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 141, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 141, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1531-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 162

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the challenges to the timely delivery of health care services in the State due to prior authorization requirements and include an analysis of prior authorization reform, with input of data and feedback from all stakeholders, including patient advocates, providers, facilities, and payers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the resolution to change the Auditors assessment to a study conducted by the Legislative Reference Bureau;
- (2) Inserting language to clarify the contents of the study;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the change from the Auditor assessment to the Legislative Reference Bureau study; and
- (4) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 162, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 162, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1532-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 182

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the challenges to the timely delivery of health care services in the State due to prior authorization requirements and include an analysis of prior authorization reform, with input of data and feedback from all stakeholders, including patient advocates, providers, facilities, and payers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Radiological Society; Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses; Hawaii Provider Shortage Crisis Task Force; Ahahui o na Kauka; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the resolution to change the Auditors assessment to a study conducted by the Legislative Reference Bureau;
- (2) Inserting language to clarify the contents of the study;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the change from the Auditor assessment to the Legislative Reference Bureau study; and
- (4) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 182, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 182, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1533-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 166

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State's underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii's congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

This measure has been amended by:

- (1) Inserting language to include the Governor, and Department of Human Services in addition to the Department of Health to explore avenues and to ensure continued access to affordable medications under the 340B Drug Pricing Program;
- (2) Amending the title to reflect the inclusion of the Governor and Department of Human Services;
- (3) Inserting language to include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in addition to hospitals; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 166, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 166, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1534-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 186

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State's underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii's congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Queen's Health System; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Wahiawa Health Center; and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

This measure has been amended by:

- (1) Inserting language to include the Governor, and Department of Human Services in addition to the Department of Health to explore avenues and to ensure continued access to affordable medications under the 340B Drug Pricing Program;
- (2) Amending the title to reflect the inclusion of the Governor and Department of Human Services;
- (3) Inserting language to include federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in addition to hospitals; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 186, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 186, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1535-24 Health & Homelessness on H.R. No. 167

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a Health Care Facilities Labor Standards Working Group to research, assess, and make recommendations on the best practices in labor standards that can be implemented at hospitals, care homes, and dialysis facilities in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support from United Public Workers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the resolution to change the Health Care Facilities Labor Standards Working Group to a study conducted by the Legislative Reference Bureau;
- (2) Inserting language to specify the contents of the study;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the change from a working group to a study; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 167, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 167, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1536-24 Health & Homelessness on H.C.R. No. 187

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to convene a Health Care Facilities Labor Standards Working Group to research, assess, and make recommendations on the best practices in labor standards that can be implemented at hospitals, care homes, and dialysis facilities in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Nurses Association, OPEIU Local 50; Pride at Work Hawai'i; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; IATSE Local 665; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party; Sailors Union of the Pacific; and

numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments from the Board of Nursing; Hawai'i State Center for Nursing; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the resolution to change the Health Care Facilities Labor Standards Working Group to a study conducted by the Legislative Reference Bureau;
- (2) Inserting language to specify the contents of the study;
- (3) Amending the title to reflect the change from a working group to a study; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 187, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1537-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 12

The purpose of this measure is to urge the City and County of Honolulu to work with the Department of Transportation to plan and implement options for alternative ingress and egress in Mililani Mauka.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that best practices for emergency preparedness require that a community possess more than one evacuation route, as a single ingress and egress route may prevent emergency vehicles from responding in a timely fashion. Your Committee further finds that Mililani Mauka features a single primary ingress and egress route, which leaves its residents vulnerable should that access road be obstructed during a natural disaster. This measure is intended to increase public safety by identifying alternative access routes for Mililani Mauka.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Deleting as unnecessary references to the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu;
- (3) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to provide a plan for an alternative emergency access road in Mililani Mauka to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025, rather than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 12, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 12, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1538-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 21

The purpose of this measure is to urge the City and County of Honolulu to work with the Department of Transportation to plan and implement options for alternative ingress and egress in Mililani Mauka.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii High School Republicans; Hawaii Federation of Republican Women; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that best practices for emergency preparedness require that a community possess more than one evacuation route, as a single ingress and egress route may prevent emergency vehicles from responding in a timely fashion. Your Committee further finds that Mililani Mauka features a single primary ingress and egress route, which leaves its residents vulnerable should that access road be obstructed during a natural disaster. This measure is intended to increase public safety by identifying alternative access routes for Mililani Mauka.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Deleting as unnecessary references to the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu;
- (3) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu to provide a plan for an alternative emergency access road in Mililani Mauka to the Legislature twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025, rather than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 21, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 21, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1539-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 45

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps and speed limit signage on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Kanehili Community Homestead Association; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the stretch of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School experiences a significant volume of traffic, particularly during morning and afternoon school hours. Your Committee further finds that many drivers exceed posted speed limits, creating an unsafe

situation for pedestrians crossing the street. Your Committee believes that installing speed bumps and clear and well-maintained signage will reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety in this area.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu, as well as the Department of Transportation, to install speed bumps and speed limit on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 45, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 45, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1540-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 62

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps and speed limit signage on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that the stretch of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School experiences a significant volume of traffic, particularly during morning and afternoon school hours. Your Committee further finds that many drivers exceed posted speed limits, creating an unsafe situation for pedestrians crossing the street. Your Committee believes that installing speed bumps and clear and well-maintained signage will reduce speeding and increase pedestrian safety in this area.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Requesting the City and County of Honolulu, as well as the Department of Transportation, to install speed bumps and speed limit on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 62, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 62, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1541-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 59

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to work with the Honolulu Police Department to increase enforcement efforts against illegal electric bicycles and dirt bike motorcycles to make sidewalks and public roadways safer.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Hawaii Federation of Republican Women; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that electronic bicycles are widely available and becoming a more prevalent means of personal transportation. However, electric bicycles can become a serious safety hazard when ridden on sidewalks or in the middle of traffic lanes. Your Committee further finds that riders of electric bicycles often make an illegal and dangerous modification to their electric bicycles by installing an aftermarket delimiter that allows the electric bicycle to reach speeds of thirty miles per hour. This measure is intended to make the State's roads and sidewalks safer by increasing enforcement efforts against illegally modified electric bicycles and unsafe and unlicensed use of dirt bike motorcycles.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Deleting as unnecessary references to the City and County of Honolulu and instead urging the Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to work with the Honolulu Police Department; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1542-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 43

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to work with the City and County of Honolulu to plan and implement options for alternative ingress and egress routes in Pacific Palisades.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and one individual.

Your Committee finds that best practices for emergency preparedness require a community possess more than one evacuation route, as a single ingress and egress route may prevent emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency in a timely fashion. Your Committee further finds that Komo Mai Drive, a steep and winding one-lane road, is the only ingress and egress from Pacific Palisades, which could leave residents of Pacific Palisades trapped should Komo Mai Drive be obstructed during an emergency or natural disaster. This measure is intended to increase public safety by identifying alternative access routes for Pacific Palisades.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 43 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1543-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 60

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to work with the City and County of Honolulu to plan and implement options for alternative ingress and egress routes in Pacific Palisades.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that best practices for emergency preparedness require a community possess more than one evacuation route, as a single ingress and egress route may prevent emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency in a timely fashion. Your Committee further finds that Komo Mai Drive, a steep and winding one-lane road, is the only ingress and egress from Pacific Palisades, which could leave residents of Pacific Palisades trapped should Komo Mai Drive be obstructed during an emergency or natural disaster. This measure is intended to increase public safety by identifying alternative access routes for Pacific Palisades.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 60 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1544-24 Transportation on H.R. No. 38

The purpose of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to conduct a sidewalk feasibility study along Kalihi Street from Kamaikai Street to Kalihi Valley Park.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that because much of the infrastructure in Kalihi Valley was constructed before modern standards for road construction were developed, most of the upper portion of Kalihi Street lacks sidewalks. Your Committee further finds that because of the lack of sidewalks, there are many dangerous locations along Kalihi Street where pedestrians are required to walk in the street itself. This measure is intended to explore the feasibility of making significant improvements to Kalihi Street's sidewalks, including the removal of telephone poles in certain sections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 38 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1545-24 Transportation on H.C.R. No. 49

The purpose of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to conduct a sidewalk feasibility study along Kalihi Street from Kamaikai Street to Kalihi Valley Park.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that because much of the infrastructure in Kalihi Valley was constructed before modern standards for road construction were developed, most of the upper portion of Kalihi Street lacks sidewalks. Your Committee further finds that because of the lack of sidewalks, there are many dangerous locations along Kalihi Street where pedestrians are required to walk in the street itself. This measure is intended to explore the feasibility of making significant improvements to Kalihi Street's sidewalks, including the removal of telephone poles in certain sections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 49 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

SCRep. 1546-24 Human Services on H.R. No. 124

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor and Board of Pharmacy to support the Lanai Community Health Center's Telepharmacy Pilot Demonstration and Research Project as a method of expanding the accessibility and affordability of prescription drugs to vulnerable populations and rural communities throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Primary Care Association; Board of Pharmacy; AARP Hawaii; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 124 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1547-24 Human Services on H.C.R. No. 142

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor and Board of Pharmacy to support the Lanai Community Health Center's Telepharmacy Pilot Demonstration and Research Project as a method of expanding the accessibility and affordability of prescription drugs to vulnerable populations and rural communities throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Primary Care Association; Board of Pharmacy; AARP Hawaii; American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; and Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 142 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1548-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 5

The purpose of this measure is to urge the City and County of Honolulu to establish a new Satellite City Hall office in Mililani to improve access to government services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition from one individual.

Your committee finds that building a new satellite city hall can improve accessibility and eliminate the need for individuals to drive long distances. Your committee notes that by facilitating easier access to many important services such as vehicle registration, licensing, creating state identification, license plate & emblem replacement, utilities payment, property tax payment and obtaining permits will improve quality of life. Your committee recognizes that the establishment of Mililani Satellite City Hall is a critical component of a governmental function and an essential service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 5 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1549-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 15

The purpose of this measure is to urge the City and County of Honolulu to establish a new Satellite City Hall office in Mililani to improve access to government services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii High School Republicans, Hawaii Federations of Republican Women and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from one individual.

Your committee finds that building a new satellite city hall can improve accessibility and eliminate the need for individuals to drive long distances. Your committee notes that by facilitating easier access to many important services such as vehicle registration, licensing, creating state identification, license plate & emblem replacement, utilities payment, property tax payment and obtaining permits will improve quality of life. Your committee recognizes that the establishment of Mililani Satellite City Hall is a critical component of a governmental function and an essential service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 15 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1550-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.R. No. 62

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor establish a leadership accelerator program for exceptional managers in state government.

Your Committee received no testimony this measure.

Your Committee notes leadership accelerator programs provide opportunities for managers to connect with peers from across different government agencies. Your Committee notes investing in leadership development ensures that there are capable individuals prepared to take on higher-level roles and effectively lead government agencies in the future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 62 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1551-24 Labor & Government Operations on H.C.R. No. 77

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor establish a leadership accelerator program for exceptional managers in state government.

Your Committee received no testimony this measure.

Your Committee notes leadership accelerator programs provide opportunities for managers to connect with peers from across different government agencies. Your Committee notes investing in leadership development ensures that there are capable individuals prepared to take on higher-level roles and effectively lead government agencies in the future.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 77 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Kapela, Martinez, Alcos).

SCRep. 1552-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.R. No. 121

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a fiscal analysis methodology to compare infrastructure and service costs with the financial contributions of a particular development to determine whether a specific project or particular zoning classification will contribute to the long-term fiscal sustainability of the state and respective county.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that low density developments consistently cost more in infrastructure maintenance costs and general service expenditures than they provide in tax revenue. This deficit continues to worsen, and new developments continue to be planned without accounting for future maintenance, infrastructure costs, and service costs. Your Committees believe that maintaining fiscally sustainable development will help the State build infrastructure, invest in vibrant public spaces, and house the State's growing population. However, your Committees note that in order to do this, proposed developments should be judged, in part, based on their long-term fiscal cost to the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a scope of work or requests for proposals for bidders to perform their own analysis and methodology to determine the long-term fiscal sustainability of a development, rather than urging the Office to develop a fiscal analysis methodology;

- (2) Urging bidders, rather than the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to develop a visual mapping analysis and consider a methodology that estimates ongoing maintenance costs and the future replacement costs of infrastructure;
- (3) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 121, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 121, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

Water & Land: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Ganaden, Hashem, Takayama, Souza).

SCRep. 1553-24 Housing/Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 140

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a fiscal analysis methodology to compare infrastructure and service costs with the financial contributions of a particular development to determine whether a specific project or particular zoning classification will contribute to the long-term fiscal sustainability of the state and respective county.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committees find that low density developments consistently cost more in infrastructure maintenance costs and general service expenditures than they provide in tax revenue. This deficit continues to worsen, and new developments continue to be planned without accounting for future maintenance, infrastructure costs, and service costs. Your Committees believe that maintaining fiscally sustainable development will help the State build infrastructure, invest in vibrant public spaces, and house the State's growing population. However, your Committees note that in order to do this, proposed developments should be judged, in part, based on their long-term fiscal cost to the State.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to develop a scope of work or requests for proposals for bidders to perform their own analysis and methodology to determine the long-term fiscal sustainability of a development, rather than urging the Office to develop a fiscal analysis methodology;
- (2) Urging bidders, rather than the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, to develop a visual mapping analysis and consider a methodology that estimates ongoing maintenance costs and the future replacement costs of infrastructure;
- (3) Amending the recipients of certified copies of this measure;
- (4) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 140, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 140, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Onishi).

Water & Land: Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Ganaden, Hashem, Takayama, Souza).

SCRep. 1554-24 Legislative Management on H.R. No. 202

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study to determine the implementation and standards of various sexual health education policies within the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Association of University Women of Hawai'i and Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates-Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that only twenty percent of Hawaii middle schools and forty-eight percent of high schools provided all twenty-two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention critical sexual health education topics. This measure will ensure that Hawaii's students are provided with the knowledge and tools necessary to make responsible, informed, and empowered choices about their sexuality, gender, relationships, and sexual and reproductive health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the contents of the study;
- (2) Changing its title to make a technical amendment; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 202, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 202, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1555-24 Legislative Management on H.C.R. No. 222

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study to determine the implementation and standards of various sexual health education policies within the Department of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the American Association of University Women of Hawai'i; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates-Hawai'i; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from One Impact Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee finds that only twenty percent of Hawaii middle schools and forty-eight percent of high schools provided all twenty-two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention critical sexual health education topics. This measure will ensure that Hawaii's students are provided with the knowledge and tools necessary to make responsible, informed, and empowered choices about their sexuality, gender, relationships, and sexual and reproductive health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the contents of the study;
- (2) Changing its title to make a technical amendment; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Legislative Management that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 222, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 222, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1556-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2119

The purpose of this measure is to authorize out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information to an in-state pharmacy for the initial fill of an out-of-state prescription.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Board of Pharmacy; Disability and Communication Access Board; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; CVS Health; Walgreen Co.; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that an out-of-state visitor may require prescription medication while in Hawaii. In this situation, the visitor will consult with the visitor's out-of-state physician for acute medication, who would typically issue the prescription to a pharmacy in the visitor's home state. Because existing law allows out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information for refills, but not for initial fills, local pharmacists must contact out-of-state physicians for a verbal prescription order. This results in more work for the pharmacy and can cause delays in treatment for the out-of-state patient. This measure will allow out-of-state patients in Hawaii to receive their medication in a timely manner.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2119, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Belatti, Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1557-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2532

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the definition of "dwelling", as it relates to offenses against property rights, includes multi-unit buildings and clearly marked and secured appurtenant parking or storage areas that are restricted to residents; and
- (2) Allow the owner of a multi-unit building, owner of an individual unit, a property manager, or an authorized representative of the condominium association to act as a complainant for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting an offense of burglary in the first degree in a multi-unit building.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department; Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there has been an increase in the number of criminal acts by non-residents in areas of multi-unit buildings that are restricted to residents. Your Committee further finds that there is a need to clarify that the areas in multi-unit buildings that are restricted to residents, such as parking and storage areas within apartment buildings and condominiums, are part of the overall dwelling to ensure acts of theft in these areas are properly investigated and prosecuted as a burglary.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the conditions under which a parking or storage area is included under the definition of "dwelling";
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1558-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2236

The purpose of this measure is to require law enforcement officers to post notice of a search that has been conducted on a property, regardless of whether a warrant was issued.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure will ensure residents are properly informed when a search has been conducted by the police on their private residence.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1559-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 79

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu to clean several of Waipahu's streams and canals.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that there are several streams and canals in Waipahu that may be at risk for increased siltation and flooding due to the presence of debris and fast-growing vegetation. Your Committee further finds that cleaning and clearing these streams and canals in Waipahu would reduce the risks associated with these safety hazards.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 79 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1560-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 95

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu to clean several of Waipahu's streams and canals.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that there are several streams and canals in Waipahu that may be at risk for increased siltation and flooding due to the presence of debris and fast-growing vegetation. Your Committee further finds that cleaning and clearing these streams and canals in Waipahu would reduce the risks associated with these safety hazards.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 95 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1561-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 76

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the issue of illegal dumping within the Waipahu community.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that urgent action regarding illegal dumping is needed to mitigate health risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of residents of and visitors to Waipahu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 76, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 76, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1562-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 92

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the issue of illegal dumping within the Waipahu community.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that urgent action regarding illegal dumping is needed to mitigate health risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of residents of and visitors to Waipahu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 92, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 92, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1563-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 9

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement a native plant seeding project on the lands impacted by the November 2023 wildfires in Mililani Mauka to protect the area from the threat of similar devastation in the future.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that implementing native plant seeding projects is a proactive measure that addresses the urgent need for ecological restoration and wildfire risk mitigation. Your Committee further finds that seeding native plants in restoration efforts enhances the ecosystem's resilience against future wildfires, supports the recovery of endangered and threatened species by providing them with their natural habitat, and preserves the biodiversity that is crucial for maintaining ecological balance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to implement the native plant seeding project;
- (2) Amending its title to reflect its modified scope;
- (3) Adding the Fish and Wildlife Administrators and Project Leader of the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 9, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 9, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1564-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 19

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to implement a native plant seeding project on the lands impacted by the November 2023 wildfires in Mililani Mauka to protect the area from the threat of similar devastation in the future.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee finds that implementing native plant seeding projects is a proactive measure that addresses the urgent need for ecological restoration and wildfire risk mitigation. Your Committee further finds that seeding native plants in restoration efforts enhances the ecosystem's resilience against future wildfires, supports the recovery of endangered and threatened species by providing them with their natural habitat, and preserves the biodiversity that is crucial for maintaining ecological balance.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Urging the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to implement the native plant seeding project;
- (2) Amending its title to reflect its modified scope;
- (3) Adding the Fish and Wildlife Administrators and Project Leader of the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as recipients of certified copies of this measure; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 19, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 19, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1565-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 188

The purpose of this measure is to urge Hawaii's Congressional delegation to obtain federal funding for the construction of an Environmental Protection Agency certified laboratory to test for environmental toxins in the State and publish the results of its analyses to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that although section 321-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in 2022 to mandate the Department of Health to establish and operate a toxicology laboratory designed to test for diseases as well as air and water quality issues, no such laboratory has been funded or constructed. Following the November 2021 Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility release of fuel and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances containing aqueous film forming foam, the Department of Health's laboratory did not have the capability to evaluate the presence of toxins in water, so the State had to send samples to the continental United States and wait nearly one month for a determination of the toxicity level of exposure of nearly one hundred thousand people. Your Committee further finds that a local facility that can test for diseases and air and water quality issues and provide the public with timely analyses of environmental toxins would significantly aid in preventing contamination of the water supply and mitigating threats to Hawaii's environment and public health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 188 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1566-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 208

The purpose of this measure is to urge Hawaii's Congressional delegation to obtain federal funding for the construction of an Environmental Protection Agency certified laboratory to test for environmental toxins in the State and publish the results of its analyses to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Americans for Democratic Action; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that although section 321-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in 2022 to mandate the Department of Health to establish and operate a toxicology laboratory designed to test for diseases as well as air and water quality issues, no such laboratory has been funded or constructed. Following the November 2021 Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility release of fuel and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances containing aqueous film forming foam, the Department of Health's laboratory did not have the capability to evaluate the presence of toxins in water, so the State had to send samples to the continental United States and wait nearly one month for a determination of the toxicity level of exposure of nearly one hundred thousand people. Your Committee further finds that a local facility that can test for diseases and air and water quality issues and provide the public with timely analyses of environmental toxins would significantly aid in preventing contamination of the water supply and mitigating threats to Hawaii's environment and public health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 208 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1567-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 178

The purpose of this measure is to request the State's Congressional delegation to advocate for the enforcement of existing international laws to reduce ghost nets entering the State from international waters and take other actions to reduce marine debris from fishing gear.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Friends of Hanauma Bay.

Your Committee finds that discarded or lost fishing nets in the ocean, otherwise known as ghost nets, entangle, injure, and kill hundreds of thousands of marine animals and coral reefs every year. Because ghost nets are non-biodegradable, these fishing debris can pollute the ocean for up to six hundred years after initially entering the ocean.

Your Committee further finds that international waters are the most common location for fishing vessels to dump ghost nets, and one hundred fifteen thousand pounds of ghost nets wash in from international waters to the reefs of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Papahānaumokuākea) annually, harming coral reefs and marine wildlife. Your Committee notes that there is a backlog of ghost net accumulation of approximately one million pounds in Papahānaumokuākea, despite ongoing clean-up efforts by government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Your Committee also finds that the International Maritime Organization's London Dumping Regime and International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Annex V specifically prohibit discharge of synthetic ropes and fishing gear. The International Law of the Sea allows states to take action against vessels entering their ports if there is evidence that they have abandoned or negligently lost fishing gear, although gear is not marked in such a way as to trace ownership. Your Committee believes that the United States Congress should take action to reduce ghost nets entering in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 178 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1568-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 198

The purpose of this measure is to request the State's Congressional delegation to advocate for the enforcement of existing international laws to reduce ghost nets entering the State from international waters and take other actions to reduce marine debris from fishing gear.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; and Friends of Hanauma Bay.

Your Committee finds that discarded or lost fishing nets in the ocean, otherwise known as ghost nets, entangle, injure, and kill hundreds of thousands of marine animals and coral reefs every year. Because ghost nets are non-biodegradable, these fishing debris can pollute the ocean for up to six hundred years after initially entering the ocean.

Your Committee further finds that international waters are the most common location for fishing vessels to dump ghost nets, and one hundred fifteen thousand pounds of ghost nets wash in from international waters to the reefs of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Papahānaumokuākea) annually, harming coral reefs and marine wildlife. Your Committee notes that there is a backlog of ghost net accumulation of approximately one million pounds in Papahānaumokuākea, despite ongoing clean-up efforts by government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Your Committee also finds that the International Maritime Organization's London Dumping Regime and International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships Annex V specifically prohibit discharge of synthetic ropes and fishing gear. The International Law of the Sea allows states to take action against vessels entering their ports if there is evidence that they have abandoned or negligently lost fishing gear, although gear is not marked in such a way as to trace ownership. Your Committee believes that the United States Congress should take action to reduce ghost nets entering in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 198 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1569-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 69

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts to conduct a study on the population status of coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu and develop effective policies for substantially increasing those populations within a decade.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Friends of Hanauma Bay; The Nature Conservancy; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from For the Fishes.

Your Committee finds that coral reefs provide extremely valuable ecosystem goods and services for the people of Hawaii. Reefs are also fundamental to the fabric of local communities, providing a source of food, materials, and traditional activities. Your Committee further finds that many reefs around the island of Oahu have been degraded from poor land use practices and are dominated by dead coral covered by seaweeds. The maintenance and recovery of coral reefs require abundant and diverse herbivores, which keep reef surfaces clean so that corals can flourish.

Your Committee notes that the population of coral reef herbivores around Oahu is the lowest in the State, existing at below five percent of its potential. Your Committee believes that strengthening existing statewide fishing rules concerning herbivores, along with other policies and strategies, are needed to help replenish herbivore populations in the coral reefs surrounding Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 69 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1570-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 83

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts to conduct a study on the population status of coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu and develop effective policies for substantially increasing those populations within a decade.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Friends of Hanauma Bay; The Nature Conservancy; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from For the Fishes.

Your Committee finds that coral reefs provide extremely valuable ecosystem goods and services for the people of Hawaii. Reefs are also fundamental to the fabric of local communities, providing a source of food, materials, and traditional activities. Your Committee further finds that many reefs around the island of Oahu have been degraded from poor land use practices and are dominated by dead coral covered by seaweeds. The maintenance and recovery of coral reefs require abundant and diverse herbivores, which keep reef surfaces clean so that corals can flourish.

Your Committee notes that the population of coral reef herbivores around Oahu is the lowest in the State, existing at below five percent of its potential. Your Committee believes that strengthening existing statewide fishing rules concerning herbivores, along with other policies and strategies, are needed to help replenish herbivore populations in the coral reefs surrounding Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 83 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1571-24 Water & Land on H.C.R. No. 4

The purpose of this measure is to request Hawaii's Congressional delegation to amend Public Law 105-377 to expand the membership of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement to include Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement offers a proven framework for collaboration and mutual aid among member states, provinces, and territories. Your Committee further finds that through this Agreement, members benefit from sharing critical information, technologies, and resources, empowering them to respond more effectively to wildfires and undertake measures that significantly reduce the risk of such events.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the current members of the Northwest Wildland Fire Protection Agreement, rather than Hawaii's Congressional delegation, to amend the Agreement to allow Hawaii to join as a member;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (3) Amending the list of recipients of certified copies; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 4, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 4, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1572-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 174

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to conduct a study on the implementation of later school start times, to commence no earlier than 8:30 a.m., and the impact on student health and wellness.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the intent of this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that the first school bell ring no earlier than 8:30 a.m. nationwide. Early school start times are associated with students sleeping less, irritability and fatigue, and difficulty paying attention in class, leading to poor academic performance. Your Committee further finds that all but five public high schools in the State begin their school days before 8:30 a.m. Your Committee believes that the concept of having schools statewide begin their school days after 8:30 a.m. may increase student academic performance and should be explored.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Education to consult with the Hawaii State Teachers Association on any requests the Association may have regarding school start times in future bargaining contracts and include any requests in the study;
- (2) Including the President of the Hawaii State Teachers Association as a recipient of a certified copy of this measure; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 174, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 174, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1573-24 Education on H.R. No. 201

The purpose of this measure is to recognize February 19 through February 23, 2024, as Scholastic Journalism Week in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the nationally recognized Journalism Education Association is celebrating one hundred years of supporting student journalists and advisers in Hawaii and nationwide since its founding in 1924. Your Committee further finds that the Journalism Education Association supports free and

responsible scholastic journalism by providing resources and educational opportunities, promoting professionalism, encouraging and rewarding student excellence and teacher achievement, and fostering an atmosphere that encompasses diversity and builds unity. Your Committee recognizes that February 19 through February 23, 2024, has been designated as Scholastic Journalism Week throughout the country to celebrate the Journalism Education Association as well as its advisers, student journalists, and publication programs, and believes that Scholastic Journalism Week is deserving of recognition in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 201 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1574-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 221

The purpose of this measure is to recognize February 19 through February 23, 2024, as Scholastic Journalism Week in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the nationally recognized Journalism Education Association is celebrating one hundred years of supporting student journalists and advisers in Hawaii and nationwide since its founding in 1924. Your Committee further finds that the Journalism Education Association supports free and responsible scholastic journalism by providing resources and educational opportunities, promoting professionalism, encouraging and rewarding student excellence and teacher achievement, and fostering an atmosphere that encompasses diversity and builds unity. Your Committee recognizes that February 19 through February 23, 2024, has been designated as Scholastic Journalism Week throughout the country to celebrate the Journalism Education Association as well as its advisers, student journalists, and publication programs, and believes that Scholastic Journalism Week is deserving of recognition in Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 221 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1575-24 Education on H.R. No. 171

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan for the reinstatement of cancelled school bus service routes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the availability of school bus services is essential to student attendance, especially for families who live in rural and remote areas and students who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education provides bus services in neighborhoods across the State to ensure broad access to educational opportunities for Hawaii's students, serving approximately twelve thousand student riders on Oahu and thirteen thousand student riders on the neighbor islands.

Your Committee notes that, currently, there is a nationwide shortage of school bus drivers. Due to the shortage of qualified school bus drivers in the State, student bus transportation services have been completely or partially suspended at ten Oahu high schools and four schools on Kauai in the 2023-2024 school year. Suspensions of additional school bus service routes in other counties of Hawaii are anticipated if the shortage of qualified school bus drivers continues. Your Committee believes that a comprehensive plan to reinstate previously cancelled school bus service routes is needed to ensure that all students in the State are able to use school bus services to arrive at public schools on time.

Your Committee further notes that the Department of Education stated in its testimony that the comprehensive plan could encompass the consideration of alternative transportation options such as carpooling and public transit in addition to school bus transportation, and could also include the examination of efficiency strategies such as centralized bus stops.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 171 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1576-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 191

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan for the reinstatement of cancelled school bus service routes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the availability of school bus services is essential to student attendance, especially for families who live in rural and remote areas and students who come from socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Education provides bus services in neighborhoods across the State to ensure broad access to educational opportunities for Hawaii's students, serving approximately twelve thousand student riders on Oahu and thirteen thousand student riders on the neighbor islands.

Your Committee notes that, currently, there is a nationwide shortage of school bus drivers. Due to the shortage of qualified school bus drivers in the State, student bus transportation services have been completely or partially suspended at ten Oahu high schools and four schools on Kauai in the 2023-2024 school year. Suspensions of additional school bus service routes in other counties of Hawaii are anticipated if the shortage of qualified school bus drivers continues. Your Committee believes that a comprehensive plan to reinstate previously cancelled school bus service routes is needed to ensure that all students in the State are able to use school bus services to arrive at public schools on time.

Your Committee further notes that the Department of Education stated in its testimony that the comprehensive plan could encompass the consideration of alternative transportation options such as carpooling and public transit in addition to school bus transportation, and could also include the examination of efficiency strategies such as centralized bus stops.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 191 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1577-24 Education on H.R. No. 93

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of School Facilities and Support Services, to develop procedures that will expedite the hiring process for security guards regulated under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Your Committee finds that many young people experience nonfatal physical injuries as a result of school violence. Your Committee further finds that there has been an increased incidence of violent events at public schools, which represents a growing trend of violence that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of children and educators in the State.

Your Committee also finds that security guards, under state law, are a regulated profession subject to licensure, registration, and continuing education requirements. The Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services has an existing contract ensuring all security guards employed by the Department of Education are compliant with the licensure renewal requirements for private detectives and guards. Your Committee believes that the growing trend of violence at public schools necessitates the need for an increased security presence on public school campuses through an increase in hiring for security guards regulated under State law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Urging the Department of Education to also collaborate with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards in developing procedures to expedite the hiring process for security guards; and
- (3) Deleting language that urged the Department of Education to consult with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards to create new job descriptions for security personnel that do not require the applicant to be licensed under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 93, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 93, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1578-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 112

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Office of School Facilities and Support Services, to develop procedures that will expedite the hiring process for security guards regulated under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Private Detectives and Guards.

Your Committee finds that many young people experience nonfatal physical injuries as a result of school violence. Your Committee further finds that there has been an increased incidence of violent events at public schools, which represents a growing trend of violence that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of children and educators in the State.

Your Committee also finds that security guards, under state law, are a regulated profession subject to licensure, registration, and continuing education requirements. The Department of Education's Office of School Facilities and Support Services has an existing contract ensuring all security guards employed by the Department of Education are compliant with the licensure renewal requirements for private detectives and guards. Your Committee believes that the growing trend of violence at public schools necessitates the need for an increased security presence on public school campuses through an increase in hiring for security guards regulated under State law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose;
- (2) Urging the Department of Education to also collaborate with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards in developing procedures to expedite the hiring process for security guards; and
- (3) Deleting language that urged the Department of Education to consult with the Board of Private Detectives and Guards to create new job descriptions for security personnel that do not require the applicant to be licensed under chapter 463, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 112, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 112, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1579-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 122

The purpose of this measure is to strengthen fire and flood mitigation in South Maui and encourage actions to control the invasive axis deer population on Maui.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure supports a net gain in wetlands for the entire State, which will bolster efforts at fire and flood mitigation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the State, rather than the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to adopt a policy to promote a net gain in wetlands;
- (2) Modifying its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 122, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 122, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1580-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2958

The purpose of this measure is to amend or repeal various provisions of the Hawaii Revised Statutes or the Session Laws of Hawaii for the purposes of correcting errors and references, clarifying language, or deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that this statutory revision measure is submitted by the Legislative Reference Bureau pursuant to Chapter 23G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. All of the statutory amendments proposed by this measure are intended to be technical in nature to correct errors or omissions or to repeal obsolete laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2958, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2958, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1581-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2562

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit individuals without a valid unrevoked license obtained from the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine, or operating under the direct supervision of the same, from performing any surgical procedure on any pet animal;
- (2) Make performing any surgical procedure on any pet animal without a valid unrevoked license, or operating under the direct supervision of the same, a class C felony; and
- (3) Repeal the exception of cropping and docking as customarily practiced under the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaiian Humane Society; Animal Welfare Institute; Animal Interfaith Alliance in Britain; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Board of Veterinary Medicine; Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committee finds that surgical procedures on pet animals, such as dogs and cats, by untrained persons are cruel and harmful to the animals. Your Committee further finds that surgical procedures should only be performed on pet animals by licensed veterinary practitioners.

Your Committee further finds that H.B. No. 1527, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2024), a substantially similar measure, was previously passed by the House.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. 1527, H.D. 1, a measure that:
 - (A) Prohibits animal owners and their employees from performing any surgical procedures on the owner's animal or animals, if the owners and employees are not licensed to practice veterinary medicine;
 - (B) Increases the penalties for the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine to a fine of no more than \$1,000, or imprisonment of no more than one year, or both;
 - (C) Clarifies that the offense of cruelty to animals in the first degree does not apply to accepted veterinary practices when the practices are performed by a license veterinarian; and
 - (D) Takes effect on July 1, 3000; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

SCRep. 1582-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2693

The purpose of this measure is to establish the criminal offense of charitable fraud during a state of emergency.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure will deter people from engaging in deceptive acts or practices regarding the solicitation of a contribution to assist persons affected by a disaster or emergency.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the criminal acts that would constitute an offense of charitable fraud during a state of emergency;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ichiyama, Miyake, Souza).

SCRep. 1583-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3036

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "profits from prostitution" to include situations where the money, thing of value, or other property received is not in excess of expenditures related to the agreement or understanding or is for reimbursement or repayment of a debt; and
- (2) Amend the sex trafficking and promoting prostitution criminal offense statutes by inserting relevant definitions in those statutes and repealing a statute that is no longer needed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Maui; Honolulu Police Department; Imua Alliance; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that in *State v. Ibarra*, 153 Hawai'i 50, 526 P.3d 575 (2023), the Hawaii Supreme Court decided to redefine a statutorily defined term. Your Committee further finds that as one of three co-equal branches of the Hawaii State Government, the Legislature has the sole power to make new laws or change existing laws. This measure clarifies the laws on sex trafficking and promoting prostitution so that sex traffickers may be held accountable.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the offense of sex trafficking includes profiting from prostitution that is the result of another person compelling or inducing a person by force, threat, fraud, coercion, or intimidation to engage in prostitution;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3036, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3036, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1584-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2841

The purpose of this measure is to designate May 15 of each year as Water Safety Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Outtrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that nationwide, drowning is the leading cause of death for children between the ages of one and four, and the second leading cause of unintentional death for children between the ages of five and fourteen. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii ranks second in the nation for drowning deaths. This measure is intended to curb the number of fatal child drownings by recognizing and encouraging water safety education for children.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1585-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2718

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Labor Relations Board.

Your Committee finds that unlike other administrative agencies, the Hawaii Labor Relations Board is unable to admit or consider hearsay evidence under existing law. Enabling the Board to consider relevant hearsay evidence will provide a more just hearing process, particularly for self-represented litigants.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1586-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3025

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make the fine for growing hemp without a license applicable to any violation of the commercial hemp production law;
- (2) Clarify that the Department of Agriculture shall not require inspections or sampling of hemp that duplicates inspections or sampling required by the United States Department of Agriculture; and
- (3) Repeal the requirement for the adoption of additional rules by the Department of Agriculture to address nuisance issues, including smell, noise, and excessive lighting, arising out of the activities of hemp growers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Rainbow Family 808; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that, under the existing laws regulating commercial hemp production, the Department of Agriculture is only authorized to impose penalties for failing to hold a license issued by the United States Department of Agriculture and is explicitly prohibited from imposing penalties for any other conduct with respect to the production of hemp. This explicit prohibition constrains the Department of Agriculture from enforcing other laws, including the Hawaii Pesticides Law. This measure will provide the Department with greater authority to enforce the laws of the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3025, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1587-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3154

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that failure to comply with agreed-upon archaeological mitigation commitments, conduct an archaeological inventory survey, or comply with other requirements pertaining to archaeological activities approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources will result in civil and administrative violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that this measure will allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division to impose civil and administrative penalties for archaeological violations, even if those violations do not result in demonstrable damage to historic property, archaeological resources, or burial sites.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1588-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2132

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the deadline related to the repair of conditions that constitute health or safety violations; and
- (2) Increase the amount deducted from a tenant's rent for the tenant's actual expenditures to correct health or safety violations and defective conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that substandard and dangerous housing conditions can lead to housing instability and health and safety concerns for Hawaii's families. This measure would improve protections for Hawaii's renters and promote swift action by landlords to correct violations and defective conditions.

Your Committee notes that amending this measure to change the effective date to November 1, 2024, will allow realtors to produce new forms to comply with this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1589-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2529

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "patient's provider" to allow licensed physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice registered nurses to sign Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment for their patients without a face-to-face encounter.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Kōkua Mau; Hawai'i Care Choices; AlohaCare; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i; and nine individuals.

Your Committees find that a Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form is a portable medical order that documents a patient's choices for treatment near the end of life. POLST forms are universally recognized by first responders and professional health care caregivers throughout the State and are used in many health care settings, including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, adult residential care homes, expanded adult residential care homes, community care foster family homes, hospices, and other settings.

Your Committees further find that existing law may be construed to require a face-to-face encounter with a patient. This is especially challenging for persons in hospice care, in which face-to-face encounters are not required under Medicare regulations unless the patient has been in hospice care for at least six months. This measure provides persons with greater flexibility to create or amend their POLST forms by repealing language that may be construed to require a face-to-face encounter between the patient's provider and the patient.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Consumer Protection & Commerce: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Nakashima, Hussey-Burdick, Lowen).

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1590-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to make it unlawful for an employer to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize or threaten any adverse employment action against an employee because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters, or declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 142; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received opposition to this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Society of Human Resource Management Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that it is an unfair labor practice for employers to retaliate against employees who decline employer-sponsored meetings and communications related to the employer's political beliefs. This measure would safeguard employees' rights to free expression and autonomy in the workplace.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Evslin).

SCRep. 1591-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2819

The purpose of this measure is to require vehicles traveling ten miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on a two-lane highway, behind which five vehicles are formed in a line, to pull over where possible to let the trailing vehicles proceed when passing is unsafe.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that this measure would improve the flow of traffic on certain roads where overtaking or passing slow-moving vehicles is not possible.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that vehicles traveling ten miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on a two-lane highway shall pull over where possible to let the trailing vehicles proceed when overtaking or passing is unsafe unless doing so would result in an unsafe situation; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Ganaden). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1592-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2066

The purpose of this measure is to establish another means for a housing project to seek an exemption from certain laws and rules, including those relating to planning, zoning, and construction, that are developed under the various programs of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; NAIOP Hawaii; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that existing regulatory barriers further exacerbate the severe shortage of affordable housing in the State. This measure provides another incentive for developers to utilize various programs under the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to increase the supply of housing, thereby keeping residents in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a housing project seeking exemption from laws and rules of the State, in addition to meeting other requirements, may have affordability requirements or income restrictions and must require one hundred percent of the units in the project to be exclusively for qualified residents; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1593-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2308

The purpose of this measure is to establish additional fines and penalties for violations of speeding in a school zone.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Education; and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that the number of citations issued statewide for speeding in construction or school zones increased from two hundred twenty-four in 2022 to three hundred twenty-nine in 2023. Your Committee further finds that the fines and penalties established under this measure would serve as a stronger deterrent against speeding in school zones.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2308, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2308, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1594-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2735

The purpose of this measure is to require:

- (1) The Examiner of Drivers to test applicants for driver's licenses on the applicant's knowledge of the dangers posed by larger motor vehicles, including trucks, to pedestrians and bicyclists; and
- (2) Persons who commit the offense of excessive speeding or habitually operating a vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant to retake and pass a driver's license examination for each offense.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee finds that this measure will reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries by requiring persons who engage in dangerous driving behavior to retake and pass the driver's license examination. This measure will also increase education and awareness about the potential hazards of driving larger motor vehicles by requiring it to be tested on driver's license examinations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2735, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Holt).

SCRep. 1595-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2834

The purpose of this measure is to establish a process for a landlord to dispose of a deceased tenant's personal property and take possession of the dwelling unit following the death of the tenant.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

Your Committee finds that there is no guidance in existing law to address when a unit is occupied by a tenant who dies, specifically how the possession of a rented unit is ended and the disposition of a deceased tenant's belongings is conducted. This measure will provide an orderly means to end tenancies upon a tenant's death and dispose of the deceased tenant's personal property.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes for future consideration as this measure progresses through the legislative process that the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS has requested an implementation date of November 1, 2024, to allow the Association sufficient time to amend its Standard Forms.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Holt).

SCRep. 1596-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3312

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State; and
- (2) Authorize the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its history to be displayed in a prominent location in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Bulletin and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that the shaka is a key brand symbol for Hawaii, offering influential power to build the State's economy, global brand, and resident pride. Your Committee further finds that, as the shaka is now used around the world, this measure ensures that Hawaii retains recognition as the birthplace of the shaka and honors the shaka as the official gesture of the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a definition of "shaka"; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Holt).

SCRep. 1597-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2721

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the penalties for violations of ocean recreation activities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that this measure would enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to impose sufficient penalties to deter repeat violations in the areas and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the environmental court's ability to impose geographical restrictions;
- (2) Defining certain terminology;
- (3) Repealing the authority of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to impose administrative fines for water pollution violations; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1598-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 3103

The purpose of this measure is to require persons who construct a large-scale renewable energy generation project sited in the State to provide a signed attestation or declaration regarding compliance with project labor standards to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Pacific Resource Partnership; Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters; and Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Hawaiian Electric and Tesla.

Your Committee finds that the State's commitment to ensuring that one hundred percent of all electrical energy be generated using renewable energy necessitates the development of a succession of large-scale renewable energy projects. Your Committee further finds that such projects should be in compliance with fair labor practices that reflect the values of the State. This measure will foster the mentoring and development of a skilled, in-state workforce, while offering workers long-term career opportunities in the burgeoning renewable energy sector and the ability to earn a living wage with benefits.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an exception in the event that a person constructing a covered project is unable to find contractors and subcontractors able and willing to meet the labor standards set forth in this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3103, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1599-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2476

The purpose of this measure is to authorize licensed dental hygienists under the general supervision of a licensed dentist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply preventive dental sealants in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Disability and Communication Access Board; Board of Dentistry; Hawai'i Oral Health Coalition; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Hawaii Dental Service; Hawaii Dental Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that dental hygienists are trained to identify when sealants may be appropriate and to apply sealants to teeth. However, under existing law, dental hygienists are only able to apply sealants when certain requirements are met: a child must be a patient of record with a dental provider and have a treatment plan from that provider before receiving a protective sealant. These requirements create administrative barriers that hinder efficiency and effectiveness of school-based oral health programs.

Your Committee further finds that allowing dental hygienists to apply sealants at the time of screening in a school-based setting is an effective, cost-free solution that improves oral health outcomes. While dental hygienists perform these key prevention activities, supervising dentists can prioritize patients' advanced care needs. This measure promotes good oral health practices by increasing access to dental hygienist services, which will improve the sustainability, efficiency, and effectiveness of school-based oral health programs.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1600-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2350

The purpose of this measure is to establish:

- (1) A separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high density population areas;
- (2) Tiered fines for violations of motor scooter muffler laws; and

- (3) Tiered fines for violations of motor vehicle muffler laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Honolulu Police Department; Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9; Windward Coalition; Livable Honolulu; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that chronic noise pollution causes a wide variety of adverse health effects, including hearing damage, sleep disturbance, stress, anxiety, depression, impaired cognitive function, and increased cardiovascular effects. Your Committee further finds that excessive noise from modified mufflers on motor vehicles significantly contributes to noise pollution in the State. This measure promotes a healthier environment by increasing the penalties for noisy mufflers, which may deter would-be violators from installing aftermarket or altered equipment that creates excessive noise.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1601-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2687

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the distribution of, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media between the first working day of February in every even-numbered year through the next general election.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; Public Citizen; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from TechNet and Computer & Communications Industry Association.

Your Committee finds that deepfakes are videos, audio, or images that have been manipulated using artificial intelligence, often to create, replace, or alter faces or synthesize speech. Recent advances in the realm of artificial intelligence have made the tools needed to create deepfakes more widely accessible, while the quality of deepfake technology is improving rapidly, making it harder for the average person to detect a deepfake. These rapid advances in deepfake technology have deeply concerning implications for the upcoming elections. This measure is a vital step in ensuring that elections remain safe from the harmful influence of deepfake technology by prohibiting the distribution of materially deceptive media and providing a mechanism to criminally and civilly enforce this prohibition.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that interactive computer services are exempt from the prohibitions under this measure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1602-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2747

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Transportation to adopt rules requiring applicants for a tour aircraft operations permit to maintain minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice and Blue Hawaiian.

Your Committee finds that tour aircraft operations are businesses that offer aircraft for hire by passengers for the purposes of aerial observation of landmarks and other manmade or natural sites in the State and transporting passengers for tourist-related activities. Your Committee further finds that there have been a number of recent incidents involving helicopter crashes that resulted in catastrophic injury, loss of life, and substantial property damage, including a 2019 crash in a Kailua neighborhood on Oahu. This measure will ensure that these operations have the coverage necessary to properly compensate passengers and Hawaii residents in the event of a catastrophic incident.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the minimum aircraft liability insurance coverage be \$20,000,000 per person per incident that covers, at a minimum, bodily injury and death and loss and damage to property.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2747, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1603-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2753

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that no state or county building code can prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with any applicable safety standards and use conditions; and
- (2) Require the State Building Code Council to establish codes and standards consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; and Environmental Investigation Agency. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce.

Your Committee finds that hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are primarily used as refrigerants in air conditioners and refrigerators as well as other applications such as fire suppressants, solvents, foam blowing agents, and aerosols. HFCs are greenhouse gases with global warming potentials that can be hundreds to

thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide. Their use has been rapidly increasing worldwide due to the global phaseout of ozone-depleting substances and increased demand for refrigeration and air conditioning.

Your Committee further finds that the federal American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 (42 U.S.C. 7657) authorizes the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to phase down the production and import of HFCs and transition to a range of new environmentally friendly substitute refrigerants. To date, over forty states have updated their building codes to include necessary changes that will allow the use of substitute refrigerants and avoid any marketplace disruptions as the EPA transition begins. This measure removes a barrier to ensure that the State's consumers and businesses can maintain uninterrupted access to new air conditioning and refrigeration equipment that uses the most advanced and climate-friendly technologies available.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that building codes and standards are to be consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons and not in conflict with federal law; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1604-24 Education on H.R. No. 170

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the Department of Education, to produce a plan for adhering to school counselor best practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education.

Your Committee finds that school counselors play a critical role in ensuring students' academic, career, social, and emotional development and in promoting equity and access to opportunities and educational experiences for all students. Additionally, school counselors support students' postsecondary access and success by helping them navigate the college admissions process, explore career opportunities, and develop essential life skills and provide preventative and responsive services to help students overcome barriers that may impede their academic and postsecondary success.

Your Committee also finds that the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recommends a student-to-school counselor ratio of two-hundred-to-one to effectively address the comprehensive needs of all students, yet just sixty-two percent of Hawaii public middle and high schools meet this recommendation. The ASCA recommends that a minimum of eighty percent of a school counselor's time should be spent in direct and indirect student services, yet Hawaii public middle and high school counselors report only being able to spend seventy-three percent of their time on these services.

Your Committee believes that having a twelve-month school counselor can ensure continuity of support for students, particularly for those who may not have access to such support outside of school. Your Committee further believes that providing Hawaii public intermediate, middle, and high school counselors with a more clearly defined job description will help school counselors better address the needs of Hawaii's students.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 170 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1605-24 Education on H.C.R. No. 190

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the Department of Education, to produce a plan for adhering to school counselor best practices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from HawaiiKidsCAN. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Board of Education and Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that school counselors play a critical role in ensuring students' academic, career, social, and emotional development and in promoting equity and access to opportunities and educational experiences for all students. Additionally, school counselors support students' postsecondary access and success by helping them navigate the college admissions process, explore career opportunities, and develop essential life skills and provide preventative and responsive services to help students overcome barriers that may impede their academic and postsecondary success.

Your Committee also finds that the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recommends a student-to-school counselor ratio of two-hundred-to-one to effectively address the comprehensive needs of all students, yet just sixty-two percent of Hawaii public middle and high schools meet this recommendation. The ASCA recommends that a minimum of eighty percent of a school counselor's time should be spent in direct and indirect student services, yet Hawaii public middle and high school counselors report only being able to spend seventy-three percent of their time on these services.

Your Committee believes that having a twelve-month school counselor can ensure continuity of support for students, particularly for those who may not have access to such support outside of school. Your Committee further believes that providing Hawaii public intermediate, middle, and high school counselors with a more clearly defined job description will help school counselors better address the needs of Hawaii's students.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 190 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Todd).

SCRep. 1606-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2305

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Law Enforcement to establish and operate a Silver Alert Program to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Hawai'i Police Department; United Public Workers, AFSCME

Local 646, AFL-CIO; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Public Health Association; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Easterseals Hawaii; Hawai'i Parkinson Association; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Oahu Search and Rescue; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Human Services; Executive Office on Aging; Honolulu Police Department; Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans; and Alzheimer's Association – Aloha Chapter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1607-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to temporarily exempt the purchase of educational materials and related training for direct student instruction in career and technical education from the State Procurement Code; provided that the Department of Education obtains three verbal or written quotes for purchases up to \$100,000, awards over \$2,500 comply with certain statutory provisions regarding offerors, and awards over \$500,000 are approved by the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Hawai'i State Energy Office. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education and State Procurement Office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1608-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2257

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to consider qualified individuals with at least an associate's degree or high school diploma with comparable education and coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach career and technical education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board; and Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1609-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Education to establish a Harm to Students Registry, for all early learning programs or schools and K-12 educational institutions within the State, that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the hiring of positions to manage the registry and carry out other requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; State Public Charter School Commission; Early Learning Board; Executive Office on Early Learning; Kamehameha Schools; Hawaii Association of Independent Schools; Hawaii Council of Private Schools; and Punahou School. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; and Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1610-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3305

The purpose of this measure is to require all public charter schools that exclusively offer prekindergarten programs to adhere to the public charter school law, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Public Charter School Commission; Executive Office on Early Learning; Parents and Children Together; and Hui for Excellence in Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1611-24 Finance on S.B. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Duke Kahanamoku and generate funds for programs that promote water safety and swim education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Services Department's Ocean Safety and Lifeguard Services Division; Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition; Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation; Hoemana; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1612-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2837

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily authorize the Oahu Regional Health Care System to oversee the operations and management agreement of the proposed state veterans home on Maui; and
- (2) Establish a timeline and process for the permanent oversight of the operations and management agreement of the proposed veterans home on Maui to be reassigned to the Maui Regional Health Care System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense; Oahu Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Maui Regional Board, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1613-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2600

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of electronic mail to deliver certain documents when purchasing condominiums.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii First Realty LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Palehua Townhouse; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1614-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3365

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed on wood chips, compost, and filter socks; and
- (2) Place certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1615-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1590

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to assess the steps necessary:
 - (A) For the State to supplement federal authority to perform meat inspections within the State; and
 - (B) To transfer full authority over meat inspections from the federal government to the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the establishment of inspector positions within the Department of Agriculture to perform meat inspections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Ulupono Initiative; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Maui County Farm Bureau; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1616-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to allow the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1617-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2159

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the State Agriculture Functional Plan to include additional agricultural economic updates, including updates on aquaculture, that expand the State's priority on food by including freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms as viable food sources; and
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development to produce a report on freshwater and saltwater aquatic organisms prior to updating the State Agriculture Functional Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; The Nature Conservancy, Hawai'i and Palmyra; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Agribusiness Development Corporation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2159, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1618-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2362

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for statewide research into ornamental ginger pathogens, prevention of the spread of ornamental ginger pathogens, production and distribution of pathogen-free ornamental ginger plants, and outreach to ornamental producers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawaii Floriculture and Nursery Association; Hawaii Tropical Flower Council; Orchid Growers of Hawai'i; and Maui County Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture and University of Hawai'i System.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2362, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1619-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2960

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require lessees and purchasers of farm lots and ranch lots to use that land for farming and producing food, under certain conditions; and
- (2) Authorize certain agricultural cooperative associations to apply for farm lots.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; and Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; and Hawai'i Farmers Union United.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1620-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2937

The purpose of this measure is to permanently exempt the laboratory school programs of the College of Hawaiian Language at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Early Learning Board; Executive Office on Early Learning; University of Hawai'i at Hilo; Kupuna for the Moopuna; Hui for Excellence in Education; Ke Kula 'O Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u Iki, Laboratory Public Charter School; and eight individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1621-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3192

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1622-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2287

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Information Technology Steering Committee to assist the Chief Information Officer in developing a plan to enhance and increase usage of the hawaii.gov mobile application; and
- (2) Require the Chief Information Officer's annual report to include updates on the hawaii.gov mobile application.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1623-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3191

The purpose of this measure is to permanently authorize the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1624-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program, to be implemented by the State in only those locations where a photo red light imaging detector system has been implemented; and
- (2) Create a new offense of noncompliance with maximum speed limit under automated speed enforcement system.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Honolulu Police Department; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; and Ulupono Initiative. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; and AAA Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1625-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2943

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Commercial Drivers Workforce Working Group to address the State's current and future needs for commercial driver's license holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Transportation; and Hawaii Food Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1626-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3183

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a county mileage-based road usage charge for electric vehicles;
- (2) Permit electric vehicle owners to pay a county registration surcharge or the county mileage-based road usage charge until June 30, 2028;
- (3) Establish a process for the counties to adopt a per-mile rate by ordinance; and
- (4) Clarify the use of monies collected under the state and county road usage charges.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Energy Office; Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; and Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Alliance for Automotive Innovation; and Enterprise Mobility.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3183, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1627-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3242

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Transportation and county transportation agencies to define, regularly identify, and address high-risk and dangerous corridors and intersections; and
- (2) Authorize the Department of Transportation and counties to reduce the maximum speed limit within one mile of a school without first conducting an engineering study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu; and Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1628-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2122

The purpose of this measure is to extend the State's Energy-Efficiency Portfolio Standards from 2030 to 2045, update the standards, and authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish interim goals and adjust the 2045 and interim standards.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawai'i State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaiian Electric; Ulu pono Initiative; Building Decarbonization Task Force of the Hawai'i Environmental Change Agents; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Hawai'i Energy; Blue Planet Foundation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Energy-Efficiency Portfolio Standards have been a successful policy for the State, serving as a critical component in support of the State's clean energy and decarbonization goals. Since the standards were established, they have generated many successful energy-saving programs for Hawai'i residents and businesses. According to the Market Potential Study (2020), the State is on track to meet and exceed the established 2030 target of four thousand three hundred gigawatt hours of energy savings. This measure challenges the State to further exceed the goal by establishing a new long-term goal of six thousand gigawatt hours by 2045.

While the Market Potential Study (2020) has noted that the State is on track to meet and exceed the established 2030 target, your Committee notes that the Public Utilities Commission has stated in its Report to the 2024 Legislature on Hawai'i's Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards that more aggressive strategies will be needed to meet the 2030 target. Your Committee further notes that the aggressive strategies would not be identified until the next Market Potential Study update is completed, which is expected to occur in 2026. Consequently, your Committee notes there are concerns that this measure may be premature in its extension and increase of the energy efficiency goals since it is unclear whether the State will meet the 2030 target.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1629-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2345

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for positions and training and certification of officers in mental health first aid and the crisis intervention team model.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; State Council on Mental Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Alzheimer's Association - Hawaii; State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; Hawai'i Psychological Association; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Law Enforcement; Office of the Public Defender; Executive Office on Aging; and The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions established by this measure to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2345, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1630-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2401

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to each county as a grant-in-aid for the implementation of feral chicken control programs and to the Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau; BOMA Hawai'i; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Department of Agriculture; and Hawaiian Humane Society.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that each county that receives a grant-in-aid shall provide an unspecified percentage of matching funds for the implementation of feral chicken control programs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1631-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2908

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency;
- (2) Clarify when proclamations take effect;
- (3) Prohibit residential rent increases in areas subject to emergency declarations and severe weather warnings; and
- (4) Shorten and clarify the duration of price control periods and the prohibition against residential-tenancy terminations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Lāhainā Strong; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; UNITE HERE Local 5; Jewish Voice for Peace - Hawai'i; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and one individual.

Your Committee finds that individuals facing unforeseen disasters are particularly vulnerable to predatory practices, such as price gouging, that are intended to maximize profits during an emergency. This measure would further protect Hawaii residents from predatory rent increases during and after emergency situations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the duration of the prohibition on rent increases to twenty-four hours after a severe weather warning is canceled or seventy-two hours after the effective date and time of a declaration of a state of emergency, unless the prohibition is otherwise continued; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2908, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2908, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Ganaden, Holt, Ilagan).

SCRep. 1632-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2657

The purpose of this measure is to establish Makahiki Commemoration Day.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing state law recognizes November 20 of each year as Makahiki Commemoration Day. However, your Committee believes that it would be more appropriate to celebrate Makahiki Commemoration Day based on the traditional Hawaiian lunar calendar. This measure reflects a continued commitment to pursue the commemoration of the Makahiki season, an ancient Hawaiian New Year festival that honors the god Lono and celebrates bountiful harvest.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the date on which Makahiki Commemoration Day is recognized; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Holt).

SCRep. 1633-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2630

The purpose of this measure is to authorize pedestrians to act contrary to the Statewide Traffic Code when a reasonably careful pedestrian would determine that there is no immediate danger of a collision with a moving vehicle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Get Fit Kauai; Hawai'i Bicycling League; America Walks; Kauai Path, Inc.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; Department of Transportation; Honolulu Police Department; Maui Police Department; D. Otani Produce; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and one individual.

Your Committee finds that pedestrians should be trusted to cross the street when the absence of oncoming traffic makes it reasonably safe to do so. Your Committee further finds that removing jaywalking penalties has not been found to increase adverse public safety outcomes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that limited the authorized action in this measure to only when pedestrians are more than two hundred feet from a marked crosswalk; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2630, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 4 (Holt, Kong, Miyake, Souza). Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 1634-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2706

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force to develop legislation for a state-initiated record clearing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Crime Victim Compensation Commission; Community Alliance on Prisons; Last Prisoner Project; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i;

Hawai'i Innocence Project; Beyond Guilt Hawai'i; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i; Law Office of Georgette A. Yaindl, LLC; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and Honolulu Police Department. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu.

Your Committee finds that as of 2019, three hundred thousand residents of the State have been adversely affected by their past criminal records, hindering their ability to access employment, housing, and other opportunities. This measure establishes the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force to develop legislation for a state-initiated record clearing program.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the objectives of the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force, including an objective that the Task Force provide recommendations to the Judicial Council that will inform the review of the Hawaii Penal Code;
- (2) Amending the membership of the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force, including:
 - (A) Specifying that representatives of private organizations are to be invited by the Task Force, rather than mandated; and
 - (B) Adding that the Task Force invite two directly impacted individuals with lived experience in the criminal legal system to participate as members of the Task Force;
- (3) Adding SEARCH – System for the Electronic Analysis and Retrieval of Criminal Histories – to the groups to be sought to provide technical assistance;
- (4) Requiring an additional interim report to be submitted to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2026;
- (5) Extending the deadline for the final report to be submitted to the Legislature to forty days before the Regular Session of 2027;
- (6) Extending the dissolution date of the Clean Slate Expungement Task Force to June 1, 2027; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2706, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 1635-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2347

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Offense of Habitual Violent Misdemeanor Crime for the prosecution of persons who are convicted of three or more violent misdemeanors within five years and to be categorized as a class C felony.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Department of Law Enforcement; Honolulu Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Hawai'i; Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9; Waikiki Improvement Association; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; ABC Stores; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Community Alliance on Prisons; Reimagining Public Safety in Hawai'i Coalition; American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai'i; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General and one individual.

Your Committee finds that a pattern of conviction for intentional, habitual violent behavior correlates to a likelihood of similar repeat offenses in the future. Your Committee further finds that repeat violent offenders pose a danger to the community. This measure establishes an offense for persons who habitually commit violent offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the Offense of Habitual Violent Misdemeanor Crime as follows:
 - (A) Renaming the offense to the Offense of Habitual Violent Crime;
 - (B) Including Abuse of a Family or Household Member in the list of instant offenses that triggers a habitual violent crime perpetrator to be charged for Offense of Habitual Violent Crime;
 - (C) Expanding the list of offenses for which prior convictions would categorize a person as a habitual violent crime perpetrator; and
 - (D) Specifying that a sentence of the Offense of Habitual Violent Crime is to be either an indeterminate term of imprisonment of five years with a minimum term of imprisonment of no less than one year or, for first convictions, a term of probation of five years with conditions to include one year of imprisonment;
- (2) Requiring the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report to the Legislature before the Regular Sessions of 2025 and 2026;
- (3) Requiring the prosecuting attorney of each county to provide the Department of the Attorney General with the data necessary to complete the annual report;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion;
- (5) Inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2026; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2347, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Takayama, Souza). Noes, 1 (Ganaden). Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 1636-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2487

The purpose of this measure is to increase:

- (1) The minimum amount of marijuana that a person must possess under the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree from one ounce to thirty grams; and
- (2) The amount of marijuana that is decriminalized under the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree from three grams to fifteen grams.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; Drug Policy Forum of Hawai‘i; Last Prisoner Project; ACLU of Hawai‘i; Marijuana Policy Project; Aloha Green Apothecary; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawaii Cannabis Industry Solutions; Hawai‘i Alliance for Cannabis Reform; Cannabis Society of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i Public Health Institute; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Honolulu Police Department; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that arrest for possession of small amounts of marijuana, or related paraphernalia, is one of the most common points of entry into the criminal justice system. Recognizing the push toward decriminalizing recreational marijuana across the nation, the Legislature decriminalized the possession of three grams or less of recreational marijuana in 2019. Your Committee believes that recreational marijuana should be further decriminalized to prevent individuals in possession of small amounts of marijuana, and related paraphernalia, from entering the criminal justice system. This will ensure that funds and resources are allocated to more serious drug offenses.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting the possession of drug paraphernalia for marijuana from certain penalties under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act;
- (2) Amending the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the second degree to prohibit knowingly possessing two ounces or more of marijuana other than marijuana concentrate and marijuana-infused products; ten grams or more of marijuana concentrate; or marijuana-infused products containing one gram or more of tetrahydrocannabinol, in the aggregate;
- (3) Amending the offense of promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree to:
 - (A) Prohibit knowingly possessing any marijuana concentrate in any amount or marijuana-infused products containing any amount of tetrahydrocannabinol; transferring a personal use quantity of marijuana to a person who is twenty-one years of age or older without remuneration; and smoking marijuana in a public place;
 - (B) Further decriminalize the possession of marijuana by making the possession or transfer without remuneration of a personal use quantity of marijuana a fine of \$25, or two hours of community service if requested;
 - (C) Make smoking marijuana in a public place a fine of up to \$130, or up to ten hours of community service if requested; and
 - (D) Defining when a transfer of marijuana is considered for remuneration and the term "personal use quantity of marijuana"; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2487, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, 2 (Kong, Souza). Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

SCRep. 1637-24 Finance on H.R. No. 144

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of for-profit, non-profit, and government organizations in Hawaii that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 144, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1638-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 165

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of for-profit, non-profit, and government organizations in Hawaii that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 165, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1639-24 Finance on H.R. No. 164

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 164 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1640-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 184

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 184 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1641-24 Finance on H.R. No. 166

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State's underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii's congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1642-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 186

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor, Department of Human Services, and Department of Health to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State's underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii's congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 186, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1643-24 Finance on H.R. No. 167

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on best practices for nurse staffing in healthcare facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 167, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1644-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 187

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on best practices for nurse staffing in healthcare facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1645-24 Finance on H.R. No. 168

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that school libraries and school library media centers are staffed with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 168 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1646-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 188

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to ensure that school libraries and school library media centers are staffed with licensed school librarians and licensed school library media specialists.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 188 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1647-24 Finance on H.R. No. 73

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to install a new emergency siren in upper Pacific Palisades, Oahu, to increase emergency management protections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 73 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1648-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 87

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to install a new emergency siren in upper Pacific Palisades, Oahu, to increase emergency management protections.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 87 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1649-24 Finance on H.R. No. 119

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the year-round legislature models of California, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to clarify the similarities and differences in operations with respect to legislative schedules, operational costs, legislative and staff salaries, and policies regarding outside employment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1650-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 138

The purpose of this measure is to request the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the year-round legislature models of California, New York, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to clarify the similarities and differences in operations with respect to legislative schedules, operational costs, legislative and staff salaries, and policies regarding outside employment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1651-24 Finance on H.R. No. 99

The purpose of this measure is to urge the counties to amend or adopt ordinances to be consistent with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's rules regarding residential income requirements on housing projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 99, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1652-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 118

The purpose of this measure is to urge the counties to amend or adopt ordinances to be consistent with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's rules regarding residential income requirements on housing projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 118, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1653-24 Finance on H.R. No. 104

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Law Enforcement to convene a Search and Rescue Working Group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 104 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1654-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 124

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Law Enforcement to convene a Search and Rescue Working Group to develop and make recommendations to deter hikers from entering illegal hiking trails and address rising search and rescue costs facing the State and counties due to increased illegal hiking traffic.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 124 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1655-24 Finance on H.R. No. 112

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop a ten-year plan to satisfy Hawaii's housing demand.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 112 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1656-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 131

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to develop a ten-year plan to satisfy Hawaii's housing demand.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1657-24 Finance on H.R. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and offer recommendations regarding means by which Lāna'i's supply chain issues caused by barge delays due to poor weather and ocean conditions may be resolved.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 116 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1658-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 135

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and offer recommendations regarding means by which Lāna'i's supply chain issues caused by barge delays due to poor weather and ocean conditions may be resolved.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 135 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1659-24 Finance on H.R. No. 127

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a Vegetation Management Working Group to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding regulations that define property owner obligations to perform vegetation management on public and private property for purposes of wildfire risk mitigation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 127, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1660-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 148

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a Vegetation Management Working Group to study, evaluate, and make recommendations regarding regulations that define property owner obligations to perform vegetation management on public and private property for purposes of wildfire risk mitigation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 148, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1661-24 Finance on H.R. No. 131

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study of the social and safety impacts of geotagging in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 131 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1662-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 152

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to conduct a study of the social and safety impacts of geotagging in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 152 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1663-24 Finance on H.R. No. 136

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis on Molokai and Lāna'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 136 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1664-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 157

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States and the State to recognize and address the air transportation crisis on Molokai and Lānaʻi.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 157 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1665-24 Finance on H.R. No. 139

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 139 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1666-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 160

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Women's Corrections Implementation Commission develop a strategy and make recommendations to reduce the number of women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center by twenty-five percent by 2029.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 160 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1667-24 Finance on H.R. No. 140

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to convene a working group to review the effectiveness of the relevant State laws governing agricultural-based commercial operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 140 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1668-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 161

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to convene a working group to review the effectiveness of the relevant State laws governing agricultural-based commercial operations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 161 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1669-24 Finance on H.R. No. 172

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Education's statewide backlog of capital improvement repair and maintenance projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Auditor also examine the contracts for projects in which funding is proposed to be lapsed on June, 30, 2024, including factors that led to the proposals to lapse the capital improvement project funds for the projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 172, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 172, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1670-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 192

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct an audit of the Department of Education's statewide backlog of capital improvement repair and maintenance projects.

Your Committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Auditor also examine the contracts for projects in which funding is proposed to be lapsed on June, 30, 2024, including factors that led to the proposals to lapse the capital improvement project funds for the projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 192, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1671-24 Finance on H.R. No. 180

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the positive effects of cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 180, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1672-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 200

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the positive effects of cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kawaiiloa Youth and Family Wellness Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 200, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1673-24 Finance on H.R. No. 191

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Human Resources Development to evaluate subsidizing public transit for public employees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 191 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1674-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 211

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Accounting and General Services and the Department of Human Resources Development to evaluate subsidizing public transit for public employees.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 211 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1675-24 Finance on H.R. No. 194

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders in order to protect, restore, and manage Hawaii's wetlands, especially those in West Maui.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 194 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1676-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 214

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders in order to protect, restore, and manage Hawaii's wetlands, especially those in West Maui.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 214 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1677-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 225

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a social and financial assessment of proposed mandatory health insurance coverage for step therapy requirements for stage two through stage five cancer.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 225 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1678-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 89

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Director of Finance to adopt administrative rules to define "beneficial effects to the State" to include financing of housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 89, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1679-24 Finance on H.R. No. 64

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the State Public Charter School Commission, to submit a report to the Legislature on increasing access to stable, suitable, and affordable facilities for public charter schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 64, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1680-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 79

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Education, in partnership with the State Public Charter School Commission, to submit a report to the Legislature on increasing access to stable, suitable, and affordable facilities for public charter schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 79, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1681-24 Finance on H.R. No. 65

The purpose of this measure is to urge state executive departments to review minimum qualifications and compensation for class specifications for job postings and provide suggestions to the Department of Human Resources Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 65 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1682-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 80

The purpose of this measure is to urge state executive departments to review minimum qualifications and compensation for class specifications for job postings and provide suggestions to the Department of Human Resources Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 80 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1683-24 Finance on H.R. No. 66

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to amend title 12, chapter 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to clarify that compensation for advanced practice registered nurses under the state's workers' compensation law is distinct from compensation for registered nurses and shall be one hundred percent of the fees authorized under the Medicare fee schedule.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 66 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1684-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations to amend title 12, chapter 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, to clarify that compensation for advanced practice registered nurses under the state's workers' compensation law is distinct from compensation for registered nurses and shall be one hundred percent of the fees authorized under the Medicare fee schedule.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 81 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1685-24 Finance on H.R. No. 75

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to establish a working group to address issues relating to reimbursements and payments to home and community-based services providers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 75, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1686-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 91

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to establish a working group to address issues relating to reimbursements and payments to home and community-based services providers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1687-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 8

The purpose of this measure is to approve the dedication of Kukuia Street, Lahaina, Hawaii, TMK No. 2-4-5-021-021 (por.) to the County of Maui.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 8 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1688-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 9

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of a perpetual, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands at He'eia, Ko'olaupoko, O'ahu, for the existing drain and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 9 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1689-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 10

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:051, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu, for the existing boat ramp and concrete wall, and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 10, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 10, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1690-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 11

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement for the existing revetment fronting the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 3-5-058:011, Waialae-Iki, Honolulu, Oahu, which was placed upon state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 11, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 11, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1691-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 12

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering an existing concrete boat ramp seaward of the land identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 4-5-047:013, Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu, which is situated upon state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 12, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 12, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1692-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 13

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering portions of the existing riprap revetment, ramp, and rock groin seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (1) 5-3-008:012, Hauula, Koolauloa, Oahu, which were placed on state submerged lands, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 13, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1693-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 14

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands seaward of the property identified as Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-014: 022, Maalaea Beach Lots, Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, for the existing seawall, and for use, repair, and maintenance of the existing improvements constructed thereon, pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 14, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1694-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 22

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering a portion of state submerged lands identified as Tax Map Key: (1)3-1-039: seaward of 065, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, for the construction, use, repair, and maintenance of concrete steps pursuant to section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee has amended this measure by increasing the term of the non-exclusive easement from fifteen years to twenty-five years to be consistent with Board of Land and Natural Resources approved policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 22, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1695-24 Finance on H.R. No. 14

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Create a plan to develop an Invasive Species Placard Program and assess the resources needed to implement the program; and
- (2) Submit the plan, the assessment of the resources needed to implement the program, and its recommendations, including to any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 14 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1696-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 24

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (1) Create a plan to develop an Invasive Species Placard Program and assess the resources needed to implement the program; and
- (2) Submit the plan, the assessment of the resources needed to implement the program, and its recommendations, including to any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 24 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1697-24 Finance on H.R. No. 78

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Community Care Foster Family Homes and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes for Medicaid clients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- 1) Clarifying that the Department of Human Services has previously conducted a feasibility study pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 4, S.D. 1, adopted during the Regular Session of 2022; and
- 2) Requesting that the Department of Human Services conduct a feasibility study similar to the study it conducted pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 4, S.D. 1 (2022), relating to increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Home and Community-Based Service care providers and services, in 2032 and every ten years thereafter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 78, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 78, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1698-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 94

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to study the feasibility of increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Community Care Foster Family Homes and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes for Medicaid clients.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- 1) Clarifying that the Department of Human Services has previously conducted a feasibility study pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 4, S.D. 1, adopted during the Regular Session of 2022; and
- 2) Requesting that the Department of Human Services conduct a feasibility study similar to the study it conducted pursuant to Senate Resolution No. 4, S.D. 1 (2022), relating to increasing the Medicaid reimbursement payment rate for Hawaii's Home and Community-Based Service care providers and services, in 2032 and every ten years thereafter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 94, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1699-24 Finance on H.R. No. 106

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Telehealth Working Group to examine the impact of widespread telehealth adoption during the COVID-19 pandemic and identify public policy initiatives at the federal and state level to optimize telehealth utilization as the state transitions out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 106, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1700-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 125

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a Telehealth Working Group to examine the impact of widespread telehealth adoption during the COVID-19 pandemic and identify public policy initiatives at the federal and state level to optimize telehealth utilization as the state transitions out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 125, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1701-24 Finance on H.R. No. 145

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State Public Charter School Commission to work with stakeholders to develop and adopt administrative rules governing the negotiation process between the Commission and public charter schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 145, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1702-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 166

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State Public Charter School Commission to work with stakeholders to develop and adopt administrative rules governing the negotiation process between the Commission and public charter schools.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 166, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1703-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 172

The purpose of this measure is to request the Director of Health to convene a working group to address issues relating to patient transfer and ambulance services and evaluate potential solutions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 172 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1704-24 Finance on H.R. No. 102

The purpose of this measure is to request the counties to amend or adopt an ordinance to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on parcels that meet certain conditions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 102 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1705-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 122

The purpose of this measure is to request the counties to amend or adopt an ordinance to allow religious institutions, educational institutions, or medical institutions to develop residential units on parcels that meet certain conditions.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 122 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1706-24 Finance on H.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation was formed in February 2010 to design, construct, and maintain a monument to honor law enforcement officers from city, county, state, military, and federal agencies who have died in the line of duty, while serving the people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 81, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 81, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1707-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 97

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation was formed in February 2010 to design, construct, and maintain a monument to honor law enforcement officers from city, county, state, military, and federal agencies who have died in the line of duty, while serving the people of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 97, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1708-24 Finance on H.R. No. 114

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 114, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1709-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 133

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu, to install speed bumps, speed detection devices, photo red light imaging detector systems, and other safety measures in House District 32.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 133, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1710-24 Finance on H.R. No. 125

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and Judiciary to prioritize ensuring that contracts for government services are adequately resourced to cover the costs of providing those services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, AlohaCare, Child and Family Service, and Hawaii Foodbank.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 125 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1711-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 143

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services, Department of Health, and Judiciary to prioritize ensuring that contracts for government services are adequately resourced to cover the costs of providing those services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, EPIC 'Ohana, Parents and Children Together, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii True Cost Coalition, Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!, AlohaCare, Child and Family Service, Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center, Hawaii Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Action Group, and Lanakila Pacific.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 143 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1712-24 Finance on H.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to submit a hazard mitigation assistance grant request or pre-disaster mitigation program grant request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu, under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

Your committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency be directed to identify and submit a request for an appropriate grant, including but not limited to a hazard mitigation assistance grant or pre-disaster mitigation program grant, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 115, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 115, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1713-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 134

The purpose of this measure is to direct the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to submit a hazard mitigation assistance grant request or pre-disaster mitigation program grant request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu, under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

Your committee has amended this measure by requesting that the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency be directed to identify and submit a request for an appropriate grant, including but not limited to a hazard mitigation assistance grant or pre-disaster mitigation program grant, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for rockfall mitigation in Moanalua Gardens and Moanalua Valley, Oahu under the Tripler Army Medical Center hillside.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 134, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 134, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1714-24 Finance on H.R. No. 96

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to convene and lead an informal working group to discuss the management of clean and sober homes and discuss possible collaboration with the counties and other affected regulators to ensure clean and sober homes comply with county regulations and to encourage registration without using restrictions that are discriminatory.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 96, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1715-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to convene and lead an informal working group to discuss the management of clean and sober homes and discuss possible collaboration with the counties and other affected regulators to ensure clean and sober homes comply with county regulations and to encourage registration without using restrictions that are discriminatory.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1716-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.R. No. 21

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify the scope of Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness for the purpose of addressing Native Hawaiian disparities with emphasis on Native Hawaiian economic development, education, health, and housing needs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Aloha Consultants; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiians experience disparities and inequities in crucial aspects of life, including but not limited to economics, education, health, and housing. This measure requests the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify the scope of Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness in these areas to better inform policy processes in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 21 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Holt, Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1717-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.C.R. No. 32

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify the scope of Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness for the purpose of addressing Native Hawaiian disparities with emphasis on Native Hawaiian economic development, education, health, and housing needs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Aloha Consultants. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiians experience disparities and inequities in crucial aspects of life, including but not limited to economics, education, health, and housing. This measure requests the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to identify the scope of Native Hawaiian cultural appropriateness in these areas to better inform policy processes in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 32 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Holt, Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1718-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.R. No. 176

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaiian Homes Commission to consult beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act regarding alternative waitlist and award prioritization based upon lineal and generational descendancy for Hawaiian Home Lands located in Hana, Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands currently gives priority for homestead leases based upon a beneficiary's date of application. However, in some situations it may be more culturally appropriate, and preferable, for awards to be based upon lineal and generational descendancy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 176 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1719-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.C.R. No. 196

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaiian Homes Commission to consult beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act regarding alternative waitlist and award prioritization based upon lineal and generational descendancy for Hawaiian Home Lands located in Hana, Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Waiuku Community Development Corporation and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands currently gives priority for homestead leases based upon a beneficiary's date of application. However, in some situations it may be more culturally appropriate, and preferable, for awards to be based upon lineal and generational descendancy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 196 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1720-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.R. No. 59

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a U visa certification policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; The Legal Clinic; Valar Law LLC; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and five individuals.

Your Committee finds that federal law allows eligible undocumented immigrant victims to petition for nonimmigrant status under a U visa, which allows the victims to temporarily remain and work in the United States while assisting law enforcement. Having a U visa certification policy for the State will encourage undocumented immigrant victims to report and assist the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 59, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 59, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1721-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.C.R. No. 74

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Law Enforcement to develop and implement a U visa certification policy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement; The Legal Clinic; Valar Law LLC; Hawai'i Workers Center; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that federal law allows eligible undocumented immigrant victims to petition for nonimmigrant status under a U visa, which allows the victims to temporarily remain and work in the United States while assisting law enforcement. Having a U visa certification policy for the State will encourage undocumented immigrant victims to report and assist the investigation and prosecution of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 74, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 74, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1722-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.R. No. 174

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of the Attorney General to conduct a study to determine if xylazine testing strips should be excluded from the State's definition of drug paraphernalia.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Law Enforcement. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there has been a sharp increase in the trafficking of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. Xylazine, also known as "Tranq," is a powerful sedative that the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved for veterinary use only. Your Committee further finds that since xylazine is not an opioid, overdose reversal agents such as naloxone do not counteract the effects of xylazine. This places users at a higher risk of suffering from a fatal drug poisoning. People who inject drug mixtures containing xylazine can also develop severe wounds, including necrosis, that may lead to amputation. Your Committee believes that xylazine testing strips could prevent these complications and save lives by allowing users to test their drugs for xylazine before administration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending its title and substantive provisions to change the agency responsible for the study from the Department of the Attorney General to the Department of Law Enforcement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 174, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 174, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1723-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.C.R. No. 194

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of the Attorney General to conduct a study to determine if xylazine testing strips should be excluded from the State's definition of drug paraphernalia.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Department of Law Enforcement. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee finds that there has been a sharp increase in the trafficking of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. Xylazine, also known as "Tranq," is a powerful sedative that the United States Food and Drug Administration has approved for veterinary use only. Your Committee further finds that since xylazine is not an opioid, overdose reversal agents such as naloxone do not counteract the effects of xylazine. This places users at a higher risk of suffering from a fatal drug poisoning. People who inject drug mixtures containing xylazine can also develop severe wounds, including necrosis, that may lead to amputation. Your Committee believes that xylazine testing strips could prevent these complications and save lives by allowing users to test their drugs for xylazine before administration.

Your Committee has amended this measure by amending its title and substantive provisions to change the agency responsible for the study from the Department of the Attorney General to the Department of Law Enforcement.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 194, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 194, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1724-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.R. No. 185

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Urge the University of Hawaii to adopt and publicize a statewide equity statement; and
- (2) Request the University of Hawaii to establish diversity, equity, and inclusion committees at each of its campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System.

Your Committee finds that diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by the University of Hawaii should be supported as other states actively seek to undermine efforts to make higher education equitable for all students.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 185 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1725-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on H.C.R. No. 205

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Urge the University of Hawaii to adopt and publicize a statewide equity statement; and
- (2) Request the University of Hawaii to establish diversity, equity, and inclusion committees at each of its campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts by the University of Hawaii should be supported as other states actively seek to undermine efforts to make higher education equitable for all students.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 205 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Souza).

SCRep. 1726-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 53

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to assess the social and financial effects of mandatory health insurance coverage for biomarker testing.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Disability and Communication Access Board; Alzheimer's Association; and American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 53 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1727-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.R. No. 1

The purpose of this measure is to urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt a policy on a national and local level guaranteeing an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Your Committee received testimony in support from Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; AlohaCare; and six individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 1 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1728-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 5

The purpose of this measure is to urge retail stores and pharmacies doing business in the State to adopt a policy on a national and local level guaranteeing an individual's unhindered access to all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptives.

Your Committee received testimony in support from Save Medicaid Hawaii; Hawaii State Democratic Women's Caucus; AlohaCare; and five individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 5 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1729-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.R. No. 193

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Airlines for America; Island Energy Services; and Airlines Committee of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that renewable liquid fuels offer a viable solution for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector. This measure requests that the Hawaii State Energy Office convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a representative from a local fuel distributor to be invited to participate in the working group; and
- (2) Deleting the interim reporting requirement and requesting the final report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 193, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 193, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1730-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 213

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawaii Farm Bureau, Airlines for America; Island Energy Services; Pono Pacific; Par Hawaii; Airlines Committee of Hawaii; Hawaiian Airlines; Alaska Airlines; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition from Life of the Land.

Your Committee finds that renewable liquid fuels offer a viable solution for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector. This measure requests that the Hawaii State Energy Office convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding a representative from a local fuel distributor to be invited to participate in the working group; and
- (2) Deleting the interim reporting requirement and requesting the final report to be submitted to the Governor and Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 213, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1731-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.R. No. 192

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support from one individual.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are persistent, toxic substances that are harmful to the health of humans and wildlife. This measure urges the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing its scope to ingestible food and beverage products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS; and
- (2) Changing the title to reflect this amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 192, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 192, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1732-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on H.C.R. No. 212

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the State.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are persistent, toxic substances that are harmful to the health of humans and wildlife. This measure urges the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing its scope to ingestible food and beverage products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS; and
- (2) Changing the title to reflect this amended purpose.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 212, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 212, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Amato, Hashem, Hussey-Burdick, Gates).

SCRep. 1733-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 29

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to support continued funding of the Affordable Connectivity Program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 29 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1734-24 Finance on H.R. No. 39

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the operations and management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 39 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1735-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 50

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the operations and management of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 50 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1736-24 Finance on H.R. No. 53

The purpose of this measure is to request The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an Underground Economy Interagency Enforcement Task Force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification in the construction industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Amending its title to "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE AN UNDERGROUND ECONOMY INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY"; and

(2) Clarifying that the scope of the task force is to encourage discussion and coordinate joint efforts to combat the underground economy and the misclassification of employees rather than enforcement activities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 53, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 53, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1737-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 68

The purpose of this measure is to request The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an Underground Economy Interagency Enforcement Task Force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification in the construction industry.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Amending its title to "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE AN UNDERGROUND ECONOMY INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY"; and

(2) Clarifying that the scope of the task force is to encourage discussion and coordinate joint efforts to combat the underground economy and the misclassification of employees rather than enforcement activities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 68, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 68, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1738-24 Finance on H.R. No. 61

The purpose of this measure is to urge state departments and agencies to enable employees to telework to the greatest extent possible.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 61 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1739-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 76

The purpose of this measure is to urge state departments and agencies to enable employees to telework to the greatest extent possible.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 76 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1740-24 Finance on H.R. No. 55

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Sports Wagering Working Group to conduct an analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Amending its title to "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII"; and

(2) Clarifying that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may invite other stakeholders to be members of the Sports Wagering Working Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 55, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 55, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1741-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 70

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to convene a Sports Wagering Working Group to conduct an analysis of the potential legalization and regulation of online sports wagering in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Amending its title to "REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONVENE A SPORTS WAGERING WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION OF ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING IN HAWAII"; and

(2) Clarifying that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism may invite other stakeholders to be members of the Sports Wagering Working Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 70, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Morikawa, Nishimoto, Ward).

SCRep. 1742-24 Finance on H.R. No. 98

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to establish a safe parking pilot program that allows homeless individuals living in their cars to park on state lands during prohibited hours.

For the purposes of conducting a public hearing, your Committee on Finance replaced the contents of this resolution with provisions urging the County of Maui to adopt a financially prudent budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 that maintains current operational levels except for certain mandatory or critical increases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Maui County Council, Maui Chamber of Commerce, West Maui Taxpayers Association Inc., and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the County of Maui – Office of the Mayor and one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that the August 2023 wildfires on the island of Maui destroyed the core of historic Front Street in Lahaina, Maui, and many surrounding neighborhoods, killing over a hundred people, destroying thousands of residential and commercial structures, and displacing thousands of residents.

Your Committee notes that the Maui County Mayor recently proposed a budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 reflecting an increase of \$429,200,000 over the prior fiscal year, a 33.9 percent increase, while at the same time expecting \$150,000,000 from the State in fiscal year 2024-2025, with more expected in the following two years, to assist with recovery efforts.

At the same time, the State has been supporting recovery efforts by diverting funding from budgeted programs, reprioritizing its current budget, and reducing budget requests of State agencies for fiscal year 2024-2025 and beyond to make more funding available to assist Maui County. The state has already dedicated over \$200,000,000 for recovery efforts and is currently expecting to dedicate over \$1,000,000,000 in the coming year.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the provisions of the proposed draft urging the County of Maui to adopt a financially prudent budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 98, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 98, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, 2 (Cochran, Poepoe). Excused, 2 (Morikawa, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1743-24 Finance on H.C.R. No. 117

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to establish a safe parking pilot program that allows homeless individuals living in their cars to park on state lands during prohibited hours.

For the purposes of conducting a public hearing, your Committee on Finance replaced the contents of this resolution with provisions urging the County of Maui to adopt a financially prudent budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 that maintains current operational levels except for certain mandatory or critical increases.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two members of the Maui County Council, Maui Chamber of Commerce, West Maui Taxpayers Association Inc., and two individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the County of Maui – Office of the Mayor and one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that the August 2023 wildfires on the island of Maui destroyed the core of historic Front Street in Lahaina, Maui, and many surrounding neighborhoods, killing over a hundred people, destroying thousands of residential and commercial structures, and displacing thousands of residents.

Your Committee notes that the Maui County Mayor recently proposed a budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 reflecting an increase of \$429,200,000 over the prior fiscal year, a 33.9 percent increase, while at the same time expecting \$150,000,000 from the State in fiscal year 2024-2025, with more expected in the following two years, to assist with recovery efforts.

At the same time, the State has been supporting recovery efforts by diverting funding from budgeted programs, reprioritizing its current budget, and reducing budget requests of State agencies for fiscal year 2024-2025 and beyond to make more funding available to assist Maui County. The state has already dedicated over \$200,000,000 for recovery efforts and is currently expecting to dedicate over \$1,000,000,000 in the coming year.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the provisions of the proposed draft urging the County of Maui to adopt a financially prudent budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 117, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 117, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, 2 (Cochran, Poepoe). Excused, 2 (Morikawa, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1744-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2354

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the definition of "beer" to include any alcoholic beverage containing not less than 0.5 percent alcohol by volume obtained by fermentation of any infusion or decoction of malt or any substitute, including alcohol seltzer beverages, but excluding sake, cooler beverages, or other distilled products; and
- (2) Permit brewpubs to sell beer manufactured by the brewpub, or beer manufactured on their premises, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Kona Brewing Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Alcohol Policy Alliance. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Cares.

Your Committee finds that the existing statutory definition of "beer" follows the traditional basic ingredients used in historical beer manufacturing. However, this definition does not adequately reflect the expansion of the craft beer manufacturing sector and is not in alignment with the federal definition. This measure will alleviate these inconsistencies.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2354, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1745-24 Housing/Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2948

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, permit residential uses in areas zoned for commercial use, with certain exceptions; and
- (2) Require, no later than January 1, 2026, the counties to adopt or amend ordinances to allow for adaptive reuse of commercial buildings for residential purposes.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; Affordable Housing Connections LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; NAIOP Hawaii; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i Zoning Atlas; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Building Owners and Managers Association Hawaii; Hawaii Young Republicans; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawaii's Thousand Friends and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board and one individual.

Your Committees find that the lack of diverse housing options contributes to the high cost of living in the State, pushing many residents out of Hawaii. Your Committees further find that adaptive reuse of commercial buildings has the potential to expand the State's housing inventory while also facilitating the creation of more vibrant communities. Adaptive reuse will allow for the development of housing in commercial districts and encourage the repurposing of older commercial buildings that are underutilized due to market conditions or functional obsolescence. Your Committees believe that this measure can be an important contribution toward easing Hawaii's housing shortage by allowing for the reuse of commercial buildings.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that multifamily uses are considered residential uses for purposes of this measure;
- (2) Clarifying that the application of each adaptive reuse building code ordinance is notwithstanding any law, ordinance, or code or standard to the contrary;
- (3) Prohibiting the counties from requiring a micro unit to be larger than minimum standards established in the International Building Code, rather than setting a minimum standard of two hundred twenty square feet for micro units;
- (4) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing, Water & Land, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2948, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Matsumoto).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1746-24 Housing/Water & Land/Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3202

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require county zoning ordinances to allow for two or more additional dwelling units per residentially zoned lot within an urban district;
- (2) Prohibit private covenants for residentially zoned lots within an urban district from including certain limitations or restrictions on residential units;
- (3) Require the director of the county agency responsible for land use to review and act on any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of certain parcels within the state urban land use district; and
- (4) Amend the calculation of impact fees for certain developments.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; County of Hawai'i Planning Department; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; County of Kaua'i Planning Department; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Affordable Housing Connections LLC; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Hawai'i Zoning Atlas; Island Plastic Bags, Inc.; Hawai'i Housing Affordability Coalition; Hawai'i YIMBY; Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Holomua Collaborative; HPM Building Supply; Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Habitat for Humanity Association; Hawaii Young Republicans; Building Industry Association of Hawaii; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Dowling Company, Inc.; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from two members of the Honolulu City Council; Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board No. 1; Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31; Mānoa Neighborhood Board No. 7; Save O'ahu's Neighborhoods; Rubin Enterprises.info; Lanikai Association; Windward Coalition; Case Lombardi A Law Corporation; Waimānalo Health Center; The Outdoor Circle, Manoa Branch; Livable Hawaii Kai Hui; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Board of Directors of the 'Āina Haina Community Association; AIA Hawaii State Council; HI Good Neighbor; and numerous individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; one member of the Honolulu City Council; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; NAIOP Hawaii; and five individuals.

Your Committees find that the State's housing crisis has reached a point where existing methods are no longer sufficient to meet the increasing demands for affordable housing. Thousands of residents are leaving Hawaii every year in search of more affordable housing options on the mainland. Many families that remain in Hawaii are living paycheck to paycheck, with most of their money going to housing costs. Your Committees believe that reducing regulatory barriers to the development of housing will increase the supply of housing, thereby allowing more families to remain in Hawaii.

Your Committees received numerous written testimony in both support and opposition to this measure, as well as oral testimony at the hearing. The committee members engaged in a robust discussion with testifiers, and it was a respectful deliberative process. Your Committees also heard from several of the counties that they are discussing amendments to their county land use ordinances to allow additional dwelling units on lots zoned for residential use. It is your Committees' intention to closely monitor these discussions and if the counties are unsuccessful, to revisit this issue in a future legislative session.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the counties to allow additional residential units on a residentially zoned lot within an urban district and all related language;
- (2) Clarifying that no private covenants for a residentially zoned lot within an urban district recorded after the effective date of this measure shall restrict density on that lot below the amount allowed by county zoning codes;
- (3) Exempting any private covenants recorded before the effective date of this measure from the private covenant restrictions under this measure;
- (4) Defining "residentially zoned lot";
- (5) Clarifying the powers of the director of the county agency responsible for land use and each county regarding any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of parcels within the urban district;
- (6) Deleting the savings clause;
- (7) Changing the effective date to January 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Housing, Water & Land, and Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Housing: Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Onishi). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kitagawa, Matsumoto).

Water & Land: Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Chun). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs: Ayes, 10; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1747-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3290

The purpose of this measure is to require the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language interpretation services in Hawaii and find ways to improve the provision of American Sign Language interpretation services in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission and Disability and Communication Access Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1748-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2291

The purpose of this measure is to establish one advisory board each, focused on workforce development, for the Agribusiness Development Corporation, Hawaii Technology Development Corporation, and Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; Local Food Coalition; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2291, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1749-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2503

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require each new place of public accommodation and state building construction constructed after July 31, 2025, to provide at least one universal changing accommodation on each floor containing public restrooms; and
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2025, where feasible and cost effective, require bids for state building construction projects to include universal changing accommodations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rainbow Family 808; Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; and Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2503, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1750-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2516

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that centralized computer information management and processing services shall be provided through the Chief Information Officer; and
- (2) Specify that the Chief Information Officer shall be appointed by and have a salary established by the Governor and report to the Comptroller.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services and Office of Enterprise Technology Services. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Transform Hawai'i Government.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1751-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2536

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a procurement preference for certain Hawaii accounting service businesses; and
- (2) Authorize the Chief Procurement Officer to impose a reciprocal procurement preference against offerors, under competitive sealed bidding and competitive sealed proposal procurement, from states that apply preferences.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Accuity LLP. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the State Procurement Office.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1752-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2787

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Immigration Services and Access Unit within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services and appropriate funds for the unit and positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; The Legal Clinic; Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; American Immigration Council; Americans for Democratic Action - Hawai'i; Hawai'i Alliance of Pacific Islanders; and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Federation of Republican Women and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Community Services and Office of Language Access.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1753-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3070

The purpose of this measure is to gradually lower the Employees' Retirement System's maximum funding period for unfunded accrued liability to twenty years.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1754-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2927

The purpose of this measure is to propose amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution to make the appointment and Senate consent procedure for District Court judges the same as those for Supreme Court justices and Intermediate Court of Appeals and Circuit Court judges.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1755-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3176

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Provide deadlines for income, estate and generation-skipping transfer, and general excise taxpayers under audit to comply with demands to produce documents and evidence; and
- (2) Require the Tax Appeal Court to preclude documents or evidence not produced pursuant to a demand from being introduced in evidence in a tax appeal or action unless the failure was due to reasonable cause.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Taxation. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Council On State Taxation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii and CTIA.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3176, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1756-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3236

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that if no personal property designation appears in a recorded instrument relating to the Land Trust Act, the interests of the beneficiaries shall be real property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1757-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2216

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and modernize the way the State Ethics Commission provides advice and conducts investigations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1758-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2217

The purpose of this measure is to increase uniformity, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration and enforcement of the State Ethics Code and lobbyists law by:

- (1) Establishing a phased process for adjusting the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the State Ethics Commission to conform with the state fiscal year; and
- (2) Providing for the electronic filing of statements required by the State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1759-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2405

The purpose of this measure is to allow campaign funds to be used for a candidate's child care and vital household dependent care costs, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Campaign Spending Commission; AAUW of Hawaii; Vote Mama Foundation; Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2405, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1760-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2439

The purpose of this measure is to extend the statute of limitations for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2024, for civil actions brought by adult victims of acts that occurred after June 30, 2014, that constituted or would have constituted a criminal sexual offense.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from Rainbow Family 808; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Association for Justice; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1761-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specifically authorize a medical cannabis dispensary to purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from another dispensary, subject to rules adopted by the Department of Health; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules regarding the manufacture and distribution of medical cannabis products.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cannabis Industry Association and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Akamai Cannabis Consulting; Cure Oahu; Hawaiian Ethos; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 10. Noes, 2 (Alcos, Ward). Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1762-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2591

The purpose of this measure is to impose a fine, to be deposited into the Hawai'i Historic Preservation Special Fund, on any private landowner that fails to disclose or record with the Bureau of Conveyances, or in documents used to offer real property for sale, the existence of burial or archaeological sites on their property of which the landowner knew or should have known.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Malama Makua; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1763-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2601

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse committed on or after July 1, 2024, may be initiated; and
- (2) Authorize a court to require personnel of legal entities to undergo training on trauma-informed response to allegations of sexual abuse.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Spill The Tea Café; Imua Alliance; Sex Abuse Treatment Center; Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Rainbow Family 808; Hawaii Association for Justice; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1764-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2758

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize civil claims to be made against a business, owner of a business, or operator of a business that profits from sexual exploitation; and
- (2) Extend the statute of limitations for claims of coercion into sexual exploitation or acts of sex trafficking.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Rainbow Family 808; Imua Alliance; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2758, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1765-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2861

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Void certain long-term exclusive listing agreements for the sale of residential real property as unfair and deceptive practices;
- (2) Prohibit the recording or filing of exclusive listing agreements of any duration with the Bureau of Conveyances; and
- (3) Establish certain remedies for violations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and AARP Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Hawai'i Association of REALTORS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1766-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2557

The purpose of this measure is to allow the court to appoint an attorney for the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment, rather than entitling an indigent subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to representation by a public defender.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the ACLU of Hawai'i and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary and Hawaii Disability Rights Center.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe, Alcos). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1767-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1258

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement an improved management system for the Kaena Point State Park, Makua and Keawaula sections.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Malama Makua and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1768-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2085

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to direct statewide efforts in preventing and responding to fires throughout the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; one member of the Maui County Council; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1769-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2143

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Wildfire Management Branch of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife to award grants to nonprofit organizations for wildfire preparedness and mitigation programming.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Fire Council; Honolulu Fire Department; Lāhainā Strong; and Hawai'i Forest Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of the Attorney General; and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1770-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2182

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the persons required to collect the Ocean Stewardship User Fee; and
- (2) Extend the sunset date of the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund to January 1, 2031.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from The Nature Conservancy and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Sierra Club of Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1771-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2284

The purpose of this measure is to establish a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System and Democratic Party of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1772-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2512

The purpose of this measure is to establish notice and reporting requirements for the expenditure or use of public resources by the Governor, pursuant to the Governor's emergency management powers.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1773-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2546

The purpose of this measure is to require hunting guides to:

- (1) Obtain written permission from the owners of private lands before taking their clients to hunt on the private land; and

(2) Submit a copy of the written permission to the Department of Land and Natural Resources as part of their annual reports.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2546, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1774-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2836

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Interagency Council for Maui Housing Recovery to coordinate effective and efficient housing development and redevelopment of state and county lands on Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Maui Hotel & Lodging Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2836, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1775-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2951

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds and establish positions for the Agribusiness Development Corporation to maintain and improve the East Kauai Irrigation System.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i; Office of Economic Development of the County of Kaua'i; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Kalepa Coalition; East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative; Saiva Siddhanta Church; Ulupono Initiative; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Local Food Coalition; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2951, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1776-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3142

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor or a state official with authorization from the Governor to transfer federal capitalization grant funds between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund, in accordance with federal law.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ulupono Initiative and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3142, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1777-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2502

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii to establish and implement a two-year program to develop web-GIS wildfire susceptibility and vulnerability maps for the State to determine which communities, landscapes, buildings, and infrastructure are most vulnerable to future wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i System; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and Hawai'i Forest Industry Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1778-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3157

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to dispose of public land leases by direct negotiation for commercial or industrial use on parcels of up to five acres.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the League of Women Voters of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1779-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3207

The purpose of this measure is to remove the salary cap, and make permanent the performance evaluation requirements, for the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Education. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Poepoe). Noes, 1 (Ward). Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1780-24 Finance on S.B. No. 582

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Transfer to the general fund the excess balances of various non-general funds from various state departments and agencies; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to support the State's response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the County of Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; and one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Agriculture; Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Human Services; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Transportation; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; and Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee finds that the transfer of excess amounts in various non-general funds to the general fund is one option to free up funds to help the State pass a balanced budget and provide much-needed assistance to the County of Maui in the wake of the wildfires. However, issues have arisen regarding the eligibility of certain costs related to Maui wildfire response for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance, and other mechanisms have been proposed to provide assistance for Maui wildfire victims. Given these recent developments, your Committee has determined that other mechanisms are needed to cover the State's immediate expenses incurred in wildfire response efforts and to provide other assistance for Maui wildfire victims.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the transfer of excess balances of various non-general funds from various state departments and agencies to the general fund;
- (2) Making emergency appropriations for expenses related to FEMA-ineligible noncongregate housing and other costs relating to the provision of food, housing, and other assistance and for services, goods, or construction that are eligible for partial reimbursement through FEMA;
- (3) Requiring the monthly reporting of information related to the expenditure of funds;
- (4) Making an emergency appropriation to fund the State's contribution to the One Ohana Bank Trust Account for the compromise and settlement of claims caused by the Maui wildfires;
- (5) Requiring the Department of the Attorney General to submit an annual report on claims, amounts paid, administrative costs incurred, contributors, and contribution amounts associated with the One Ohana Bank Trust Account;
- (6) Repealing the general obligation bond authorization for the payment or prepayment of the State's other post-employment benefits liability through Act 247, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022;
- (7) Lapsing the general fund appropriation to the Pension Accumulation Fund through Act 115, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, as amended by Act 35, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023;
- (8) Temporarily lifting various restrictions on the use of Major Disaster Fund monies and extending the lapse date of certain funds set aside for wildfire response;
- (9) Requiring the Department of Defense to submit a monthly report to the Legislature on federal reimbursements and expenditures related to the wildfire disaster and the Governor to submit a summary of that information to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025;
- (10) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (11) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1781-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2725

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Limit the tax base for pass-through entity taxation to an electing pass-through entity's qualified individual, trust, and estate members; and
- (2) Allow qualified individual, trust, and estate members to carry forward the pass-through entity tax credit to subsequent years until exhausted.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Restaurant Association; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Retail Merchants of Hawaii. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Accuity LLP; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that federal law caps the state and local tax (SALT) deduction for individuals at \$10,000 for the 2018-2025 tax years. Your Committee further finds that the Internal Revenue Service announced that the \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions claimed by pass-through entities would not apply if the state income tax is imposed directly on the entity. In response, the State enacted Act 50, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023 (Act 50), to allow entities to elect to be taxed at the entity level and claim a credit if certain of their members had income subject to the tax. However, Act 50 imposed the maximum individual tax rate and prevented the tax credit from being refunded or carried forward to subsequent years, which made it difficult for small businesses to benefit from Act 50 and created administrative difficulties for the Department of Taxation in implementing the credit for pass-through entities that have members that are also pass-through entities.

Your Committee finds that H.B. No. 1803, H.D. 1 (Regular Session of 2024), was previously passed by the House. Your Committee further finds that this measure is preferable to assist small businesses in benefitting from Act 50 as originally intended.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 1803, H.D. 1, a measure that reduces the pass-through entity level tax rate and allows the pass-through entity tax credit to be carried forward to subsequent years;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2725, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1782-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3068

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to support the State's continued response to the August 2023 wildfires that affected the counties of Hawaii and Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Human Services; Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency; Care for 'Āina Now Coalition; Trust for Public Land; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that additional funds will be needed by many state and county agencies to address the State's ongoing response to the wildfires.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting several appropriations, some of which will instead be included in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024, while retaining a total appropriation in this measure of \$459,720,000 for wildfires disaster response and recovery efforts as follows:
 - (A) \$200,000,000 out of the State Risk Management Revolving Fund for the disbursement of insurance claim payments, subject to reporting on proceeds allocated and expenditures made;
 - (B) \$186,160,000 in general revenues as a set-aside for wildfire recovery costs and authorization for the Governor to transfer funds to other state agencies, subject to prior notice given to the Legislature and reporting after each use of the transfer authority;
 - (C) \$10,000,000 in general revenues to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for fire and emergency response equipment; and
 - (D) \$63,560,000 in reimbursable general obligation bond revenue to fund capital improvement projects for the County of Maui, subject to reimbursement by the County of Maui for all interest payments on debt services of the bonds;
- (2) Requiring the Governor and any department or agency that receives funds transferred by the Governor to submit financial information reports regarding the expenditures;
- (3) Deleting the reauthorization of general funded capital improvement project operating appropriations as general obligation bond funded appropriations;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1783-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2831

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Taxation, for a six-year period beginning January 1, 2025, to assist certain counties, upon the declaration of a major disaster by the Governor, in levying, assessing, collecting, and otherwise administering the county transient accommodations tax.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui and one member of the Maui County Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee finds that this measure would provide temporary assistance to the County of Maui in collecting and administering the county transient accommodations tax.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2831, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2831, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Poepoe, Alcos, Ward). Noes, 1 (Cochran). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1784-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3289

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the definition of "Hawaii taxable estate" to apply the marital deduction under section 2056 of the Internal Revenue Code to the passage of any interest in property to any immediate family member; and

- (2) Amend the state generation-skipping transfer tax law to provide that a transfer to any immediate family member shall not be considered a distribution to a skip person, as defined in section 2613 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Stanford Carr Development, LLC; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Business Strategies; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; L&L Hawaiian Barbecue; KTA Super Stores; ABC Stores; Foodland Supermarket, Ltd.; Cataract & Vision Center of Hawaii; Loyalty Enterprises, Ltd.; Island Insurance Companies; City Mill Company, Ltd.; JN Group; Pacific Administrators, Inc.; ALTRES, Inc.; Watumull Brothers, Ltd.; Sun Noodle; HONBLUE, Inc.; Commercial Flooring; Akita Enterprises, Ltd.; Commercial Roofing & Waterproofing Hawaii, Inc.; Honolulu Roofing & Waterproofing, Co.; Greenpath Technologies; FCH Enterprises, Inc.; Zippy's Restaurants; United Tire and Recapping; Hawai'i Automobile Dealers Association; Servco Pacific Inc.; Soderholm Bus and Mobility; Kapaa Solar LLC; Avalon Group; House of Finance; Big Island Subaru; Big Island Toyota; Easy Music Center; Ulupalakua Ranch; Maui Toyota; Tori Richard, Ltd.; Johnny Finney LLC; Carl's Jr.; Kawaihae Industrial Center; KLF Repair Services; HPM Building Supply; Business Consulting Resources; ProService Hawaii; Ground Transportation, Inc.; Goodfellow Bros. LLC; Hamai Appliance; Y. Hata & Co., Ltd.; Jade Dynasty Seafood Restaurant; Malu Investments; Big Island Candies; Kauai Vehicle Service Center; Mana Up; Kamaka 'Ukulele; Ben Franklin Crafts Hawaii; Ace Hardware Hawaii; Honolulu Disposal Service, Inc.; McCully Bicycle & Sporting Goods; Liliha Bakery; Yummy Restaurant Group; Hawaii Transportation Association; Oahu Veterinary Clinic; Finance Factors; Hee Hing Restaurant; Hawaii National Bank; MacNaughton; Tony Group Autoplex; Petland, Inc.; MW Group; Hawai'i Self Storage; The Plaza Assisted Living; Continental Assets Management; Kualoa Ranch; Ranniks Auto Specialists; Hawaii Forest & Trail; Title Guaranty of Hawaii; Meadow Gold Dairies Hawai'i; ChaneyBrooks; Aloha Beer Co.; Martin & MacArthur; Ace Auto Glass Inc.; Highway Inn; Watumull Properties Corp.; C.S. Wo & Sons, LLC; HomeWorld Furniture; Truck Shop Maui; Sae Design Group; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is one of a minority of states that imposes a state estate tax. Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's family businesses are critically important to the state economy, as they typically reinvest a significant portion of their profits into valuable but illiquid business assets such as more employees, better facilities, and smarter technology. The imposition of state estate taxes upon the death of the owner of a family business has sometimes resulted in the sale of the business due to a lack of liquidity or has required the business to divert capital to purchase life insurance, in order to pay estate taxes. This measure would expand application of the marital deduction to additional family members who may receive an interest in property upon the passing of an owner, which would help family businesses retain ownership of their businesses, better compete against publicly held companies, and continue reinvesting in the local economy and workforce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3289, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3289, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kobayashi, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1785-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2289

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Health to include in its annual report regarding Kalaupapa Settlement:
 - (A) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer to other qualified governmental or nongovernmental entities of the powers and duties of state agencies over Kalaupapa Settlement; and
 - (B) Community engagement efforts with community stakeholders; and
- (2) Require the Governor to issue a proclamation to affirm the date of completion of the transfer of the Department of Health's powers and duties over Kalaupapa Settlement after they have been permanently transferred to other qualified governmental agencies or nongovernmental organizations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Health; Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1786-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3153

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to receive and expend funds for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds into and out of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund for purposes of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Agribusiness Development Corporation; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Crop Improvement Association; and Maui County Farm Bureau. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1787-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2731

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Defense and Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1788-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2329

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for mullet production for fishponds and stock enhancement in the State, including for new positions, equipment, maintenance, and operating costs for restorative aquaculture projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; Kauhakō Ohana Association; Hanalei Watershed Hui; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Hulu Mamo Hawaiian Civic Club; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Marine Science Learning Center at Wai'anāe High School; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; and four individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2329, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1789-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3116

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly establish that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each program year.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Early Learning Board; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Early Childhood Action Strategy; and Hui for Excellence in Education. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1790-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3126

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for an Emergency Aeromedical Services Partnership Program administered by the Department of Health in partnership with rural counties.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; two members of the Hawai'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; Hawai'i Fire Department; The Queen's Health System; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Daniel R. Sayre Memorial Foundation, Inc.; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Medical Service Association; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health and Office of the Mayor of the County of Kaua'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3126, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1791-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2322

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to continue water sampling and analysis of Tier 1 beaches during brown water advisories, with certain exceptions and under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Windward Coalition for Community Concerns; Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Region; Hawaii Lifeguard Hui; Polanui Hui; Hui O He'e Nalu; Kihei Community Association; Waiwai Ola Waterkeepers Hawaiian Islands; Kaiola Canoe Club; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Mālama Maunaloa; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Earthjustice; Center for Biological Diversity; West Maui Preservation Association; Maui Tomorrow Foundation; The Makali'i Group; Friends of Maha'ulepu; Kia'i Wai O Wai'ale'ale; HAMER; Young Progressives Demanding Action Hawai'i; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; HI Strikes Back; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; Surfrider Foundation, O'ahu Chapter; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2322, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1792-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3021

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Change the name of the Electric Bicycle and Electric Moped Rebate Program to the Electric Mobility Rebate Program;
- (2) Expand the Program to include adaptive electric bicycles, electric cargo bikes, and electric micro-mobility devices;
- (3) Expand the Program to individuals who are fifteen years or older; and
- (4) Amend the maximum rebate amount for the Program and establish an additional assistance rebate for individuals who meet certain qualifications.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; Carbon Cashback Hawai'i; Hawaii Electric Vehicle Association; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Hawai'i Bicycling League; 350Hawaii.org; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3021, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1793-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2497

The purpose of this measure is to amend the tax credit for research activities by:

- (1) Repealing the provision that excluded the applicability of the base amount in the Internal Revenue Code in determining qualified research expenses;
- (2) Changing the total amount of certified credits to an unspecified sum;
- (3) Extending the sunset date of the tax credit by five years; and
- (4) Narrowing the qualifying criteria for the tax credit to qualified high technology businesses that are small businesses registered in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Technology Development Corporation; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Nalu Scientific, LLC; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; HNu-Photonics, LLC; PacMar Technologies; Simonpietri Enterprises LLC; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Oceanit; and Makai Ocean Engineering, Inc.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1794-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2974

The purpose of this measure is to establish a Business Revitalization Task Force to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including the mitigation of regulatory and tax burdens.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Small Business Regulatory Review Board; Retail Merchants of Hawaii; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Island Plastic Bags, Inc.; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; KAI Hawaii, Inc.; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Ho'ouli LLC; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Hawaiian Chip Company, LLC; and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from UNITE HERE Local 5. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaiian Telcom; and two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1795-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2726

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on how certain other states approach the following subjects as they relate to condominiums: an ombudsman or similar oversight position, licenses for condominium management, alternative dispute resolution or similar programs, governmental regulation, owner education, and owner access to condominium documents;
- (2) Extend the final report due date and cease date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force to June 30, 2026; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the study.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from AARP Hawai'i; Community Associations Institute; Legislative Action Committee, Hawaii Chapter; Palehua Townhouse; Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners; Hawaii First Realty LLC; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Procurement Office; Legislative Reference Bureau; Kokua Council; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1796-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3087

The purpose of this measure is to expand access to early learning programs on other state properties and public lands in addition to public school campuses.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Early Learning Board; Executive Office on Early Learning; State Public Charter School Commission; Hui for Excellence in Education; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Early Childhood Action Strategy; Kamehameha Schools; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1797-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3091

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for its food service operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Food+Policy; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1798-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3092

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for charter schools.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1799-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2286

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to enter into contracts with eligible employers or registered apprenticeship programs in the private sector to provide on-the-job training to eligible interns;
- (2) Require the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to collaborate with the Department of Human Resources Development for certain portions of the on-the-job-training work experience program;
- (3) Specify that the State shall be the responsible employer for purposes of workers' compensation coverage for students or recent graduates in the on-the-job-training work experience program, subject to certain limitations; and
- (4) Appropriate funds for the on-the-job-training work experience program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; HawaiiKidsCAN; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and Hawaii Food Industry Association.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2286, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1800-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2652

The purpose of this measure is to expand items that may be contained in the state executive budget to include information related to vacant positions for reclassification or abolishment.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2652, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1801-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2659

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Incorporate a regenerative tourism framework into the Hawaii State Planning Act by expanding objectives and policies for the tourism industry;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to prepare and periodically update the Tourism Functional Plan to include the updated tourism economic goals, Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan, and Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan; and
- (3) Require an updated Tourism Functional Plan to be submitted to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1802-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2913

The purpose of this measure is to establish a new regulatory framework for the sale of travel insurance in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Insurers Council. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Allianz Global Assistance; Crum & Forster; U.S. Travel Insurance Association; American Property Casualty Insurance Association; and American International Group.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2913, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1803-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop Destination Management Action Plans for each county and perform specific actions in the Plans to meet destination management objectives;
- (2) Expand the Hawaii Tourism Authority's powers and duties;
- (3) Repeal the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions;
- (4) Require the Strategic Tourism Management Plan to include statewide destination management and regenerative tourism efforts and programs; and
- (5) Rename the Tourism Marketing Plan as the Strategic Tourism Management Plan.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; and Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1804-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1035

The purpose of this measure is to exempt from the general excise tax amounts received by health care providers for health care related goods and medical and dental services provided to Medicaid, Medicare, and TRICARE patients.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; University of Hawai'i System; Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; two members of the Hawai'i County Council; one member of the Maui County Council; 'Ahahui o nā Kauka; Hawaii Institute for Pain; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Maui Orthopedic Institute; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Joyful Living, LLC; East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association, dba Big Island Docs; Aloha Gastroenterology, LLC; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Philippine Medical Association of Hawai'i; Ear, Nose, & Throat Clinics of Oahu; Maui Plastic Surgery; AARP Hawai'i; Phoenix Center Inc.; Community First Hawaii; Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; We Are One, Inc.; Oahu Pediatric Dentistry; AlohaCare; Pacific Anesthesia; Kenny R. Malott M.D., Inc.; Healing Tides Primary Care; Free Access Coalition; Island Pediatrics of Honolulu; Hawaii Dental Service; Optimum Health and Wellness Hawaii; Hawaii Provider Shortage Crisis Task Force; American Board of Wound Management; Maui Urology, LLC; Hawaii Dental Hui; Hugo Higa M.D., LLC; Jarrett Surgery LLC; Maui Lani Physicians and Surgeons; Kohala Coast Urgent Care, LLC; Molokai Family and Urgent Care Clinic; Pearl City Medical Associates, Inc.; Ann S. Harada M.D., LLC; Hawaii Medical Association; Hawaii Ophthalmology Society; Ranjini Kandasamy, M.D.; John M. Nagamine, M.D.; Pearl City Medical Associates; Oahu Kidney Care LLC; Kim Nguyen, M.D., P.C.; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1805-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2605

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, require health insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, and health benefits plans under the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund to provide health insurance coverage for various sexual and reproductive health care services;
- (2) Require the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the mandated health insurance coverage; and
- (3) Establish a Reproductive Health Care Working Group and require the Working Group to submit reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Indivisible Hawaii Healthcare Team; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; American Association of University Women of Hawaii; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; AlohaCare; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Women's Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawaii; Hawaii Medical Service Association; Hawai'i Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Essential Access Health; and nine individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2605, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1806-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3128

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Extend the transfer of the Oahu Regional Health Care System (Oahu Region) from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Department of Health to December 31, 2026;
- (2) Require the working group established by Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to submit a report to the Legislature on updates to the operating and budget plan and pro forma capital improvements plan and a breakdown of costs related to the transfer;
- (3) Require the Oahu Region and Department of Health to enter into an agreement regarding the Oahu Region taking care of low acuity patients in the Department's custody by the end of 2024; and
- (4) Require the Oahu Region to report to the Legislature prior to the Regular Session of 2026.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; and Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Oahu Region.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1807-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2133

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects;
- (2) Exempt bonds issued by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes, with exceptions;
- (3) Include proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts; and
- (4) Authorize regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1808-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1170

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to issue affordable housing credits for affordable housing units that are constructed under the various programs of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i YIMBY; 'Ikenākea Development LLC; American Savings Bank; Maui Chamber of Commerce; NAIOP Hawaii; Form Partners, LLC; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Office of Housing and Community Development of the County of Hawai'i; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; and Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1809-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2505

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish resilience of the Hawaii Electric System as a metric to be monitored and considered by the Public Utilities Commission; and
- (2) Authorize the Public Utilities Commission to use Hawaii Electricity Reliability Surcharge collections to perform certain duties.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Hawaiian Electric; and Hawaii Clean Power Alliance.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2505, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1810-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2518

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Energy Office to conduct a statewide environmental assessment for, and subsequently administer, a geothermal resources characterization program under the direction of the Hawaii Groundwater and Geothermal Resources Center at the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ulupono Initiative; Blue Planet Foundation; Sustainable Energy Hawai'i; Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii; Elemental Excelsior; Hawaiian Electric; Indigenous Consultants, LLC; Innovations Development Group, Inc.; Tigershark, LLC; Keoki and Malia; and five individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee requests the subject matter committees on this measure to consider whether the requirement for a statewide environmental assessment proposed by this measure should be placed in Session Laws, rather than codified in the Hawaii Revised Statutes, due to its temporary nature.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2518, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran, Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1811-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2575

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- (1) Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory; Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hawai'i; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Parley for the Oceans, Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Deep Sea Mining Campaign; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Rev Ocean; Friends of Hanauma Bay; FutureSwell; Marine Conservation Institute; Kauai Women's Caucus; Hawai'i's Thousand Friends; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; National Parks Conservation Association; Oceanic Preservation Society; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; Blue Climate Initiative; Tetiaroa Society; The Marine Mammal Center; The Ocean Foundation; Greenpeace Hawaii; HULI PAC; Te Ipukarea Society; Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association; Deep Blue Eco Tours; Hotel Renew; Hawai'i Eco Divers & Surf Adventures; One Ocean Diving; The Kahala Hotel & Resort; Kauai Climate Action Coalition; Americans for Democratic Action; For the Fishes; Fair Wind Cruises; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Keiko Conservation; Nā Mamo O Mū'olea; New Earth Flow; The Nature Conservancy; Maui Ocean Center; Hawai'i Unity and Liberation Institute; Maui Nui Makai Network; We Are One Ministries; The Whaleman Foundation; Na Moku Aupuni o Ko'olau Hui; Blue Startups; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from three individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1812-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3010

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with utility companies and other renewable energy developers on leasing processes to expedite the development of renewable energy.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Clean Power Alliance; Hawai'i Gas; and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Public Utilities Commission; 350Hawaii.org; and Citizens' Climate Lobby Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3010, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1813-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2240

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to file an application with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization;
- (2) Require the State and each county to use the information and services made available by the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., to verify their voter registration rolls; and
- (3) Require the Office of Elections to request an appropriation from the Legislature, before fiscal year 2025-2026, for the State's annual membership dues to the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Elections. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Elections Commission; Hawai'i Federation of Republican Women; and numerous individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu). Noes, 3 (Cochran, Alcos, Ward). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1814-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2520

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Attorney General to defend professionally licensed or certified state employees in civil actions or proceedings when the employee was acting within the scope of the employee's employment and was not grossly negligent, wanton, or uncooperative;
- (2) Clarify that professionally licensed or certified state employees may employ their own attorneys at their own expense; and
- (3) Establish a process for the Attorney General to transfer or withdraw representation if the Attorney General declines to defend a professionally licensed or certified state employee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and Hawaii State AFL-CIO.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2520, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1815-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2640

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to provide beneficiaries on the waiting list the option of taking a cash award, payable from the Hawaiian Home Loan Fund, in lieu of a lease, which if exercised would result in removal from and loss of the right to return to the waiting list but continued entitlement to other rights provided by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Malama Makua and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Center for Hawaiian Sovereignty Studies. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Your Committee considers, as a viable option for this measure, the imposition of a safeguard of a twenty-to-thirty-year waiting period on the waiting list before having the option of taking the cash award.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Poepoe, Alcos, Ward). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1816-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.B. No. 2342

The purpose of this measure is to:

(1) Amend:

- (A) The penalties for repeated traffic violations, reckless driving violations, and violations of excessive speeding;
- (B) The penalties for driving without motor vehicle liability insurance; and
- (C) Motor vehicle insurance minimums to protect residents from repeat offenders; and

(2) Require the Insurance Commissioner to solicit rate filings from motor vehicle insurers for the amended motor vehicle insurance minimums in two stages, with the first stage for policies taking effect on or after July 1, 2025, and the second stage for policies taking effect on or after January 1, 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawaii Association for Justice; and six individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the American Property Casualty Insurance Association of America; Hertz; and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Hawaii Insurers Council; Turo; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that traffic fatalities and injuries in Hawaii have increased, with a record high of one hundred seventeen traffic fatalities and five hundred seventy serious traffic-related injuries in 2022. In the first six months of 2023, Hawaii had forty-three traffic fatalities, with two deaths occurring immediately outside of public schools. Your Committee recognizes that these tragic events demonstrate the need for greater safeguards and deterrents to improve safety on Hawaii's streets and better protect Hawaii residents. This measure increases the penalties for various violations to create a greater deterrent to dangerous driving behaviors.

Your Committee notes that this measure increases the penalty for a third offense of excessive speeding within a five-year period to be no fewer than thirty days and no more than ninety days. However, as identified by the Department of the Attorney General in the Department's written testimony before your Committee, this penalty is in conflict with the offense's classification as a petty misdemeanor, which, under the Hawaii Penal Code, is specified to be punishable by up to thirty days in prison. The Department has offered to draft language to resolve this conflict and your Committee anticipates this draft language will be available for conference.

Your Committee further notes that the Insurance Commissioner, in his written testimony before your Committee, requested that the proposed motor vehicle insurance minimums that are to take effect on January 1, 2027, be deleted from the measure and be revisited at a later date, after determining the impact of the initial increases to the motor vehicle insurance minimums.

Lastly, your Committee notes that the impact of the increases to the motor vehicle insurance minimums proposed by this measure is unclear since consumers may opt to purchase motor vehicle insurance coverage in excess of the statutorily required minimums. It may be prudent for the Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to gather data to determine the number of persons that would be impacted by such an increase.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the second stage of rate filing solicitations to be conducted by the Insurance Commissioner;
- (2) Inserting a savings clause;
- (3) Changing the effective date for the rate filing solicitations to be conducted by the Insurance Commissioner to January 1, 2026; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Hussey-Burdick). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Belatti, Gates, Lowen).

SCRep. 1817-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2170

The purpose of this measure is to establish a new regulatory framework for combat sports contests in Hawaii by establishing the Combat Sports Commission of Hawaii and repealing existing law governing mixed martial arts contests in Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from NOKANET and three individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2170, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2170, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1818-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3220

The purpose of this measure is to transfer the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Public Utilities Commission. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1819-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2504

The purpose of this measure is to repeal part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires and appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1820-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2537

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Chief Energy Officer, not the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, shall be responsible for supporting the renewable portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1821-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1099

The purpose of this measure is to specify that the use of county surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure includes use for financing costs such as debt service and financing agreement costs.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Maui County Council; and Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by clarifying that for each county having a population equal to or less than 500,000, county surcharge on state tax revenues used for housing infrastructure costs shall only be used for housing infrastructure costs for county-supported housing projects.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1822-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2991

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to adopt rules establishing criteria and procedures for the creation of new bargaining units;
- (2) After the Hawaii Labor Relations Board approves a petition to establish a new bargaining unit, require the Board to issue a decision and order and submit a report to the Legislature, including proposed legislation for the Legislature to consider and create the new bargaining unit; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the development of the criteria and procedures for the creation of new bargaining units, including the hiring of staff.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions to be established to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1823-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2983

The purpose of this measure is to regulate charitable fundraising platforms and activities of platform charities, including regulations relating to the misuse of funds, and impose vicarious liability upon a platform charity for a charitable fundraising platform's misuse of funds, and vice versa.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Kitagawa, Aiu, Cochran, Lamosao).

SCRep. 1824-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2556

The purpose of this measure is to permanently establish and appropriate funds for the Community Outreach Court as a division of the District Court of the First Circuit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Department of Law Enforcement; and Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Human Services; and Office of the Public Defender.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the numbers of positions to be established to unspecified numbers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2556, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1825-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2285

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "health care" for purposes of health planning and resource development and health care cost control by the State Health Planning and Development Agency;
- (2) Amend the functions and duties of the State Health Planning and Development Agency;
- (3) Establish a task force known as the Hui Ho'omana within the State Health Planning and Development Agency; and
- (4) Appropriate funds to the State Health Planning and Development Agency for administrative costs and to establish positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; AlohaCare; and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Health; State Health Planning and Development Agency; Executive Office on Aging; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; and Hawaii Medical Service Association.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions established by this measure to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2285, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1826-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2782

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to develop multilingual accessibility standards and appropriate funds to establish a program manager position within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights; The Legal Clinic; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Pacific Gateway Center; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and Office of Language Access.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making unspecified the number of full-time equivalent permanent program manager positions for the Office of Enterprise Technology Services; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1827-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3109

The purpose of this measure is to give practical effect to the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279), be available for expenditure until June 30, 2025, by lapsing previously appropriated funds and reauthorizing funds for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and Ho'omana Pono, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Tax Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee finds that the companion to this measure, H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 2 (Regular Session of 2024), which was previously passed by the House, is a preferable method to give practical effect to the Legislature's intent for the appropriation in Act 279.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting its contents and inserting the contents of H.B. No. 2420, H.D. 2, a measure that:
 - (A) Deposits certain unexpended or unencumbered funds appropriated through Act 279 that are set to lapse on June 30, 2024, into an Act 279 Special Fund and appropriates funds out of the Act 279 Special Fund; and
 - (B) Provides that funds from the appropriation out of the Act 279 Special Fund that are unencumbered as June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date;
- (2) Changing the effective date to June 29, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1828-24 Finance on S.B. No. 1511

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii is to promote educational, scientific, and literary pursuits through research, training of research personnel, and dissemination of knowledge by publication of research findings; and
- (2) Amend laws relating to certain appropriations, exceptions to collective bargaining, purposes and powers, exemptions from state laws, and accountability for the use of funds of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii to ensure that they are aligned with the stated purpose.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i System; and Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1829-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2526

The purpose of this measure is to extend the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group's dissolution date and require the Working Group to assist the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in working with certain state agencies to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology system or data set and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services and Servpac. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by excluding the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation from working with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology system or data set and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1830-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the definition of "covered employer" under the Hawaii Retirement Savings Act; and
- (2) Require covered employers to automatically enroll covered employees into the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program unless the employees opt out.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Aging; AARP Hawai'i; Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition; Hawai'i Primary Care Association; and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Retirement Savings Board and Retail Merchants of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing and lapsing the funds appropriated into and out of the Hawaii Retirement Savings Special Fund in Act 296, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2553, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2553, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1831-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2615

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the counties to require employers to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application for violating laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status, under certain conditions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Kaua'i County Council; two members of the Maui County Council; one member of the Hawaii County Council; and one member of the Honolulu City Council. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Pacific Resource Partnership; NFIB, Hawaii Chapter; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; and Society of Human Resource Management Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that the counties are authorized to require certain contractors, rather than employers, to disclose information regarding its employees' wages, benefits, hours, and employment status and deny, revoke, or suspend a building permit application if a contractor is found to be in violation of laws relating to wages, benefits, hours, and employment status.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 1, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1832-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3139

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to redirect those with mental health and substance use disorders who are involved with, or at risk for involvement with, the criminal justice system to the appropriate health care system and services;
- (2) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and training and certification for crisis intervention officers; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program, crisis intervention coordinator positions, and training and certification of officers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of Law Enforcement; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Council on Mental Health; Alzheimer's Association - Aloha Chapter; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Hawai'i Psychological Association; AlohaCare; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health; Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board of Directors; Community Alliance on Prisons; and The Queen's Health System.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of positions established by this measure to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1833-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3234

The purpose of this measure is to amend the laws relating to the Hawaii Hurricane Relief Fund (Fund) and Hawaii Property Insurance Association (Association) by:

- (1) Imposing a different transient accommodation tax rate for transient vacation rentals and a property insurance surcharge on conveyance tax rates to capitalize the Association and Fund;
- (2) Expanding the statutory authorization for the Association to issue property insurance for certain condominiums and amending the designated geographic area eligible for coverage to specifically include lava zones 1 and 2;
- (3) Requiring Association member insurers and licensed property and casualty insurers to recoup assessment costs paid into the Association and Fund through a surcharge on premiums;
- (4) Requiring coverage limits and deductibles and fund capitalization amounts for licensed property and casualty insurers to be established in a plan of operation for the Fund, subject to approval by the Insurance Commissioner; and
- (5) Authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to reinstate the Special Mortgage Recording Fee to capitalize the Fund.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Honolulu Tower Association of Apartment Owners; Hawaii Financial Services Association; Hawaii Credit Union League; Hawaii Bankers Association; Mortgage Bankers Association of Hawaii; Holomua Collaborative; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Taxation; State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the plan of operation requirements of the Association and the Fund to include specific criteria that condominium associations must meet to qualify for insurance under each entity;
- (2) Explicitly providing that the Association and the Fund shall only be utilized as an insurer of last resort and requiring proof that an applicant has not been able to obtain property insurance from insurers licensed to conduct business in the State;
- (3) Establishing for a limited time a Temporary Property Insurance Stabilization Fee on real property transactions to capitalize operations of the Association and Fund;
- (4) Clarifying that the Fund shall provide for the repayment of any funds or revenues received through bond issuances after the Fund is sufficiently capitalized;
- (5) Appropriating an unspecified amount of general funds and authorizing the issuance of an unspecified amount of general obligation bonds to capitalize the Fund; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3234, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1834-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3083

The purpose of this measure is to amend various sections of article 11 of the Insurance Code to adopt revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model No. 440, Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and American Council of Life Insurers. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Tradewind Group.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1835-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2727

The purpose of this measure is to make condominiums eligible for commercial property assessed clean energy and resiliency financing, commonly known as C-PACER financing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Hawaii Insurers Council; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Hawaii Laborers & Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund; Palehua Townhouse Association; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii First Realty LLC; C-PACE Alliance, Inc.; CastleGreen Finance, LLC; Nuveen Green Capital; Association

of Apartment Owners at Pat's at Punalu'u; Hawai'i Energy; Island Insurance Companies; Aina Nalu Homeowner Association; Laborers International Union of North America – Local 368; Plumbers and Fitters UA Local 675; Holomua Collaborative; aio; Hawai'i Gas; Hawai'i Community Foundation; HPM Building Supply; Hawaii Venture Capital Association; Mana Up; Tori Richard; Parkland Gardens Association of Apartment Owners Board of Directors; Board of Directors of Heritage House Condominium; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Angel's Site Management Solutions; and nine individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; Hawaii State Energy Office; Department of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu; Petros PACE Finance, LLC; Hawaii Bankers Association; and Kokua Council.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a "property owner" or "owner" means an owner of commercial property and in the case of a condominium, the condominium association and not individual residential condominium unit owners and that individual residential condominium unit owners are ineligible for C-PACER financing;
- (2) Specifying a process for condominium associations to provide certain financing documents before entering into a commercial property assessed financing assessment contract;
- (3) Clarifying that commercial property assessed financing non-ad valorem special tax assessments are imposed on the project as an assessment against the condominium association; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2727, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Cochran). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1836-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2513

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds to implement a three-year New Wastewater System and Individual Wastewater System Technology Demonstration and Implementation Pilot Program within the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Indivisible Hawaii; WaiHome LLC; WAI: Wastewater Alternatives & Innovations; and nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Repealing the mandatory upgrade, conversion, or connection of cesspools in the State by 2050;
- (2) Changing the number of positions to be established to an unspecified number; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1837-24 Finance on S.B. No. 572

The purpose of this measure is to authorize and specify conditions under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms, and broaden the objectives and general actions of the Biosecurity Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Harbors Users Group; Matson Navigation Company, Inc.; and Young Brothers, LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Maui Chamber of Commerce.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Kila). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1838-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2413

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025 on the percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and actively being used for farming purposes and certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Food+ Policy.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1839-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2885

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish within the Statewide Office of Homelessness and Housing Solutions a working group to develop a Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the establishment of the working group and implementation of the Homeless Triage and Treatment Center Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness; Aloha United Way; The Institute for Human Services, Inc.; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; and AlohaCare.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2885, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1840-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3279

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the State of Well-Being Project to assess and enhance tier 1 and tier 2 mental health support services for all key stakeholder communities across the State, track and measure aggregate mental health trends, and hire and train mental health specialists to lead project execution; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to establish mental health specialist positions.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Executive Office on Early Learning; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Early Learning Board; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Elected Officials to Protect America; The Contentment Foundation; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1841-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3094

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a working group within the Office of Wellness and Resilience to create a statewide framework for peer support specialists, identify a trauma-informed model of supervision of peer support specialists, provide an inventory of current use of peer support specialists, and develop a sustainability plan to establish peer support as a Medicaid billable service; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the working group and hiring of an administrative facilitator to support the working group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Office of Wellness and Resilience; Department of Human Services; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; State Council on Mental Health; Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; EPIC 'Ohana, Inc.; Commit to Keiki; Hawai'i Children's Action Network Speaks!; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Hawaii Clubhouse Advocacy Coalition; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and Department of Health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 14. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Cochran, Alcos).

SCRep. 1842-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3002

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force on Mobility Management, established pursuant to Act 214, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013, in consultation with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Executive Office on Aging and other stakeholder groups.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the State Council on Development Disabilities; Disability and Communication Access Board; Hawaii State Committee of Blind Vendors; Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization; AARP Hawai'i; National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii; and six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Services; Department of Transportation; and Executive Office on Aging.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the number of full-time equivalent positions to an unspecified number.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3002, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3002, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 15; Ayes with Reservations (Aiu, Kila, Lamosao). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1843-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2922

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Create a process for electric utilities to develop and submit wildfire protection plans to the Public Utilities Commission for approval and allow the recovery of related costs and expenses through securitization, while avoiding a disproportionate impact on a specific ratepayer or county; and
- (2) Require public utilities to report wildfires potentially caused by or occurring in connection with their operations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Governor; Clearway Energy Group; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice; Lāhainā Strong; and seven individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of the Attorney General; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Ulupono Initiative; Longroad Energy; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the special purpose revenue bond authorization; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2922, S.D. 2, H.D. 3.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, 1 (Cochran). Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1844-24 Finance on S.B. No. 3344

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Wildfire Relief Fund and Wildfire Relief Fund Corporation (Corporation) to provide compensation for property damage resulting from catastrophic wildfires in the State, regardless of cause;
- (2) Establish a working group to review, analyze, and report on implementation of the Wildfire Relief Fund; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Wildfire Relief Fund, as a reserve against the State's irrevocable pledge to the Wildfire Relief Fund, and as one-time funding for an Administrator position to support the Corporation.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce; Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Association for Justice. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of the Governor; Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Division of Consumer Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Public Utilities Commission; Office of the Auditor; Ulupono Initiative; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260; Clearway Energy Group; Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative; Hawaiian Electric; Hawaiian Telcom; and one individual.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the number of full-time equivalent Administrator positions established to an unspecified number; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3344, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3344, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 14; Ayes with Reservations (Poepoe). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1845-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2337

The purpose of this measure is to expand the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing low- and moderate-income housing projects and mixed-use developments.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Planning and Sustainable Development; Office of Housing of the City and County of Honolulu; one member of the Maui County Council; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Grassroot Institute of Hawaii and Maui Chamber of Commerce.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 15. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1846-24 Finance on S.B. No. 2919

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the counties' authority to:
 - (A) Regulate the time, place, manner, and duration in which uses of land and structures may take place; and

(B) Amortize or phase out transient vacation rental units in an area of any zoning classification; and

- (2) Expand the scope of the transient accommodations tax law to include certain shelters and, beginning January 1, 2025, vehicles with sleeping accommodations.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Mayor of the County of Maui; one member of the Maui County Council; Keep it Kailua; Kohala Coast Resort Association; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Lāhainā Strong; Maui Housing Hui; Housing Hawai'i's Future; Tagnawa; Jewish Voice for Peace-Hawai'i; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; UNITE HERE Local 5; AF3IRM Hawai'i; Kauai Oceanfront Dream LLC; International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 142; Hawaii Hotel Alliance; Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association; Help Maui Rise; Puakukui Owners/Residents Neighborhood Organization; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Tropica USA Corp.; The Ohana Aina Association; Maui Paradise Properties; Hawaii First Realty LLC; O'ahu Short Term Rental Alliance; Hawai'i Association of REALTORS; Hawai'i Mid and Short-Term Rental Alliance; QNL Holdings Inc.; Air Tec Co.; REALTORS Association of Maui, Inc.; Airbnb; Hawaii Legal Short Term Rental Alliance; Kaua'i Board of REALTORS; Private Homes Hawaii; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Honolulu Board of REALTORS; Maui Vacation Rental Association; West Hawaii Association of REALTORS; Deep Blue Builders; Hearts for Animals Wellness Center; Vertigo Associates LLC; Kapua Gulch Farms, LLC; Kina's Maui Condo Rentals LLC; Kona Bubbles; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Taxation; Kama'āina Occupied Short-Term Rentals O'ahu; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Airbnb Public Policy, Hawai'i; Grassroot Institute of Hawaii; Maui Hotel & Lodging Association; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; and five individuals.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 13. Noes, 2 (Alcos, Ward). Excused, 1 (Kobayashi).

SCRep. 1847-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3122

The purpose of this measure is to reduce barriers to health care access and expand population health-based interventions by:

- (1) Authorizing the Director of Health to issue public health standing orders for patients to self-refer to certain health care screening services;
- (2) Establishing requirements for the provision of items or services pursuant to a public health standing order; and
- (3) Establishing the Public Health Standing Orders Working Group to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Health regarding public health standing orders.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Hawaii Association of Health Plans; Hawaii Medical Service Association; AlohaCare; Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center; Hawai'i Pacific Health; Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hep Free Hawai'i; and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that under existing processes, a patient who wants to obtain a routine health screening must first schedule an office visit with their provider to receive an order for the screening before scheduling another appointment for the actual screening. This measure would eliminate the need for the first appointment and allow a patient to refer themselves for the screening – saving time and money.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3122, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9; Ayes with Reservations (Kong). Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1848-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2560

The purpose of this measure is to provide that each lease that the Department of Agriculture enters into, renews, or extends shall authorize the Department to:

- (1) Enter the leased premises with prior notification to survey for, identify, investigate, control, or eradicate pests;
- (2) Work cooperatively with a lessee to seek funding and develop a plan to maintain control of any pests on the leased premises; and
- (3) Terminate the lease if the lessee refuses entry to the Department or refuses to work cooperatively with the Department toward the control or eradication of pests.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Carol Kwan Consulting LLC. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.

Your Committee finds that this measure will codify mandatory lease provisions related to the control and eradication of pests that must be included in future leases approved by the Department of Agriculture. Your Committee notes that this measure will not impact existing lessees.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the definition of "pest" so that it matches the definition used in the chapter related to plant and non-domestic animal quarantine and microorganism import; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1849-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 2245

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Child Protective Act by:

- (1) Adding a definition of "exigent circumstances" and amending the definitions of "harm" and "imminent harm";
- (2) Clarifying when the police may take a child into protective custody and when the Department of Human Services may assume temporary foster custody of a child when exigent circumstances are present; and
- (3) Authorizing the court to order a child to be placed into protective custody and temporary foster custody without notice or a hearing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Judiciary; Department of the Attorney General; Department of Human Services; Honolulu Police Department; Hawaii Coalition for Child Protective Reform; Hawaii Family Advocacy Group; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch; and seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure updates and clarifies the procedures for removing children from unsafe homes, with and without court orders, while taking into consideration concerns regarding maintaining family integrity, the due process rights of parents, and federal case law.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2025; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 9. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1850-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.B. No. 3125

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize minors who are fourteen years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections; and
- (2) Require health insurance plans and health care providers to maintain confidentiality policies and procedures for minor-initiated medical care and services.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Disability and Communication Access Board; Parents And Children Together; Hawai'i Youth Services Network; Essential Access Health; Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates - Hawai'i; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and eight individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Federation of Republican Women and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that existing law allows minors to consent to medical care related to the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases but not the prevention of those diseases. Your Committee further finds that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention medications, which have been approved for use in at-risk minors since 2018, are safe and highly effective at preventing HIV. This measure will ensure that Hawaii's at-risk minors are able to access critical, life-saving medication that would prevent the spread of HIV in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2025; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3125, S.D. 2, H.D. 2.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, 1 (Kong). Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1851-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.C.R. No. 33

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an interagency task force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification in the state's construction industry.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Pacific Resources Partnership and Hawaii State American Federations of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs – Professional Vocational Licensing Division and Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs – Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

Your Committee notes that the establishment of an interagency task force is crucial because it facilitates the creation of a framework that is better suited for developing an action plan. Several task force members' opinions enable more creative planning that can more effectively handle the problem. Your Committee further acknowledges that construction companies that follow the law are forced to compete with contractors who use off-the-books labor, misclassify employees as independent contractors, and evade paying taxes and social insurance premiums. Your Committee finds that the Interagency Task Force will ensure the collection of all taxes, fines, and penalties that illegal practices violate, as well as help ensure that workers have safe working conditions and receive their rightful compensation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 33, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 1852-24 Labor & Government Operations on S.C.R. No. 184

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of organizations in the state within the for-profit, nonprofit, and government sectors that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Holomua Collaborative; HPM Building Supply; Hawaiian Host Group; Hawai'i Community Foundation; Title Guaranty of Hawaii, LLC; Mana Up; Hawaii Workforce Funders Collaborative and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Human Resources Development.

Your Committee finds that remote working offers numerous benefits that benefit both the personal and professional state employee. Your Committee acknowledges that the flexibility of remote work allows for better work-life balance for employees. Remote work additionally offers potential cost savings with reduced commutes, a lack of parking spaces, and other expenses. Your Committee finds increased productivity as a result of being able to work from the comfort of their homes. Your Committee recognizes that the increased attractiveness of work-from-home potential will attract a larger pool of capable applicants.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 184, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kapela).

SCRep. 1853-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 183

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of the Attorney General to investigate and enforce applicable laws against landlords who are ending rental agreements to house individuals who are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency's Direct Lease Program or the Department of Human Services Rental Assistance Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Aloha United Way and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the August 2023 Maui wildfires devastated the County of Maui, with over two thousand structures destroyed, of which roughly one thousand five hundred were residential structures, displacing thousands of households. The federal government and State have been working to ensure that all those displaced have a safe and clean environment to reside in while they search for a more permanent living situation. However, incidents have been reported on Maui where landlords are not renewing lease agreements with existing tenants to take advantage of financial support being offered by the federal government and State. While your Committee acknowledges the need to house displaced individuals directly affected by the wildfires, this should not be done through the displacement of existing tenants.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 183, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1854-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to encourage developers to incorporate net zero waste building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that the fresh water resources of the State are vital and finite and in recent years, some of Hawaii's waters have been severely polluted by a variety of toxic contaminants. Your Committee further finds that as recommended by the United States Department of Energy, developers can help sustain the State's fresh water resources by designing and constructing net zero water housing projects that minimize total water consumption and wastewater discharge and maximize alternative water sources. Your Committee believes that the construction of net zero water housing in the State would reduce the impact on aquifers and water reclamation infrastructure and conserve more water resources.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 115 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1855-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 217

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to utilize funds for non-congregate housing for infrastructure and development needs for affordable rental housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council.

Your Committee finds that as a result of the devastating August 2023 wildfires in Maui, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is currently providing housing relief aid through temporary rental assistance to eligible residents. However, your Committee notes that this assistance is set to expire in 2025. Your Committee believes that further collaboration and funding from all levels of government is needed to address the immense cost of rebuilding areas affected by the wildfires.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 217 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1856-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 226

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor, in collaboration with the County of Maui, to provide a clear strategy for addressing the short- and long-term housing needs for residents displaced by the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the August 2023 Maui wildfires have resulted in significant damage to homes and properties, leaving many residents displaced and in need of immediate housing assistance. Your Committee further finds that without prompt and decisive action, the already devastating impact of the wildfires will only be compounded by the lack of adequate housing for those in need. Your Committee believes that the State, with the Governor taking the lead, must prioritize developing a clear strategy to address the short- and long-term housing needs of those affected by the wildfires.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 226 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1857-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 45

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Director of Finance to adopt administrative rules to define "beneficial effects to the State" to include financing of housing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's limited supply of housing continues to be a major issue and the State must find ways to alleviate the affordable housing supply crunch. One solution would be to expand financing options to increase the supply of housing. Your Committee further finds that existing law authorizes the Director of Finance to invest the public treasury with certain depositories, under certain conditions, that will have beneficial effects to the State. Your Committee believes that supporting various ways to finance the development of housing should be considered a beneficial effect to the State, which will help ensure that there is a sufficient supply of affordable housing to keep residents in Hawaii.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 45, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 45, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1858-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 103

The purpose of this measure is to request all high-occupancy state and county buildings, the design of which commences on or after July 1, 2025, to be designed and constructed to withstand category five hurricanes and to serve as shelters in the event of an emergency.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that the frequency of natural disasters is increasing across the world, making the State even more susceptible to catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes. With global warming causing stronger hurricanes, your Committee believes that the State must take a proactive approach to prepare for the potential increase of natural disasters by designing and constructing certain buildings that can withstand a category five hurricane.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 103, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Water & Land in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 103, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1859-24 Housing on S.C.R. No. 43

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to amend the priority for which Low-Income Housing Tax Credits are allocated and monies in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund are used and adopt certain administrative rules that incentivize the development of affordable housing in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and AARP Hawai'i.

Your Committee finds that the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program is the federal government's primary policy tool for encouraging the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing. The LIHTC Program awards developers federal tax credits to offset construction costs in exchange for agreeing to reserve a certain fraction of units that are rent-restricted for lower-income households. Your Committee further finds that at the state level, the Rental Housing Revolving Fund also offsets construction costs for the development of affordable rental housing for low-income households. Your Committee believes that the priority of projects that receive funding from the LIHTC Program and Rental Housing Revolving Fund need to be amended to ensure that these funds are used to further incentivize the development of affordable rental housing.

Your Committee notes the concerns raised in testimony before your Committee regarding the order of priority under this measure potentially having unintended consequences of locking some communities out of much needed affordable housing and that prioritizing certain projects before considering key factors, such as project readiness, may contravene the objective of economical resource allocation.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its title to make a technical amendment; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 43, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

SCRep. 1860-24 Economic Development on S.C.R. No. 172

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to collaborate with universities in the State to convene the Hawaii Creative Innovation Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; University of Hawai'i System; and 'Āina Design Corp.

Your Committee finds that the fashion and music industries in Hawaii contribute to economic growth, job creation, cultural preservation, and tourism development, and the State's diverse ecosystem of artists, venues, recording studios, and educational institutions strengthens the State's cultural identity and enriches the lives of residents and visitors alike. The success stories of local music programs, accelerators, and projects are examples of the opportunities that exist in the intersection between music and media for artists of Hawaii. Your Committee believes that the convening of a Hawaii Creative Innovation Group will help identify pathways and develop support systems to assist the emerging creative sectors in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 172, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Nakamura).

SCRep. 1861-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 170

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are persistent toxic substances that can contaminate drinking water, bioaccumulate in fish and wildlife, and have adverse health effects on humans. Your Committee further finds that PFAS are used in a variety of products, packaging, and materials that are imported into the State. This measure urges the Department of Health to investigate and implement policies to reduce the importation of products, packaging, or materials containing PFAS into the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 170, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1862-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 130

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to take all action necessary to require wastewater treatment plants to test sewage sludge and any other residual material for the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Americans for Democratic Action; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that reclaimed water can be contaminated with PFAS, which can then be introduced into the food system if the reclaimed water is used for irrigation for food agriculture. Your Committee further finds that PFAS found in reclaimed water and sludge pose a serious range of health risks and that testing and monitoring of PFAS at waste water treatment plants is crucial in protecting public health. This measure urges the Department of Health to take all action necessary to require wastewater treatment plants to test sewage sludge and any other residual material for the presence of PFAS.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 130, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1863-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 76

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Climate Protectors Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Energy Justice Network; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Covanta. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that waste combustion facilities are among the largest sources of industrial air pollution. Your Committee further finds that waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills in the State do not continuously monitor and sample many harmful air pollutants. This measure requests the Department of Health to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of continuous monitoring and sampling technologies in waste combustion facilities and municipal solid waste landfills.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 76, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1864-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 132

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to plan for the remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Water Supply of the City and County of Honolulu; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that PFAS are commonly described as persistent organic pollutants or "forever chemicals" that remain in the environment for long periods of time. Your Committee further finds that PFAS are toxic to humans and have been linked to serious medical conditions. This measure requests the Office of the Governor to convene a working group to plan for the remediation of PFAS in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 132 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1865-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 74

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to conduct a study of the methods used in other states to monitor air pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion facilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Energy Justice Network; and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Covanta.

Your Committee finds that of the twenty-two known pollutants that municipal waste combustion facilities in the State emit, only four are monitored continuously, while the remaining eighteen are either monitored once per year or not at all. Your Committee further finds that different states employ different methods to monitor pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion facilities and that the experiences of other states may be helpful for determining the optimal monitoring method for Hawaii. This measure requests the Department of Health to conduct a study of the methods used in other states to monitor air pollutants emitted by municipal waste combustion facilities.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 74, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1866-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 97

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Pacific Biodiesel; Island Energy Services; Par Hawaii; Pono Pacific; Airlines for America; Hawaiian Airlines; and Airlines Committee of Hawaii. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Energy Justice Network.

Your Committee finds that the transportation sector significantly contributes to greenhouse gas emissions and that the State is heavily dependent on various modes of transportation for tourism, commerce, and inter-island travel. Your Committee further finds that renewable liquid fuels offer a viable solution to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions across various modes of transportation. This measure requests the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that a representative from the airline industry, rather than from Airlines for America, is requested to be invited to the working group;
- (2) Narrowing the Working Group's focus to fuels for the transportation sector by:
 - (A) Removing representatives from Hawaiian Electric, Hawaii Gas, and Kauai Island Utility Cooperative as individuals requested to be invited to the working group;
 - (B) Requesting the working group to identify costs, benefits, and risks of local renewable liquid fuel production; and
 - (C) Deleting the request for the working group to evaluate the adoption of a clean fuel standard;
- (3) Adding an interim reporting requirement for January 1, 2025;
- (4) Changing the deadline for the submission of the final report to January 1, 2026; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1867-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 128

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Health to establish a PFAS Testing Grant Program in collaboration with the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and one individual.

Your Committee finds that perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are toxic to humans, linked to serious health conditions, and remain in the environment for long periods once introduced. Your Committee further finds that testing and sampling for PFAS are essential in protecting public health. This measure requests the Department of Health to establish a PFAS Testing Grant Program in collaboration with the University of Hawaii to assist local communities, businesses, and residents in obtaining testing services and biological sampling for PFAS detection.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1868-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 106

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health, Department of Transportation, and Department of Land and Natural Resources to take any action possible to reduce the carbon emissions arising from airplane transportation to and from the State.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and Hawaiian Airlines.

Your Committee finds that the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that each individual must remain within a yearly "carbon budget" of 2.7 tons in order to keep human-made global warming below 1.7 degrees Celsius and reach zero net emissions by 2050. Your Committee further finds that the average round trip flight to and from the State creates 1.8 tons of carbon emissions, which is approximately two-thirds of a person's 2.7-ton annual carbon budget. Your Committee believes that research into sustainable aviation fuel and other decarbonization measures for air travel may lead to actionable recommendations that can be adopted by the State to reduce the environmental cost of travel to and from the islands.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 106, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 106, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1869-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 139

The purpose of this measure is to request a task force be convened to develop options to reduce cost and return increased value to residents from funds made available by the State for public mass transit.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Ulupono Initiative.

Your Committee finds that public mass transit projects produce significant benefits, such as reducing the cost of transit for commuters, reducing traffic, and increasing access to new areas in the urban core for housing and mixed use communities. Your Committee further finds that funding for public mass transit projects, such as the City and County of Honolulu's Skyline project, has historically been through county surcharges on the general excise tax, of which Hawaii residents bear approximately two-thirds of the cost.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that there is a lack of clarity with respect to the purpose and scope of the task force established by this measure. In particular, your Committee notes that it is unclear if the task force is being requested to study alternative funding mechanisms for public mass transit projects that would reduce the financial burden these projects place on State residents, or if the task force is being requested to generally develop criteria that should be considered before state funds are released to fund mass transit projects. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, consider clarifying the purpose and scope of the task force established by this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 139, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 139, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1870-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 140

The purpose of this measure is to request the convening of a task force to research and develop a green highway program in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Transportation.

Your Committee finds that green highways offer numerous benefits, including improved air and water quality, reduced noise pollution, enhanced biodiversity, and increased recreational opportunities. Green highways may also contribute to island heat mitigation by incorporating features such as green infrastructure, shade trees, and reflective pavements. Your Committee further finds that the implementation of a green highway program aligns with statewide goals for environmental stewardship, climate resilience, and sustainable development.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that this measure does not provide guidance or requirements as to the criteria that should be used when selecting co-chairpersons for the task force. Therefore, your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider establishing criteria the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives should use when selecting the task force's co-chairpersons.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 140, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1871-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 165

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the feasibility of bringing other airlines to serve the Molokai Airport.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three individuals.

Your Committee finds that as of January 2021, only one passenger airline has provided service to the general public out of Molokai Airport. Your Committee further finds that despite the best efforts of this airline, significant flight delays and cancellations, in addition to costly ticket prices and limited flights, have caused an undue burden on Molokai residents. Your Committee believes that exploring the feasibility of bringing other airlines to serve the Molokai Airport is in the best interest of the health and safety of Molokai's residents.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 165 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1872-24 Health & Homelessness on S.C.R. No. 23

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to amend the Hawaii Administrative Rules to authorize licensed dietitians to prescribe modified diets and plan therapeutic diets.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and three individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Garcia).

SCRep. 1873-24 Health & Homelessness on S.C.R. No. 34

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Medical Association and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association to convene a roundtable to establish medical protocols to ensure that an individual's thyroid function is tested before psychotropic medications for mental illness are prescribed.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and six individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 34 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Garcia).

SCRep. 1874-24 Health & Homelessness on S.C.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor to ensure that relevant state agencies, including the Department of Health and Department of Human Services, collaborate to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State's underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii's congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Human Services; Queen's Health System; Hawaii Pacific Health; Healthcare Association of Hawaii; Hawaii Primary Care Association; Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition of this measure from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that states pharmaceutical companies are intentionally undermining the purpose of the 340B Program;
- (2) Inserting language to reference Section 256B of Title 42 of the United States Code; and
- (3) Making technical, non-substantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 81, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 81, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Garcia).

SCRep. 1875-24 Education/Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 144

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education, University of Hawaii Community Colleges, and Hawaii P-20 Partnerships for Education to develop clear pathways for students in Department of Education career and technical education academies to seamlessly continue their education in career and technical education programs at University of Hawaii Community Colleges.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i Community Colleges; Hawai'i P-20 Partnerships for Education; and Chamber of Commerce Hawaii.

Your Committees find that students participating in career and technical education programs learn vital skills they need to attain high-skill, high-wage careers in high-demand occupational fields. Your Committees further find that the Department of Education offers its students up to thirteen broad continuing and technical education pathways. Your Committees note that, although the University of Hawaii also offers a wide array of continuing and technical education pathways for community college students, there is a lack of clear coordination between Department of Education and University of Hawaii educational systems. Your Committees believe that the development of clear pathways for students in Department of Education Career and Technical Education Academies to seamlessly continue their education in career and technical education programs at University of Hawaii Community Colleges is needed to ensure growth in the State's future labor force.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Education and Higher Education & Technology that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 144 and recommend that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committees.

Education: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Woodson, Marten, Matayoshi).

Higher Education & Technology: Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Marten, Matayoshi, Woodson).

SCRep. 1876-24 Education on S.C.R. No. 142

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to study the impact of teacher salary step movements on salary schedule compression.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i State Teachers Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Education.

Your Committee finds that teacher salary step movements play a crucial role in determining the career progression of educators and their compensation within the Hawaii public school system. Your Committee further finds that teachers have not always been provided with regular step movements, resulting in some teachers having decades of experience being "compressed" onto the same salary step as teachers having significantly fewer years of experience. Salary schedule compression has been recognized as an issue affecting the retention and morale of educators in the State. Your Committee believes that analyzing the impact of teacher salary step movements on salary schedule compression through a comprehensive study is critical in making informed policy decisions and ensuring fair and competitive compensation for teachers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 142, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Woodson, Marten, Matayoshi).

SCRep. 1877-24 Education on S.C.R. No. 98

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Education to partner with the Hawaii State Teachers Association and teacher education programs at local universities and colleges to provide pathways for school support personnel to become full-time teachers.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; University of Hawai'i System; Hawai'i State Teachers Association; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State is suffering a severe shortage of licensed teachers. In the 2021-2022 academic year, the Department of Education experienced a 12.3 percent increase in public school teacher turnover, with nine hundred twenty teachers who resigned and three hundred ten teachers who retired. School support staff for the Department of Education, such as aides and service staff, are also experiencing a high rate of turnover. Your Committee further finds that certain school support personnel, including education assistants, para-professional teachers, part-time teachers, and extended hire substitute teachers, play a critical role in the classroom. While school support personnel have extensive experience with instructional delivery, classroom operation, and pedagogy, many school support personnel who choose to enroll in teacher certification programs do not receive course credit for their classroom work and experience. Your Committee believes that providing more convenient pathways to obtain the requisites to become a full-time teacher will encourage school support personnel to pursue full-time teaching careers, which will help the State's current teacher shortage.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 98, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Woodson, Marten, Matayoshi).

SCRep. 1878-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 5

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Urge the Chief Information Officer to ensure prompt implementation of Act 172, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, (Act 172) on or before December 31, 2024; and
- (2) Request and advise the Chief Information Officer to submit a report to the Legislature no later than thirty days before the Regular Session of 2025, that:
 - (A) Describes the status of implementation of Act 172; and
 - (B) Makes any recommendations for future legislation needed to ensure that the State's electronic information technology meets or exceeds federal accessibility standards.

Your committee received testimony in support from the Department of Human Services, Disability and Communication Access Board, Hawaii Office of Enterprise Technology Services, National Federation of the Blind of Hawaii and five individuals. Your committee received comments from the Department of Human Services.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 5 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 1879-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 83

The purpose of this measure is to

- (1) The Office of Enterprise Technology Services (OETS) to improve the State's Open Data Portal by:
 - (A) Increasing and expanding the data sets available on the Open Data Portal;
 - (B) Centralizing all open data sets of all state departments onto the Open Data Portal;
 - (C) Continually updating the data sets for accuracy and recency of publicly accessible data; and
 - (D) Studying and assessing the successful open data portals of other states and major municipalities; and
- (2) The heads of all state departments to work with OETS to centralize their open data sets to the State's Open Data Portal.

Your committee received testimony in support from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 83 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 1880-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 143

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii at Mānoa to:

- (1) Develop a comprehensive plan to address undergraduate, graduate, and faculty housing facility needs on the University of Hawaii at Mānoa campus;
- (2) Redevelop Hale Noelani, increasing its bed space to at least one thousand five hundred beds using the most long-term cost-effective method to both the State, University, and students;
- (3) Develop a new business model, including the potential of mixed-use or private-public partnerships, that ensures the Student Housing Services program and faculty housing is capable of operating as a self-sustaining, special funded unit;
- (4) Create a plan within their budget to support in-state residents with demonstrated financial need via a housing allowance, stipend, or similar grant-in-aid to offset the cost of residents to ensure long-term affordability; and
- (5) Furnish a report to the Legislature that contains conceptual business models, operational plans, and financing models consistent with this Concurrent Resolution no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025.

Your committee received testimony in support from the University of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 143, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 1881-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 174

The purpose of this measure is to request:

- (1) The Legislature to convene a task force to develop a Twenty-First Century Data Governance Task Force (Task Force) to assess current demographic data collection, processing, retention, and sharing procedures utilized by all state agencies;
- (2) The Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) The Task Force to dissolve on June 30, 2025.

Your committee received testimony in support from the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 174, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 1882-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 202

The purpose of this measure is to urge the development of a baccalaureate degree program in education with an online option at Leeward Community College to address the educational needs of working adults in all counties.

Your committee received testimony in support from the University of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 202, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Quinlan, Todd, Woodson).

SCRep. 1883-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 6

The purpose of this measure is to approve the dedication of Kukuia Street, Lahaina, Hawaii, to the County of Maui.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Land Patent Grant No. S-15,792, issued on November 4, 1994, conveyed over five hundred acres of undeveloped land to the predecessor agency of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for the development of the Villages at Leali'i housing project in Lahaina. Your Committee further finds that following the completion of housing developments, land is historically dedicated to a county that will be in charge of maintaining the land. Your Committee finds that historically a dedication of land to a county represents a conveyance of lands from the Department's inventory and, as such, is subject to legislative approval by concurrent resolution under section 171-64.7, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1884-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 46

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to establish a working group to plan and construct a Hawaii First Responders Memorial.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial, which was completed in 2016, offers a place of honor for those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving the people of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that this measure is an important first step toward erecting a proper memorial that honors the sacrifices of Hawaii's non-law-enforcement first responders--firefighters, paramedics/emergency medical technicians, lifeguards, and medical flight nurses and pilots.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adding background information on the Hawaii Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 46, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 46, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1885-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 70

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency to make the installation of a new emergency siren near the intersection of Aumakua Street and Auhuhu Street in upper Pacific Palisades, Oahu, a top priority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21.

Your Committee finds that it is often difficult, if not impossible, for certain community members in the Pacific Palisades area to hear the emergency siren. Your Committee further finds that on numerous occasions, the Pearl City Neighborhood Board has sought the support of Hawaii's emergency management agencies to resolve this issue but has yet to receive proper assistance. Your Committee believes that placing a new siren in upper Pacific Palisades would resolve this issue and promote public safety.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 70, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1886-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 99

The purpose of this measure is to request the United States Department of Transportation to conduct an investigation into the safety of the bridges along Hana Highway.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from seven individuals.

Your Committee finds that as a heavily traveled route by residents and visitors, Hana Highway urgently needs an investigation of the safety of its numerous bridges.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 99 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Transportation.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1887-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 122

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to:

- (1) With support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center and other experts, conduct a study on the population status of individual species and families of coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu, prioritizing the severely depleted uhu and kala populations; and
- (2) Conduct an analysis of alternative policies for substantially replenishing populations of coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu within the decade.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Animal Rights Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy; Oceanic Preservation Society; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that coral reefs provide extremely valuable ecosystem goods and services for the people of Hawaii. Reefs are also fundamental to the fabric of local communities, providing a source of food, materials, and traditional activities. Your Committee further finds that many reefs around the island of Oahu have been degraded from poor land use practices and are dominated by dead coral covered by seaweeds. The maintenance and recovery of coral reefs require abundant and diverse herbivores, which keep reef surfaces clean so that corals can flourish.

Your Committee notes that the population of coral reef herbivores around Oahu is the lowest in the State, existing at below five percent of its potential. Your Committee believes that strengthening existing statewide fishing rules concerning herbivores, along with other policies and strategies, are needed to help replenish herbivore populations in the coral reefs surrounding Oahu.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending a provision to state that the depletion of herbivores results in reefs being dominated by seaweeds rather than corals, thus reducing fishing and other recreational, commercial, and traditional cultural opportunities;
- (2) Deleting a provision stating that coral reef herbivores are frequently targets of spearfishing at night around the island of Oahu when the fish are inactive and highly vulnerable, resulting in unsustainable exploitation and unreported catch;
- (3) Amending a provision to state that existing statewide fishing rules concerning herbivores may be insufficient to replenish herbivore populations around Oahu before coral bleaching becomes an annual event;
- (4) Modifying its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 122, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1888-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 123

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a working group to make recommendations on solutions to reduce wildfire risk and the feasibility of establishing a vegetation management program as it relates to landowners and public utilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaiian Electric. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Department of Land and Natural Resources; Charter Communications; and Hawaiian Telcom.

Your Committee finds that a significant portion of public and private lands in Hawaii are covered in unmanaged grasses, trees, and other vegetation, such as guinea grass, fountain grass, molasses grass, and buffelgrass, which can form continuous fuel beds, ignite easily, attain extremely high fine fuel loads, and are capable of growing back more vigorously in the post-fire environment than the majority of native vegetation. As a result, they pose an extraordinary wildfire risk. Your Committee further finds that vegetation management is essential for the mitigation of wildfire risks and the promotion of safer conditions for the State's communities and environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1889-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 181

The purpose of this measure is to request the establishment of a statewide firefighting aircraft program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaiian Electric.

Your Committee finds that because of its geographic isolation and unique topography, the State faces significant barriers to effective wildfire response. Your Committee further finds that each county's current aerial firefighting resources, such as helicopters and drones, are effective firefighting tools but are difficult to deploy outside of the county during times of mass emergencies. Your Committee believes that a statewide firefighting aircraft program would significantly increase the State's firefighting capabilities and enhance fire safety throughout the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 181, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1890-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 182

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Public Utilities Commission to honor and comply with its statutory duty to investigate the causes of the August 2023 Maui wildfires as required by section 269-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and Public Utilities Commission.

Your Committee finds that the Public Utilities Commission could and should do more to uphold its statutory obligations to investigate the causes of the 2023 Maui wildfires, which resulted in the loss of over one hundred lives, and exercise its investigatory and other powers to ensure that electric utility services are delivered in a safe, reliable, economical, and environmentally sound manner.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 182, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1891-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 186

The purpose of this measure is to request the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a comprehensive study on wildfire risk and insurance, including market-based approaches.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Insurance Division.

Your Committee finds that it is in the public interest to ensure the accessibility and availability of adequate insurance coverage for future losses from wildfires for the welfare and safety of residents of the State.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs testified that it does not currently have the resources or staff with expertise to conduct the study requested by this measure. Therefore, the Department would need an appropriation of funds to hire consultants. Your Committee also notes that the Department is requesting that the deadline to submit the report be delayed to at least one year after adoption of this measure to allow sufficient time to organize and conduct the study.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 186 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1892-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 203

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and County of Maui to inventory and map existing R-1 water (water recycled from wastewater that has undergone oxidation, filtration, and disinfection) delivery systems and reservoirs in Maui County.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one member of the Maui County Council and Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee finds that without increasing the use of reclaimed water in the State, residents will encounter potable drinking water shortages caused by the overuse of potable drinking water for agricultural, landscaping, or firefighting purposes. Your Committee further finds that an important first step in increasing the use of reclaimed water is to create accurate inventories and maps of existing R-1 water delivery systems and reservoirs that may be used to store reclaimed water.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources, along with the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development and County of Maui, to inventory and map existing R-1 water delivery systems and reservoirs in Maui County;
- (2) Broadening the scope of the inventory and mapping of existing R-1 water delivery systems and reservoirs to Maui County, not just the island of Maui;
- (3) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 203, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 203, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1893-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 215

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to collaborate with federal, state, and county governments; landowners; and stakeholders to protect, restore, and manage West Maui wetlands and wetlands statewide.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition.

Your Committee finds that wetlands provide vital environmental services, such as supporting subsistence food practices, protecting against sea surge inundations and sea level rise, safeguarding coral reefs and nearshore fisheries from the impacts of runoff, and providing habitats for native bird and plant species. Your Committee further finds over thirty percent of Hawaii's coastal wetlands have been lost due to development and stream diversion and that the State's wetlands, specifically those on West Maui, face significant challenges in the aftermath of the Maui wildfires.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 215, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1894-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 219

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Federal Emergency Management Agency to expedite the placement of Maui wildfire survivors into the Direct Lease Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Lahaina Strong and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that as of March 2024, hundreds of survivors and families of the August 2023 Maui wildfires still lack long-term housing. Your Committee further finds that one option for long-term housing is the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Direct Lease Program, whereby FEMA leases existing, ready-to-occupy residential properties for use as temporary housing for families displaced by wildfires. Your Committee recognizes that it is a moral and financial priority for the State to move as many survivors as possible into long-term housing programs by expediting the Direct Lease Program process.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 219, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1895-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.C.R. No. 147

The purpose of this measure is to request the State to begin planning to collaborate with partners in Japan to appropriately recognize the eightieth anniversary of the end of World War II, including the atomic bombings and lives lost in Japan and Hawaii throughout the war, and reaffirm a commitment to ensuring these tragedies are never repeated.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

Your Committee finds that August 2025 will mark the eightieth anniversary of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as well as the conclusion of World War II in the Pacific. Your Committee further finds that during World War II, Hawaii and Japan lost countless lives in the attacks on Pearl Harbor, the atomic bombings, and in battles throughout the Pacific theater and around the world. Your Committee concludes that properly recognizing and honoring the lives lost in World War II, particularly at the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will reaffirm the lessons learned from these tragedies, strengthen mutual respect and understanding between our people, and reaffirm the deep friendship between Japan and Hawaii for current and future generations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing who is requested to begin planning to collaborate with partners in Japan to appropriately recognize the end of World War II from the State to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 147, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 147, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1896-24 Human Services on S.C.R. No. 166

The purpose of this measure is to reaffirm the State's commitment to providing culturally appropriate resources, services, and programs for Native Hawaiian individuals and families experiencing intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education; Department of Human Services; Department of Health; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; State Council on Developmental Disabilities; and AlohaCare.

Your Committee finds that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and care providers face unique challenges and often require specialized resources and support. Your Committee further finds that Native Hawaiians are overrepresented among individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, highlighting the systemic disparities and increased vulnerabilities of this population. To ensure that the needs of the State's more vulnerable members are met, it is important to provide culturally appropriate resources, services, and programs that affirm the dignity and worth of Native Hawaiian individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing who is being urged to commit to provide these services, programs, and resources from the Governor and Legislature to pertinent state agencies;
- (2) Amending its title in accordance with its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 166, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 166, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1897-24 Human Services on S.C.R. No. 177

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Budget and finance to work with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to enhance the ABLE Savings Program by promoting it to all individuals who may qualify.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities; Executive Office on Aging; Hawaii Disability Rights Center; Community Advocacy Research Education Services; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 177 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1898-24 Human Services on S.C.R. No. 175

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Services to report on the cultural and therapeutic services provided by community-based organizations at the Kailua Youth and Family Wellness Center.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Opportunity Youth Action Hawaii; Partners in Development Foundation; Residential Youth Services and Empowerment; Community Advocacy Research Education Services; and one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 175 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1899-24 Human Services on S.C.R. No. 207

The purpose of this measure is to request the Auditor to conduct a sunrise analysis on mandating dental and vision insurance coverage.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Disability and Communication Access Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 207, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1900-24 Human Services on S.C.R. No. 156

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Congress to take immediate and decisive action to support middle-and lower-income households in America.

Your Committee did not receive testimony on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 156, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 5. Noes, 1 (Garcia). Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Nishimoto).

SCRep. 1901-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 52

The purpose of this measure is to request the Board of Agriculture to:

- (1) Conduct a study of the percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and actively being used for farming purposes;
- (2) Determine certain dollar amounts for each agricultural lease transferred from one lessee to another lessee; and
- (3) Submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2027.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that state agricultural lands are a crucial resource for achieving Hawai'i's goals of economic diversification and food self-sufficiency, but some subsidized leases are being used for non-agricultural purposes or remain unused. Furthermore, the transfer of leases to the highest bidder can result in windfall profits for lessees and may not ensure that the land is used by the most suitable farmers for agricultural production. Your Committee further finds that additional data is needed to assess the effectiveness of Department of Agriculture leases in maximizing the benefit of these lands to the State and to determine whether the transfer of leases results in the monetization of the difference between the actual and subsidized lease values for private, rather than State, benefit. This measure seeks to provide for this data by requesting the Board of Agriculture to conduct a study.

Your Committee notes testimony received from the Department of Agriculture stating that the study requested by this measure is unfunded and would cost approximately \$500,000 to conduct.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 52, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1902-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 53

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the Department of Agriculture establish an advisory commission to be convened quarterly and address certain issues to guide action and progress in the agriculture, aquaculture, and food systems industries of the State. The commission is to submit their findings and recommendations to the Board of Agriculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that one of the critical aims of the Hawaii Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is to develop agriculture, aquaculture, and food systems. As the State moves toward its self-sufficiency and food security goals, an advisory commission is necessary to increase communication, provide expert guidance, and create strategic partnerships between relevant stakeholders to support an increase in exports and local food production.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1903-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 129

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request:

- (1) The Department of Agriculture establish a Sustainable Food Systems Working Group to develop an Interagency Food Systems Plan;
- (2) The Working Group submit the Plan and its recommendations for the implementation of the Plan to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025;
- (3) The Department provide any necessary administrative and staff support to the Working Group; and
- (4) The Working Group be dissolved on June 30, 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Local Food Coalition; Ulupono Initiative; Hawaii Food Industry Association; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that food imports encompass eighty-five percent of available food in the State, which leaves communities vulnerable to disasters that may alter or disturb the current food system. Your Committee further finds that the development of a sustainable food system would not only make its local food production more resilient, but also support "green" job creation, sustainable economic development, land stewardship, and climate change resiliency. This measure temporarily establishes a Sustainable Food Systems Working Group to help establish a more sustainable food system for the State.

Your Committee notes testimony received by the Department of Agriculture stating that the Department lacks the capacity to meet unfunded mandates and that creating a working group without the participation of agricultural operators or organizations could be less effective than desired.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 129, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1904-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 164

- (1) Urge the Department of Agriculture to establish a two-year Agricultural Crime Pilot Project to examine and assess the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural crime cases, including those of agricultural theft, agricultural vandalism, and trespassing; and

(2) Request the Department of Agriculture to:

- (A) Examine and assess the effectiveness of prosecuting agricultural crimes;
- (B) Coordinate with the Department of Law Enforcement and each of the four counties to hire enforcement officers for each county;
- (C) Assess the implementation of the pilot project, including the pilot project's effectiveness, to determine whether to continue, make permanent, or end the pilot project;
- (D) Create additional tools such as a Crimestoppers Anonymous phone line, an accessible online form for better reporting, and an Agricultural Crime Task Force;
- (E) Submit an interim report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (F) Submit a final report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2026.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Kapapala Ranch; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that agricultural crimes, including theft, vandalism, and trespassing, are a persistent issue affecting farmers and ranchers in Hawaii, with nearly nineteen thousand incidents reported in 2019, resulting in approximately \$14,400,000 in losses and security costs. Despite the prevalence and cost of these crimes, many incidents go unreported, and few result in convictions, prompting the Legislature to establish a two-year Agricultural Theft and Vandalism Pilot Project in 2019 to examine the effectiveness of prosecuting such cases in Hawaii and Maui counties. Your Committee acknowledges these ongoing challenges facing local farmers, and this measure works to expand the pilot project statewide to provide resources to suppress incidences of agricultural crimes and losses to farmers, ranchers, aquaculturists, and floriculturists in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 164, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1905-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 191

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Agriculture to adopt proposed amendments to chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, that provide important authorities for the Department of Agriculture to prevent the spread of insects, diseases, and other invasive pests within the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species; and one individual.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds the Department of Agriculture has the sole authority to quarantine or prevent the movement of invasive pests or infested materials within the State, and all other state departments, county governments, industries, and the public rely on the Department to prevent the spread of these pests. The proposed amendments to chapter 4-72, Hawaii Administrative Rules, provide important authorities for the Department to prevent and slow the spread of high-impact invasive pests, such as coconut rhinoceros beetle, coqui frog, and little fire ants, and clarify the Department's authority to stop the sale of pest-infested merchandise directly to the public. Your Committee further finds that adopting these amendments is urgently needed to address the rapid spread of invasive pests within the State and protect Hawai'i's agricultural industries, natural resources, consumers, and the public.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 191 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1906-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 192

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Conduct a performance audit of the Plant Pest Control and Plant Quarantine Branches of the Department of Agriculture's Plant Industry Division; and
- (2) Submit a report of their findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee received comments the Office of the Auditor.

Your Committee finds that the establishment and spread of invasive species is harmful to Hawai'i's agriculture, native biota, public health, and economic well-being. The Plant Industry Division of the Department of Agriculture, which includes the Plant Quarantine Branch, Pesticides Branch, and Plant Pest Control Branch, is responsible for delivering the State's mandated biosecurity program and controlling or eradicating pests that could cause significant damage. Your Committee further finds that the Department of Agriculture has failed to produce the required annual report on the biosecurity program to the Thirty-Second Legislature, and previous audits have found deficiencies in the Plant Quarantine Branch's data gathering, data analysis, and organizational framework, as well as the utilization of its staff and operational capacity by the Plant Pest Control Branch. The performance audit requested in this measure will provide the information necessary for decision-makers to strengthen the State's biosecurity system and mitigate risks associated with invasive species.

Your Committee notes the increasing urgency to address biosecurity needs for the state and the importance of a holistic approach to a recommended audit relating to biosecurity in Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 192, S.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1907-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 63

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Transportation to prioritize remediation of the flooding issues present on Route 11 around Mile Post 60 as a safety project.

Your Committee did not receive any written testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that there is a well-documented history of flooding on Route 11 near Mile Post 60 on the island of Hawaii. Your Committee further finds that Mamalahoa Highway, which is used by nearby communities to access medical services and as an emergency evacuation route, is frequently closed due to flooding issues. Your Committee believes that these road closures pose significant safety issues to the communities that rely on Mamalahoa Highway. This measure is intended to encourage the Department of Transportation to address these safety concerns by prioritizing remediation of flooding issues present on Mamalahoa Highway.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 63, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1908-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 85

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to install speed bumps and speed limit signage on the portion of Kapolei Parkway between Kapolei High School and Kapolei Middle School.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation and Kapolei Makakilo Neighborhood Board. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that speeding is often a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents and traffic fatalities. Portions of Kapolei Parkway have experienced a number of such accidents and fatalities that frequently involved speeding. Your Committee further finds that the installation of road safety measures such as speed bumps and speed limit signs may help reduce the number of speeding vehicles and improve pedestrian safety in Kapolei.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 85 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1909-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Transportation to work with the City and County of Honolulu to plan and implement options for alternative ingress and egress routes in Pacific Palisades.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that best practices for emergency preparedness require a community to possess more than one evacuation route, as a single ingress and egress route may prevent emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency in a timely fashion. Your Committee further finds that Komo Mai Drive, a steep and winding one-lane road, is the only ingress and egress from Pacific Palisades, which could leave residents of Pacific Palisades trapped should Komo Mai Drive be obstructed during an emergency or natural disaster. This measure is intended to increase public safety by identifying alternative access routes for Pacific Palisades.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 116 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1910-24 Transportation on S.C.R. No. 25

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the Department of Transportation and Department of Transportation Services of the City and County of Honolulu to expand the red-light safety program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation; Disability and Communication Access Board; Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21; Kapalama Neighborhood Security Watch; and two individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that red-light running is one of the most significant causes of traffic fatalities and injuries at signalized intersections. Your Committee further finds that Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020, authorized the implantation of automated enforcement at certain intersections in urban Honolulu, and that as of February 2023, there have been nine hundred forty-six citations at the five intersections in urban Honolulu currently issuing citations. Your Committee believes that expanding automated enforcement of red-light running may reduce traffic fatalities and injuries across the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 25, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

SCRep. 1911-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 3

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Geological Survey to conduct topographical surveys, particularly within lava-flow hazard Zones 1 and 2, to its long-term lava-flow hazard map of Hawaii island.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the United States Geological Survey Miscellaneous Field Studies Map 2193, which shows long-term lava flow hazards on the island of Hawaii, was last updated in 1992. Your Committee further finds that an update to that map could help state and county emergency management agencies, as well as affected residents and businesses, better understand risks from volcanic hazards on the island of Hawaii.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 3, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1912-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 67

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Legislature to preserve, protect, and restore limu kala to the full extent of its capability.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received comments on this measure from Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Legislature recognized the critical role of limu kala in Hawaii's nearshore ecosystems and Native Hawaiian history and culture through the passage of Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which designated limu kala as the state limu of Hawaii. However, populations of Native Hawaiian limu, including limu kala, have been severely damaged by the ongoing effects of climate change, development, and pollution runoff. This measure reiterates the Legislature's commitment to supporting healthy reefs and nearshore ecosystems in the State by urging the protection and restoration of all Native Hawaiian limu populations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Broadening it to include Native Hawaiian limu in general;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 67, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 67, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1913-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 104

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State, City and County of Honolulu, and United States military to coordinate and address the issue of illegal dumping within Waipahu, Oahu, and the surrounding communities of Ewa, Pearl City, and Aiea.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that urgent action regarding illegal dumping is needed to mitigate health risks, protect the environment, and ensure the well-being of residents of and visitors to Waipahu and the surrounding communities of Ewa, Pearl City, and Aiea.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 104, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 104, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1914-24 Water & Land on S.C.R. No. 131

The purpose of this measure is to urge Hawaii's Congressional delegation to take all actions necessary and proper to cause the United States Congress to fund the construction and commencement of operations of a laboratory certified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to analyze environmental toxins in the State and publish its results to the public.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Honolulu Board of Water Supply; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

Your Committee finds that although section 321-29.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted in 2022 to mandate the Department of Health to establish and operate a toxicology laboratory designed to test for diseases as well as air and water quality issues, no such laboratory has yet been funded or constructed. Following the November 2021 Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility release of fuel and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances containing aqueous film forming foam, the Department of Health's laboratory lacked the capability to evaluate the presence of toxins in water, so the State had to send samples to the continental United States and wait nearly one month for a determination of the toxicity level of exposure of nearly one hundred thousand individuals. Your Committee further finds that a local facility that can test for diseases and air and water quality issues and provide the public with timely analyses of environmental toxins would significantly aid in preventing contamination of the water supply and mitigating threats to Hawaii's environment and public health.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its title accordingly;
- (2) Clarifying the lack of adequate testing laboratory facilities in the State that can expeditiously identify diseases and toxins; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 131, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 131, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1915-24 Energy & Environmental Protection on S.C.R. No. 220

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Hawaii construction industry to increase the recycling of construction and demolition debris and to expand the usage of recycled construction materials to the greatest extent possible.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that many of the State's landfills are reaching capacity or expected to close within the next twenty years. Your Committee further finds that increased recycling of construction and demolition debris would help divert significant amounts of waste from entering the State's landfills. This measure urges the Hawaii construction industry to increase the recycling of construction and demolition debris and to expand the usage of recycled construction materials to the greatest extent possible.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 220 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Gates, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1916-24 Health & Homelessness on S.C.R. No. 64

The purpose of this measure is to urge the State and counties to prioritize and direct all available resources to supporting coordinated interagency collaboration and public-private partnerships aimed at addressing the ongoing fentanyl epidemic.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health and Hawaii Island Fentanyl Task Force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health & Homelessness that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 64 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Kobayashi, Garcia).

SCRep. 1917-24 Economic Development on S.C.R. No. 145

The purpose of this measure is to request the appropriate stakeholders to update the East-West Center study titled "Hawaii as an East-West Bridge: A Survey of the Economic Value of Non-Tourist International Activities in Hawaii".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the East-West Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that the East-West Center conducted a study in 1990 titled "Hawaii as an East-West Bridge: A Survey of the Economic Value of Non-Tourist International Activities in Hawaii" to measure the value of non-tourist international activities in Hawaii and demonstrate such activities' significance to the state economy. Your Committee further finds that updating this study will enable the State to adapt to emerging trends, engage in new opportunities, and address evolving challenges, helping to ensure Hawaii's resilience and economic competitiveness in the global arena.

Your Committee notes that in written testimony the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism states that the estimated cost to conduct the study is between \$60,000 to \$75,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Nakamura).

SCRep. 1918-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.C.R. No. 1

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the day of the second new moon after the winter solstice of every year as the Lunar New Year in the State of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from CARES and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Lunar New Year is observed by numerous residents in the State, especially by the State's Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese populations. Your Committee concludes that recognizing the Lunar New Year in Hawaii honors the State's rich cultural history, demonstrates its commitment to cultural diversity, and extends best wishes for peace and prosperity to all who celebrate this important occasion.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting recognition of the Lunar New Year from every year to only 2025;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1919-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.C.R. No. 2

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Legislature to endorse the participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and International Criminal Police Organization; support the further progress on and speedy conclusion to the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade; encourage the United States Trade Representative to commence negotiations to enter into a bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan; and support the State's thirty-first anniversary of sister-state relations with Taiwan the forty-fifth anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Honolulu; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the United States and Taiwan are bonded by a shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy. Your Committee concludes that it is critical to strengthen the ties between Taiwan and the United States by assisting Taiwan on a global stage, developing stronger United States-Taiwan trade initiatives, and supporting Hawaii's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 2, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1920-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.C.R. No. 146

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the State to consider the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the Spanish province of the Balearic Islands.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from five individuals. Your committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Your Committee finds that pursuant to section 229-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and another state or province follows an evaluation and recommendation by the Hawaii Sister-State Committee, which then forwards its recommendation to the Legislature for its consideration. Your Committee further finds that the province of the Balearic Islands, also known as Baleares, is comparable to Hawaii in many ways, including but not limited to geography, tourism, housing, climate, numbers of county councils governing the islands, and economies and work forces that rely on tourism. Your Committee concludes that the combination of similar experiences between Hawaii and Baleares affords a valuable opportunity to develop, learn, and confront the most pressing issues affecting both places.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing who is urged to consider the initiation of a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and Baleares from the State to the Hawaii Sister-State Committee;
- (2) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Martinez, Matayoshi, Alcos).

SCRep. 1921-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 29

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Support efforts to improve the Aquaculture Development Program Strategic Plan; and
- (2) Adopt the recommendations made by Hatch Innovation Services in its February 2024 report regarding the Strategic Plan.

Your Committee has received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that Hawai'i's aquaculture industry has significant potential for growth and development due to the State's unique advantages, including its favorable climate, access to varied water temperatures, ongoing restorative aquaculture at Native Hawaiian fishponds, and a strong aquaculture research environment. This measure supports the Aquaculture Development Program's ten-year strategic plan, aiming to develop a robust, sustainable food-production system that will contribute meaningfully to the community, economy, and environment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 29 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1922-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 101

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge a transition to a plant-based lifestyle.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i; Climate Protectors Hawaii and Ocean Reef and Ocean Coalition; Down to Earth Organic & Natural; 350 Hawaii; Vegan Society of Hawaii; and twelve individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition from Kapapala Ranch; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; SC Ranch; and four individuals.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that a plant-based lifestyle can offer a multitude of beneficial impacts to human health, animal welfare, local agriculture and the environment. This measure urges the transition to a plant-based lifestyle and acknowledges the enormous positive impacts attributed to it, including reducing the effects of climate change by reducing market demand for carbon-emitting meat products.

Your Committee notes that a plant-based food lifestyle means eating patterns that focus primarily on foods originating from plants. This includes not only fruits and vegetables, but also nuts, seeds, oils, whole grains, legumes, and beans. It does not mean an exclusively vegetarian or vegan diet, but one that proportionally adds more foods from plant sources to a diet that may also include foods from animal sources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language advocating for the phasing out or eliminating of animal-based food products from the diet; and
- (2) Adding language specifying foods and calorie breakdown of the traditional Native Hawaiian diet.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 101, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 101, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1923-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 152

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the City and County of Honolulu to collaborate with the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Farm Bureau and one individual.

Your Committee received comments from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that community gardening provides numerous individual health benefits, while also providing communities with a source of organic, healthy, and affordable local food options. In Honolulu, where a significant portion of the population resides in condominiums and densely populated neighborhoods, community garden programs offer a respite from city life and have become increasingly popular, with demand rapidly outpacing available supply, as exemplified by the extensive waitlist at the Ala Wai Community Garden. This measure encourages collaboration between the City and County of Honolulu and the State to expand community gardening opportunities for residents on Oahu.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 152 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1924-24 Agriculture & Food Systems on S.C.R. No. 178

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the State to:

- (1) Prohibit the introduction of biocontrol agents that might threaten economically important forage grass species; and
- (2) Provide for the protection of Hawai'i's rangelands and important forage grass species that sustain beef cattle production through funding policies, initiatives, and directives to state agencies to incentivize livestock grazing for the management of forage grasses and other vegetation on lands managed by the State and private sector that are currently undermanaged.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Kapapala Ranch; Larry Jefts Farms, LLC; and four individuals.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawai'i's beef cattle industry is a major agricultural sector, contributing over \$48,000,000 to the state economy annually through job creation, taxes, and the sale of animals and meat products, while also improving the State's food security. Ranchers provide vital ecosystem services such as soil stabilization, watershed capacity enhancement, carbon sequestration, nutrient cycling, and noxious weed suppression. Your Committee further finds that the local beef cattle industry relies on intentionally introduced forage grasses that are essential for feeding communities across the islands and providing manageable and sustainable ground cover, but these grasses are increasingly being labeled as invasive and targeted for eradication without considering the adverse impact on ranchers and their stewardship role. This measure supports the effort to prevent the eradication of these grasses to sustain beef cattle production in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 178 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 4; Ayes with Reservations (Lowen, Perruso). Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Cochran, Woodson, Ward).

SCRep. 1925-24 Water & Land on H.R. No. 77

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the issue of illegal dumping within the Waipahu community and urge the State, City and County of Honolulu, and military to work together to address this concern.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted and made available for public review a proposed H.D. 1, which deletes the contents of this measure and instead strongly urges the City and County of Honolulu to reconsider using the Waipio Soccer Complex as its next landfill site.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the proposed H.D. 1 from one member of the Honolulu City Council; Hawaii Youth Soccer Association; Hui O Ho'ohonua; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to the proposed H.D. 1 from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the proposed H.D. 1 recognizes that the conversion of the Waipio Soccer Complex, which serves as a crucial hub for collegiate, high school, and amateur sports and recreational activities and provides opportunities for the community to engage in physical fitness and social interaction, into a landfill site would:

- (1) Pose detrimental effects on the environment, including soil contamination, air pollution, and disruption of wildlife habitats, including nearby marine and wetland habitats;
- (2) Adversely affect the health and well-being of nearby residents, exposing them to potential hazards associated with waste-disposal activities, such as odors, noise, and increased traffic congestion; and
- (3) Significantly affect Waipahu High School, which is located in close proximity to the Waipio Soccer Complex, and potentially expose students, faculty, and staff to health risks and environmental hazards.

Your Committee further finds that there exist alternative sites for landfill development that are less ecologically sensitive and more suitable for accommodating waste-management needs without compromising the integrity of recreational spaces and the natural environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by adopting the proposed H.D. 1.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 77, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 77, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

SCRep. 1926-24 Higher Education & Technology on S.C.R. No. 128

The purpose of this measure request the Department of Health to establish a PFAS Testing Grant Program in collaboration with the University of Hawaii.

Your committee received testimony in support from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (La Chica, Matayoshi, Woodson, Garcia).

SCRep. 1927-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.C.R. No. 27

The purpose of this measure is to encourage the United States Navy to eradicate octocoral and other invasive species from the waters of Pearl Harbor.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii Military Affairs Council.

Your Committee finds that octocoral and other invasive species are threatening Pearl Harbor's maritime ecosystem. As stewards of the waters of Pearl Harbor, the United States Navy is responsible for eradicating these invasive species before they spread to other areas within state waters.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title;
- (2) Urging the United States Navy to provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with regular updates on the status of eradication efforts and the extent of invasive octocoral;
- (3) Requiring that a certified copy of this measure be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Souza).

SCRep. 1928-24 Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs on S.C.R. No. 213

The purpose of this measure is to request the Office of the Administrative Director of the Courts to collect, compile, and share data on the assessment of fees, court costs, fines, and restitution in cases against minors.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Public Defender; ACLU Hawai'i; Policy Advocacy Clinic at Berkeley Law; Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice; Opportunity Youth Action Hawai'i; and Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Judiciary.

Your Committee finds that the imposition of fees, fines, and costs on young people and their families can have wide-ranging consequences, none of which serves the purposes of rehabilitating, deterring, or punishing delinquent youth. Your Committee further finds that these monetary assessments have a disproportionate impact on families of color and can even lead to recidivism and escalating crime. The information provided pursuant to this measure will assist the Legislature as it examines the practice of imposing monetary assessments on Hawaii's youth and families.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 213, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 4 (Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Souza).

SCRep. 1929-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.C.R. No. 23

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Health to amend the Hawaii Administrative Rules to authorize licensed dietitians to prescribe modified diets and plan therapeutic diets.

Your Committee received testimony in support from two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 23, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Onishi, Tam).

SCRep. 1930-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.C.R. No. 34

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii Medical Association and Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association to convene a roundtable to establish medical protocols to ensure that an individual's thyroid function is tested before psychotropic medications for mental illness are prescribed.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii Disability Rights Center and three individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition from one individual.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 34 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Onishi, Tam).

SCRep. 1931-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.C.R. No. 97

The purpose of this measure is to request the Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to study local production, development, and incentives for renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Airlines Committee of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau; Airlines for America; Island Energy Services; Hawaiian Airlines; Pono Pacific; Par Hawaii; and Hawaii Gas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6; Ayes with Reservations (Amato). Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Onishi, Tam).

SCRep. 1932-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.C.R. No. 115

The purpose of this measure is to encourage developers to incorporate net zero water building strategies when constructing and renovating housing projects in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support from Hawaii Housing Finance & Development Corporation and Ulu pono Initiative.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 115 and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Onishi, Tam).

SCRep. 1933-24 Consumer Protection & Commerce on S.C.R. No. 183

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of the Attorney General to investigate and enforce applicable laws against landlords who are ending rental agreements to house individuals who are eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Direct Lease Program or the Department of Human Services Rental Assistance Program.

Your Committee did not receive public testimony on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 183, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Hussey-Burdick, Gates, Lowen, Onishi, Tam).

SCRep. 1934-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 142

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Education to study the impact of teacher salary step movements on salary schedule compression.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 142, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1935-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 143

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii to develop a comprehensive plan to address student and faculty housing facility needs at the Manoa campus.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 143, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1936-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 6

The purpose and intent of this measure is to approve the dedication of Kukuia Street, Lahaina, Hawaii, to the County of Maui.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1937-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 122

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts to conduct a study on the population status of coral reef herbivores around the island of Oahu and develop effective policies for substantially increasing those populations within a decade.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 122, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1938-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 33

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to convene an interagency task force to combat the underground economy and employee misclassification in the state's construction industry.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 33, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1939-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 184

The purpose of this measure is to request the Department of Human Resources Development to conduct a sample survey of organizations in the state within the for-profit, nonprofit, and government sectors that have successfully implemented remote work, hybrid work, or telework arrangements.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 184, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1940-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 45

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Director of Finance to adopt administrative rules to define “beneficial effects to the State” to include the financing of housing.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 45, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1941-24 Finance on S.C.R. No. 81

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Governor to ensure that relevant state agencies, including the Department of Health and Department of Human Services, collaborate to explore avenues to ensure continued access to affordable medications for the State’s underserved populations under the 340B drug pricing program and urging Hawaii’s congressional delegation and relevant federal agencies to monitor pharmaceutical companies and take appropriate actions to protect the integrity of the 340B drug pricing program.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 81, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 11. Noes, none. Excused, 5 (Kila, Kobayashi, Nishimoto, Alcos, Ward).

SCRep. 1942-24 Culture, Arts, & International Affairs on S.C.R. No. 13

The purpose of this measure is to urge the President of the United States and members of Hawaii’s Congressional delegation to support an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawai‘i County Council; Syced Investigations, LLC; Malu ‘Aina; Trinity United Methodist Church; Aloha Lokahi Association; HULI PAC; Autotech Kona; Sierra Club of Hawai‘i; Green Party of Hawai‘i; Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Episcopal Church in Hawaii; UNITE HERE Local 5; Progressive Democrats of Hawaii; Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management; Our Revolution Hawaii; Muslim Association of Hawaii; AF3IRM; Jewish Voice for Peace-Hawaii; Ka Lei Maile Alii; Kona 4 Palestine; Veterans for Peace, Hawai‘i Ch. 113; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Jewish Sisterhood of Kaua‘i; Jewish Community of Kaua‘i; Jewish Community Relations Board of Hawaii; Kauai Jewish Center; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that between October 7, 2023, and April 4, 2024, armed violence has claimed the lives of more than thirteen thousand Palestinians and wounded tens of thousands more, the majority of which are civilians. Your Committee further finds that hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a permanent ceasefire is not reached and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay. Your Committee therefore believes that the United States federal government should utilize its immense diplomatic and economic power to save Palestinian and Israeli lives.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying Hamas' role in the Israel-Hamas War Hostage Crisis;
- (2) Inserting language about the meaning of "Aloha";
- (3) Clarifying that members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation and the Biden Administration are urged to publicly call for an immediate, permanent bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and the return of all hostages; facilitate the de-escalation of hostilities; promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza; and continue negotiations for lasting peace in the region;
- (4) Amending its title accordingly; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 13, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

Signed by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

Ayes, 6. Noes, 1 (Alcos). Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 1-24 on H.B. No. 1800

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate supplemental funds for the operating costs of the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2025.

The biennium budget was enacted in June 2023 as Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. A short time later and after the Legislature's Regular Session of 2023 had adjourned, Lahaina and Upcountry Maui experienced devastating wildfires and burned.

The State's financial commitment to wildfire recovery has been substantial in both services and supports that may be reimbursable by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. However, the constitutional responsibility and power to appropriate funds rests solely with the Legislature. As such, your Committee on Conference remains resolute in providing for wildfire survivors and maintaining core services and operations statewide in areas like public education, healthcare, and natural resource protection.

Fully determining the State's exposure to wildfire-related expenses remains an extremely challenging task. This challenge has been compounded by the resolution of hazard pay commitments the State must provide for dedicated public employees who provided continuous critical services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, during disasters like the Maui wildfires, the federal government often assists states in mitigating recovery costs. Reimbursements, however, are almost never immediate, and it may take several years for the State to receive these funds.

Communication, coordination, and cooperation among all branches of government will be needed in the coming days, months, and years to develop and implement solutions for survivors. Preserving, maintaining, and enhancing fundamental services are priorities of this budget.

Your Committee on Conference has approved a Conference Draft of the Executive budget that appropriates \$19,023,831,466 in all funds, inclusive of \$10,733,671,097 in general funds, for fiscal year 2023-2024 and \$19,209,528,184 in all funds, inclusive of \$10,395,945,997 in general funds, for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Operating

	Fiscal Year 2023-2024		Fiscal Year 2024-2025	
	All Funds	General Funds	All Funds	General Funds
Executive Budget, Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023	\$19,026,771,466	\$10,736,611,097	\$18,206,398,573	\$9,896,004,553
Net Change	-\$2,940,000	-\$2,940,000	\$1,003,129,611	\$499,941,444
Total Appropriation	\$19,023,831,466	\$10,733,671,097	\$19,209,528,184	\$10,395,945,997

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Aiu, Chun, Cochran, Garrett, Kahaloa, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Lamosao, Morikawa, Nishimoto, Poepoe, Takenouchi, Alcos and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 16. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Dela Cruz, Moriwaki, Aquino, DeCoite, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Kim, Lee, Shimabukuro, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 12. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Shimabukuro).

Conf. Com. Rep. 2-24 on H.B. No. 1911

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate supplemental funds for the Judiciary for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2025.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting appropriate operating and capital improvement amounts for fiscal biennium 2023-2025, as well as making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As amended, this budget appropriates:

	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
General Funds	\$185,148,711	\$197,840,871
All Means of Financing	\$197,865,224	\$210,686,624

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1911, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Yamashita, Kitagawa, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Senators Rhoads, Moriwaki, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 3-24 on H.B. No. 2058

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Define what constitutes a dangerous dog; and

- (2) Establish requirements and penalties for owners of dangerous dogs.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the felony offense of negligent failure to control a dangerous dog to include an attack that results in serious bodily injury to a person other than the owner;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024, but delaying the effective date to July 1, 2025, for various provisions related to the designation of dangerous dogs, requirements for owners of dangerous dogs, and impoundment of dangerous dogs; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2058, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Morikawa, Ilagan and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Gabbard and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 4-24 on H.B. No. 2458

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate alleged violations of the law when directed to do so by the Governor or when the Director determines that an investigation would be in the public interest; and
- (2) Authorize the Director of Law Enforcement to issue subpoenas as part of the investigative powers of the Department of Law Enforcement.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2458, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ganaden, Miyake, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 5-24 on H.B. No. 1916

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit, upon written request from certain public servants or their representative, any government agency, person, or organization from making certain personal information publicly available on the Internet.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the exception for the disclosure of protected personal information to allow recorded instruments affecting title to real property or property tax records to be provided to, or by, title insurers, underwritten title companies, licensed title insurance producers, or title plant companies; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1916, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nakashima, Evslin, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, 1 (Pierick). Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 6-24 on H.B. No. 1944

The purpose of this measure is to authorize certain types of radiographical coverage and specialist consultations without a treatment plan within the context of workers' compensation coverage for employees with cervical and lumbar spinal injuries, or suspected cervical and lumbar spinal injuries.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1944, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Tam, Kitagawa, Garrett and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Keohokalole and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 7-24 on H.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to require cash or protest bonds to be returned to the initiating parties, minus administrative costs as determined by the Office of Administrative Hearings of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, except in cases where the appeal was frivolous or made in bad faith.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2070, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Tarnas, Miyake, Tam and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tam).

Senators McKelvey, Keohokalole and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 8-24 on H.B. No. 2365

The purpose of this measure is to replace the Director of Law Enforcement with the Director of Corrections and Rehabilitation on the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2365, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Chun, Takayama and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Kanuha, Elefante and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 9-24 on H.B. No. 2315

The purpose of this measure is to amend the laws regarding condominium association voting and meetings by:

- (1) Repealing the provisions governing the use of an electronic voting device and references to machine voting at association meetings; and
- (2) Clarifying the procedures for electronic meetings, electronic voting, and mail voting.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2315, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Tarnas, Holt, Takayama, Tam and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Richards, Rhoads, Fukunaga and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 10-24 on S.B. No. 2693

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the offense of charitable fraud during a state of emergency; and
- (2) Provide that a person commits charitable fraud during a state of emergency if that person, during a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, performs certain deceptive acts or practices in connection with the solicitation of a contribution to assist persons affected by a disaster or emergency.

Your Committee on Conference finds that natural disasters present an opportunity for persons to fraudulently solicit contributions for disaster relief victims during a state of emergency declared by the Governor. Your Committee on Conference believes that this measure will provide the State with avenues to prosecute persons engaging in charitable fraud and theft in the aftermath of an emergency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2693, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Holt, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 11-24 on S.B. No. 3037

The purpose of this measure is to allow the prosecution of persons who provide pornographic materials to undercover law enforcement officers who represent themselves as minors for the purposes of undercover operations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, run by the Department of the Attorney General, in collaboration with various federal and county law enforcement agencies, regularly conducts undercover operations where undercover law enforcement officers pose as minors on the Internet to identify, locate, arrest, and prosecute offenders who solicit minors to engage in sexual activities. However, existing law only allows for prosecution if the pornographic material is sent to an actual minor. This measure will enhance law enforcement's efforts to combat crimes against children by allowing prosecution of those who disseminate pornographic materials to undercover law enforcement officers who pose as minors.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3037, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ganaden, Kong, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Elefante, Gabbard and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 12-24 on S.B. No. 2845

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit:

- (1) A person from selling ammunition to a person under the age of twenty-one; and
- (2) A person under the age of twenty-one from owning, possessing, or controlling ammunition, with exceptions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that setting a minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess ammunition that conforms to the existing minimum age requirement to purchase, own, or possess a firearm in the State will help to ensure the safety of residents and reduce incidents of gun violence in the State. Accordingly, this measure will improve public safety and conform the State's laws regulating ammunition with the State's existing firearm laws.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2845, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Holt, Takayama and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 13-24 on S.B. No. 2927

The purpose of this measure is to propose amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution to make the appointment and Senate consent procedure for District Court judges the same as those for Supreme Court justices and Intermediate Court of Appeals and Circuit Court judges.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the existing Senate confirmation process for judicial appointments differs if the appointment is made by the Governor or the Chief Justice. Additionally, due to the Legislature being a part-time legislature, the Senate must convene special sessions throughout the year for the sole purpose of consenting to District Court appointments. This measure will reduce confusion, promote government efficiency, and provide clarity for the judicial appointment process by making the Senate confirmation process for judicial appointments the same, regardless of whether the appointment is made by the Governor or the Chief Justice.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2927, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Aquino and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 14-24 on S.B. No. 3034

The purpose of this measure is to explicitly categorize defenses to penal liability based on intoxication that is not self-induced or is pathological as affirmative defenses.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law allows criminal defendants to raise intoxication defenses during the trial, which leaves the prosecution at severe disadvantage due to the prosecution lacking sufficient time to investigate these claims. This measure will shift the initial burden of proof regarding these defenses to the defendant, thereby allowing the prosecution to fully vet the legitimacy of the defense and possible lack of supportive evidence while still requiring a defendant be found not guilty, should the prosecution be unable to meet its burden of proof.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

(1) Including a sunset date of July 1, 2034;

(2) Making it effective upon its approval; and

(3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3034, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 15-24 on S.B. No. 3033

The purpose of this measure is to align the criminal offense of tampering with physical evidence with the wording of the Model Penal Code for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law omits several phrases from the corresponding offense in the Model Penal Code that are needed to comprehensively combat physical evidence offenses. Tampering with physical evidence can take many forms beyond what is provided in existing law, and your Committee on Conference believes that the Model Penal Code wording for the corresponding offense encompasses those forms. This measure will increase the probability that evidence will be accurate and credible by increasing the scope of when tampering with physical evidence is an offense and making the fabrication of physical evidence an offense.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

(1) Making it effective upon its approval; and

(2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3033, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3033, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, San Buenaventura and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 16-24 on S.B. No. 2347

The purpose of this measure is to establish the offense of habitual violent crime.

Your Committee on Conference finds that most violent crimes are committed by a small number of repeat offenders. Despite this, many repeat offenders face minimal consequences for their repeated acts of violence. This measure will deter violent crime in local communities while ensuring that repeat offenders are held accountable for their acts of violence.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a sunset date of June 30, 2027;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2347, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ilagan, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 17-24 on S.B. No. 2333

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Chief Election Officer to use accurate copies of paper ballots, rather than the originals, when conducting a precinct audit of an electronic voting system's tally.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law requires the Chief Election Officer, as a condition of using an electronic tally of ballots created by an electronic voting system, to conduct a random audit of the vote counts in ten percent of the precincts where an electronic voting system was used. This measure will improve the efficiency of the required audits by clarifying and updating the conduct of the audits used with modernized voting equipment and technology for elections by mail.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2333, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Miyake, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 18-24 on S.B. No. 2217

The purpose of this measure is to increase uniformity, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration and enforcement of the State Ethics Code and lobbyists law by:

- (1) Establishing a phased process for adjusting the reporting period for gift disclosures filed with the State Ethics Commission to conform with the state fiscal year; and
- (2) Providing for the electronic filing of statements required by the State Ethics Commission.

Your Committee on Conference finds that although the state fiscal year begins on July 1, existing law requires legislators and employees to submit a gifts disclosure statement with the State Ethics Commission no later than June 30 of each year, covering a period from June 1 of the preceding calendar year through May 31 of the year of the report. This measure will align the gift reporting requirement with the state fiscal year to promote conformity and efficiency and reduce confusion regarding the administration and enforcement of the State Ethics Code and state lobbyists law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2217, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Morikawa, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 19-24 on S.B. No. 2197

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "advance gambling activity" to repeal language that included making no effort to prevent the occurrence or continuation of gambling activity.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing law only requires the owner of a property to make an effort to stop illegal gambling from occurring on the property, which results in many owners taking minimal effort to evict tenants who conduct illegal operations, despite the owners receiving notice from law

enforcement that illegal activity is occurring on their property. This measure will improve public safety by holding property owners accountable if they allow illegal gambling establishments to continue to operate on their property.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including a sunset date of July 1, 2029; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ganaden, Kong, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Elefante, San Buenaventura and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 20-24 on S.B. No. 2193

The purpose of this measure is to amend the offense of use of a computer in the commission of a separate crime to include violation of privacy in the first and second degrees.

Your Committee on Conference finds that including the offenses of violation of privacy in the first and second degrees under the offense of use of a computer in the commission of a separate crime will strengthen penalties against violators for conducting this type of illegal behavior. This measure will strengthen law enforcement's ability to combat these types of computer crimes, provide an additional tool for prosecutors, and serve as a deterrent to prevent these types of crimes from occurring.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2193, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Takayama, Kong and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Elefante, San Buenaventura and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 21-24 on S.B. No. 2216

The purpose of this measure is to clarify and modernize the way the State Ethics Commission provides advice and conducts investigations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that a key component of a proactive ethical framework is the ability for the State Ethics Commission to provide timely advice. Additionally, your Committee on Conference believes that modernizing the investigative process in statute will help to provide clarity and reduce the potential for misreading the process. This measure will therefore address the need for clarity in the advice-seeking process by providing public officials with a confidential and secure mechanism to request advice and make necessary house-keeping amendments to modernize the investigative process.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Morikawa, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Elefante, Gabbard and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 22-24 on S.B. No. 3123

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to access vital records for purposes of verifying Native Hawaiian ancestry for beneficiary programs; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement to assure appropriate access and handling of confidential records and sealed records that have been unsealed pursuant to court order.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Department of Hawaiian Home Lands staff currently requests genealogical research services for claimants of native Hawaiian beneficiary status on an individual basis. Your Committee on Conference further finds that authorizing the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands staff to work alongside Department of Health staff would greatly accelerate the process. This measure will therefore ease the administrative burden on

Department of Hawaiian Home Lands staff conducting genealogical research to determine eligibility for certain programs, including Hawaiian Home Lands homestead leases.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ganaden, Holt, Kong, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Kong).

Senators Shimabukuro, San Buenaventura, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 23-24 on H.B. No. 2478

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that at least one commissioner of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission representing Hawaii must be a practitioner of and expert in traditional and customary native Hawaiian cultural fishing practices and must serve as a representative of such on the Commission;
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon its approval; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Poepoe, Tarnas, Kila, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Gabbard, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 24-24 on S.B. No. 3154

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that failure to comply with approved mitigation commitments, conduct an archaeological survey, or comply with other administrative requirements pertaining to archaeology approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall result in civil and administrative violations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that stronger enforcement mechanisms are needed to protect cultural and historical sites from irresponsible archaeology and development practices. This measure will allow the State Historic Preservation Division to regulate archaeological activities more effectively by authorizing the State Historic Preservation Division to pursue assessments of administrative violations.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3154, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Poepoe and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 25-24 on S.B. No. 3011

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make it unlawful for any person to operate a weed whacker in or within one hundred feet of a residential zone, subject to certain exceptions;
- (2) Extend the time for the use of leaf blowers and weed whackers within or near residential zones;
- (3) Provide exceptions for government entities and agents acting on behalf of government entities during emergencies; and
- (4) Define weed whacker.

Your Committee on Conference finds that weed whackers emit an excessive amount of noise, which is not only a disturbance for residents and communities, but also a public health concern for the State, and has the potential to cause permanent hearing damage. This measure restricts the usage of weed whackers to certain times of the day to alleviate sound nuisances and safeguard public health.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Rhoads and Keohokalole.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. 26-24 on S.B. No. 3236

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that if no personal property designation appears in a recorded instrument relating to the Land Trust Act, the interests of the beneficiaries shall be real property.

Your Committee on Conference finds that to fulfil its mission to fully support self-sufficiency for native Hawaiians by providing the opportunity for homestead leases and homeownership, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has been creating the opportunity for lower-income native Hawaiians on the Department's waiting list to access Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation funding through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program. However, if a "renter" accessing funding this way dies before a fifteen-year compliance period is finished and their intended successor is less than fifty percent native Hawaiian, the unit cannot be transferred to their intended successor and the intended successor receives nothing. This measure will address this problem by clarifying that the beneficiary interest under these types of land trusts are real property, rather than personal property.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3236, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 27-24 on S.B. No. 2529

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "patient's provider" in State law governing Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment by removing language that requires the provider to examine the patient.

Your Committee on Conference finds that one of the most important documents for patients with a serious illness is a Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form, a portable medical order that documents a patient's care plan outside the hospital and specifies the patient's wishes and directions to health care providers regarding the provision of resuscitative and life-sustaining measures. Your Committee on Conference further finds that language in existing law, which can be interpreted as requiring health care providers to meet with the patient face-to-face before signing the POLST, impedes patients from obtaining POLST in a timely manner, thereby exposing the sickest and most vulnerable patients to the risk of receiving unwanted and unnecessary care. This measure will aid patients in creating or updating POLST documentation by removing lengthy and inefficient requirements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2529, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Belatti, Sayama, Tarnas, Takenouchi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Rhoads and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 28-24 on S.B. No. 2960

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that agricultural lots shall be used for farming by requiring that purchasers and lessees of farm lots submit proof of using the lots to produce food or conduct other agricultural activities; and
- (2) Authorize certain agricultural cooperative associations to apply for farm lots.

Your Committee on Conference finds that wealthy individuals have purchased large parcels of land on which to live and pursue farming as a hobby rather than as a livelihood. The Hawaii State Constitution obligates the State to conserve and protect agricultural lands. This measure will ensure that lessees and purchasers of farm lots and ranch lots use that land primarily for farming and producing food.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2960, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Ichiyama, Lamosao, Kahaloa, Poepoe and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Inouye, Gabbard, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 29-24 on S.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to make it unlawful for an employer to discharge, discipline, or otherwise penalize or threaten any adverse employment action against an employee because the employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters, or declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer that communicates the opinion of the employer about political matters.

Your Committee on Conference finds that some employers use "captive audience meetings", where employee attendance is mandatory or de facto mandatory, to disseminate employer's political views that have little or no relevance to the workplace or the employees' work duties and penalize employees who refuse to attend. Your Committee on Conference further finds that participation in these meetings should be voluntary however, protection for employees who refuse to attend is limited under existing law. This measure establishes legal protections for employees who choose not to participate in these meetings.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2715, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Tamas, Garrett, Tam and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Keohokalole, San Buenaventura and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 30-24 on S.B. No. 2718

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence.

Your Committee of Conference finds that existing law is contradictory with regards to whether the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, a quasi-judicial administrative agency, is permitted to admit and consider hearsay evidence in its proceedings. Specifically, despite there being a myriad of exceptions in the Hawaii Rules of Evidence that allow certain types of hearsay evidence to be admissible in any other court or administrative proceeding under a hearsay exception and the general principle that administrative proceedings are more flexible than judicial proceedings and therefore should not be bound by the Rules of Evidence, existing law explicitly prohibits the Hawaii Labor Relations Board from admitting or considering hearsay evidence in its unfair labor practices proceedings. This measure allows the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to admit and consider hearsay evidence in its unfair labor practices proceedings, placing them in line with proceedings before other administrative boards and commissions.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2718, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Tamas, Garrett and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 31-24 on S.B. No. 2119

The purpose of this measure is to authorize out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information for the initial fill of an out-of-state prescription in the State.

Your Committee on Conference finds that it is common for an out-of-state patient to require an acute medication while visiting the State. Your Committee on Conference further finds that because state law does not explicitly permit out-of-state pharmacies to transfer prescription information to in-state pharmacies for dispensing an initial prescription fill, local pharmacists must contact out-of-state practitioners for a verbal order, resulting in workflow redundancy and

treatment delays for out-of-state patients. This measure will allow out-of-state patients in the State to receive the initial filling of their prescription medication in a timely manner.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2119, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Sayama, Nakashima, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Keohokalole and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 32-24 on S.B. No. 2557

The purpose of this measure is to allow the court to appoint an attorney for the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment, rather than entitling an indigent subject of a petition for assisted community treatment to representation by a public defender.

Your Committee on Conference finds that guardians ad litem act in the best interests of persons who are the subject of a petition for assisted community treatment and protect them throughout the petition process. Your Committee on Conference further finds that representation by a public defender is typically not necessary in these cases due to the person not facing the risk of detention, and representation by a public defender may also result in the person's treatment being delayed. This measure will preserve government resources and ensure that the treatment of a person who requires assisted community treatment does not suffer from unnecessary delays.

Your Committee on Conference respectfully requests that the Judiciary report to the Legislature on the use of appointed counsel in assisted community treatment (ACT) cases, including how often they appoint counsel for the subject of an ACT petition, the reasons for the appointments, when in the process appointments are made, the cost per appointment, and an estimate for future funding to support appointed counsel.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2557, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Ilagan and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 33-24 on S.B. No. 2476

The purpose of this measure is to authorize licensed dental hygienists to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on individuals, under certain conditions, in a school-based oral health program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that dental sealants, a protective layer coating the chewing surface of molars, play a significant role in the oral health and development of children by helping to prevent tooth decay. Providing dental sealants through school-based oral health programs will serve as a proactive approach to expand and improve access to oral health care for Hawaii's keiki.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2476, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Belatti, Sayama, La Chica, M. Mizuno and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

Senators Kidani, Keohokalole and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 34-24 on S.B. No. 3365

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to certify treatments performed in the State on plant care components; and

- (2) Place certain restrictions on the distribution or transportation of plant care components without prior treatment certification from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee on Conference finds that pests and other invasive species can enter and spread throughout the State by infesting plant care components, such as wood chips and filter socks. Your Committee on Conference further finds that properly treating plant care components before they are distributed or transported within and from the State will help prevent the introduction and spread of these invasive species. This measure provides the Department of Agriculture with another method to further protect the agricultural industry and delicate ecosystems of the State from pests and other invasive species.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Nakashima, Lamosao, Aiu and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nakashima).

Senators Gabbard, DeCoite and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 35-24 on S.B. No. 2066

The purpose of this measure is to establish another means for a housing project to seek an exemption from certain laws and rules, including those relating to planning, zoning, and construction, that are developed under the various programs of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii is facing a critical housing shortage, particularly for Hawaii residents who are seeking a permanent home for their families, rather than trying to acquire real estate for investment or speculative purposes. Existing regulatory barriers can also slow down the production of the additional housing units that are so urgently needed. Therefore, this measure will allow for an alternative pathway for housing projects to expedite the regulatory process to increase affordable housing units in Hawaii.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the housing projects developed under the alternative pathway shall not impose stricter income requirements than those adopted or established by the State;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2066, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Tarnas, Ganaden, Takayama and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Elefante and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 36-24 on S.B. No. 2721

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that criminal penalties are authorized for certain violations of ocean recreation laws.

Your Committee on Conference finds that stricter penalties are needed to deter illegal activity at small boat harbors and boating facilities, which are some of the most heavily trafficked facilities in the State. However, the provisions of section 200-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, are unclear as to whether criminal penalties are authorized for violations, hindering enforcement efforts. This measure will deter illegal activity at small boat harbors by clarifying and imposing stricter penalties.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Department of Land and Natural Resources may adopt rules relating to boating accidents;
- (2) Restoring language imposing penalties on any individual who violates any provision of chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or any rule adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (3) Restoring language that authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to impose administrative fines and penalties for water pollution violations;
- (4) Clarifying that administrative fines shall apply to all violations of chapter 200, chapter 200A, and chapter 200D, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (5) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2721, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Poepoe and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 37-24 on S.B. No. 795

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require productions to provide evidence of reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable requirements to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit; and
- (2) Require taxpayers be given notice of and an opportunity to cure requirements for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit within thirty days of receiving the notice.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit program has resulted in a thriving film and digital media industry that has broadened the State's tax base and helped to strengthen the State's economy. Recent amendments to the program, however, could have the effect of disqualifying a production from all available tax credits due to one or a few minor issues with its compliance requirements. This measure will help continue to create high-paying jobs and allow the State to remain a successful production center in the Pacific by ensuring that productions will not be at risk of being found non-compliant with the tax credit requirements over minor technical issues and provide taxpayers an opportunity to cure compliance issues, should they arise.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2025.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Holt, Lamosao, Kitagawa and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Pierick).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 38-24 on H.B. No. 2435

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Director of Health to permit synchronous online access to apply for marriage and civil union licenses in lieu of in-person applications, as specified in rules adopted by the Department of Health.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Ganaden, Takayama and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Rhoads and Awa.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 39-24 on H.B. No. 2482

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's office to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices and repeal the requirement to post notices in a central location in a public building; and
- (2) Repeal statutory language providing that cancellation of a meeting is not required for failure of a board to file a copy of the meeting notice with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's offices and retain a copy of proof of filing the notice, or failure of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or county clerk's offices to provide paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to a portion of the existing statutory language to prevent the cancellation of a meeting for failure of a board to file a copy of the meeting notice with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or the appropriate county clerk's offices and retain a copy of proof of filing the notice, or failure of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor or county clerk's offices to ensure access to paper or electronic copies of all meeting notices; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2482, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Morikawa, Lamosao and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).
Senators McKelvey, Rhoads and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 40-24 on H.B. No. 2457

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to pursue and obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., for all divisions and sections within the Department of Law Enforcement, not just the sheriff division; and
- (2) Establish Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., coordinator positions, exempt from civil service, within the Department of Law Enforcement to ensure the Department meets and maintains the standards and accreditation of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and that law enforcement officers of the Department of Law Enforcement meet the standards set by the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2457, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Morikawa and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Senators Wakai, Lee and Elefante.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 41-24 on H.B. No. 2193

The purpose of this measure is to amend the State's Fireworks Control Law to:

- (1) Authorize officers having police powers and every county fire department officer to enter and inspect the premises of a licensee or permittee for compliance with the Fireworks Control Law, and establish penalties for hindering an officer;
- (2) Establish procedures to authorize the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct administrative inspections of controlled premises;
- (3) Require licensees and permittees who hold, store, transport, sell, possess, or otherwise dispose of fireworks or articles pyrotechnic to keep records and maintain inventories;
- (4) Require licensees and permittees to report to the Director of Law Enforcement and appropriate county fire chief if they have reason to believe that fireworks or articles pyrotechnic were stolen, embezzled, or otherwise obtained by fraud or diversion;
- (5) Authorize law enforcement agencies and county fire departments to safely dispose of confiscated fireworks and articles pyrotechnic;
- (6) Require violators to be held liable for storage and disposal costs;
- (7) Specify that each type of prohibited firework constitutes a separate violation; and
- (8) Authorize the Department of Law Enforcement, in addition to the counties, to enforce the Fireworks Control Law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Chun, Ilagan, Takayama and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Senators Wakai, Rhoads, Kim, Elefante and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 42-24 on H.B. No. 2399

The purpose of this measure is to exempt an additional administrative assistant position in the Hawaii State Public Library System from civil service.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Kitagawa, Lamosao and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 43-24 on H.B. No. 1633

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the leasing restriction on owner-builders who obtain an owner-builder exemption to act as their own contractor and who build or improve residential or farm buildings or structures on their own property and do not offer the buildings or structures for sale.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to existing statutory language that authorizes lessees to obtain an owner-builder exemption;
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1633, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Ichiyama, Tarnas and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Keohokalole and Aquino.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Conf. Com. Rep. 44-24 on H.B. No. 2090

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2025, permit residential uses in areas zoned for commercial use, under certain circumstances; and
- (2) Require, no later than January 1, 2025, each county to adopt or amend its ordinances to allow for adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings in the county's building code.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that multifamily uses are considered residential uses for purposes of this measure;
- (2) Specifying that adaptive reuse of existing commercial buildings shall be allowed until each county adopts or amends its ordinances accordingly;
- (3) Clarifying that the application of each adaptive reuse ordinance, rather than each adaptive reuse building code ordinance, is notwithstanding any law, ordinance, or code or standard to the contrary;
- (4) Clarifying requirements for adaptive reuse ordinances, including:
 - (A) Prohibiting the counties from requiring a micro unit to be larger than minimum standards established in the International Building Code, rather than setting a minimum standard of two hundred square feet; and
 - (B) Providing for an exemption to any off-street parking requirements if the existing off-street parking satisfies at least fifty percent of a county's parking requirements, but specifying that a county is not precluded from exempting an adaptive reuse project from all off-street parking requirements;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2090, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Ichiyama, Tarnas, Aiu, Miyake, Takayama and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators McKelvey, Inouye, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 45-24 on H.B. No. 2581

The purpose of this measure is to remove the ability of the Governor or a mayor to suspend electronic media transmission during a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Ganaden and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 46-24 on H.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to, for purposes of regulating commercial activity under the laws regulating ocean recreation:

- (1) Include advertisements and offers within the definition of "commercial activity"; and
- (2) Provide that advertisements and offers of unpermitted commercial ocean use activities or commercial ocean recreational equipment are prima facie evidence that:
 - (A) The owner disseminated or directed dissemination of the advertisements or offers; and
 - (B) The commercial activity is operated at the location advertised or offered.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the violations contemplated by this measure are administrative violations;
- (2) Adding a definition for "administrative violation";
- (3) Changing its effective to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2475, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Sayama, Poepoe and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Keohokalole, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 47-24 on H.B. No. 2481

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the Time Share Commissioners of Deeds.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2481, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Sayama, Nakashima and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, Rhoads, Richards and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 48-24 on H.B. No. 2298

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make it a violation to use a Hawaii geographic origin in labeling or advertising for roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that contain less than a certain percentage of coffee by weight from that Hawaii geographic origin, phased in to a minimum of one hundred percent by July 1, 2027; and
- (2) Exempt retailers that do not package roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages from liability for the sale of roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages that use a label or advertisement in violation of the coffee labeling law.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the timeline that phased in the minimum percentage of coffee by weight from a Hawaii geographic origin to a minimum of one hundred percent by July 1, 2027;

- (2) Continuing the existing statutory minimum of ten percent of coffee by weight through June 30, 2027, and, beginning July 1, 2027, increasing the minimum percentage to fifty-one percent of coffee by weight when using a Hawaii geographic origin in labeling or advertising for roasted coffee, instant coffee, or ready-to-drink coffee beverages;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2298, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Gates, Kahaloa, Sayama and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Richards, Rhoads, Keohokalole and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 49-24 on H.B. No. 2020

The purpose of this measure is to broaden the definition of "renewable energy producer" that is used to determine the Board of Land and Natural Resources' disposition of public lands to renewable energy producers in order to allow more public lands to be leased for the generation of more types of renewable energy.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that renewable energy producers or developers sell net power produced in order to meet the definition;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2020, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Nakashima, Cochran, Sayama and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators DeCoite, Inouye, Keohokalole and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 50-24 on H.B. No. 2390

The purpose of this measure is to require the Public Utilities Commission to explicitly consider the effect of the State's reliance on fossil fuels on lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions and give the Commission discretion to waive a lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions assessment for energy projects that do not involve the combustion of fuel.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2390, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Nakashima, Cochran, Sayama and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Gabbard, Keohokalole and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 51-24 on H.B. No. 2354

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Small Business Regulatory Review Board has the authority to review legislation affecting small businesses in response to requests from small business owners.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2354, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Holt, Tamas, Lamosao, Takayama and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Lamosao, Pierick).

Senators DeCoite, Rhoads and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 52-24 on H.B. No. 2369

The purpose of this measure is to increase the maximum interest rate on Community-Based Economic Development loans to ten percent.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2369, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Holt, Lamosao, Garrett, Kong and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Pierick).

Senators DeCoite, Kanuha and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 53-24 on H.B. No. 2278

The purpose of the measure is to:

- (1) Expand the labeling requirements for macadamia nuts to labels on a consumer package that represent the origin of the raw or processed macadamia nuts as being from any place within the State, including through the company name or the use of images of the State;
- (2) Require a listing of the countries of origin of the portion of the processed macadamia nuts not grown in Hawaii that are included in the package to also be shown on the label; and
- (3) Establish a private right of action for private persons injured by a violation of the labeling requirements for macadamia nuts.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a preamble;
- (2) Deleting language expanding the labeling requirements to labels on a consumer package that represent the origin of the raw or processed macadamia nuts as being from any place within the State, including through the company name or the use of images of the State;
- (3) Repealing statutory language requiring the disclosure of the percentage of macadamia nuts grown in the State if a label contains language that a portion of raw or processed macadamia nuts in the package was grown in the State;
- (4) Requiring a disclosure statement if a product contains raw or processed macadamia nuts grown outside of the State;
- (5) Deleting language establishing a private right of action;
- (6) Exempting products that contain any other ingredient, except seasonings and flavorings, in addition to macadamia nuts from the labeling requirements;
- (7) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2026; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2278, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Nakashima, Kahaloa, Miyake, Nishimoto and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Richards, Keohokalole, Rhoads, DeCoite and Awa.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 54-24 on H.B. No. 2144

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to amend the definition of "homemade food products" in its administrative rules and adopt certain rules regarding the sale and delivery of homemade food products.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the maximum pH level of certain foods under the definition of "homemade food products" from 4.6 to 4.2;
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Nakashima, Kahaloa and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nakashima).

Senators Gabbard, Keohokalole and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 55-24 on H.B. No. 2553

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize licensed pharmacists to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older;
- (2) Authorize pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist to administer vaccines to persons three years of age or older, if certain requirements are met; and
- (3) Authorize licensed pharmacists to order the administration of vaccines for persons three years of age or older.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying mandatory training and continuing education requirements for pharmacy technicians;
- (2) Clarifying the requirements for proof of completion of required training by pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians;
- (3) Changing the effective date to January 1, 2025; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2553, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Nakashima, Tarnas, Amato, Sayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 56-24 on H.B. No. 2359

The purpose of this measure is to establish the Digital Equity Grant Program to award grants to deploy digital equity projects to covered populations in the State.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Expanding the types of projects that may be eligible for grants to include broadband service subscription costs, wifi routers, and access points; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2359, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Nakashima, Takenouchi, Morikawa and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators DeCoite, Aquino, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 57-24 on H.B. No. 1577

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize tow operators to charge an additional amount for overturned vehicles; and
- (2) Prohibit tow companies from directing an individual to use an on-site automated teller machine in lieu of accepting payment by credit card and debit card.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing the maximum amount tow operators may charge for a tow to \$75 and a tow using a dolly to \$85;
- (2) Authorizing tow operators to charge a towing surcharge of no more than \$35 if the tow involves an overturned vehicle; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1577, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Nakashima, Kila, Onishi and Matsumoto.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Keohokalole and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 58-24 on S.B. No. 2687

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit a person from distributing, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media during certain months of election years, with exceptions;
- (2) Establish criminal penalties for distributing materially deceptive media; and
- (3) Establish remedies for parties injured by the distribution of materially deceptive media.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the potential for deceptive media to be used during election years to manipulate public opinion, spread misinformation, and undermine the foundation of the State's democracy is cause for grave concern. Your Committee on Conference believes that preserving the authenticity of political discourse is essential to a fair and informed electorate. This measure will ensure that the State's elections remain free from the harmful influence of deceptive media.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that, subject to certain exceptions, a person is prohibited from recklessly distributing, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media;
- (2) Clarifying that the exceptions to the prohibition against the distribution of, or entering into an agreement with another person to distribute, materially deceptive media apply to:
 - (A) A broadcaster, cable operator, or direct-to-home satellite provider unless it was involved in the creation of the materially deceptive media; or
 - (B) An interactive computer service, cloud service provider, or streaming service for content provided by another person or a developer or provider of any technology used in the creation of materially deceptive media, unless the interactive computer service, cloud service provider, or streaming service has knowledge that the content is deceptive and intends to deceive a resident of the State;
- (3) Defining the terms "cloud service provider", "direct-to-home satellite provider", and "interactive computer service";
- (4) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (5) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2687, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Onishi, La Chica, Miyake and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 59-24 on S.B. No. 3192

The purpose of this measure is to make permanent the Innovation and Commercialization Initiative Program established within the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the commercialization of viable research activities conducted at the University of Hawaii plays a critical role in the diversification of the State's economy. This measure continues critical support for research activities at the University of Hawaii to remain competitive as a leader in economic development and workforce innovation.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of June 29, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3192, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Perruso, Morikawa, Chun, Kapela, Kila and Garcia.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kim, Rhoads and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 60-24 on S.B. No. 3191

The purpose of this measure is to permanently authorize the University of Hawaii to continue to regulate conflicts of interest and other ethical issues for technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Act 38, Session Laws of Hawaii 2017, established that technology transfer activities sponsored by the University of Hawaii shall be exempt from certain requirements of the State Ethics Code. This exemption is scheduled to repeal on June 20, 2024. The University of Hawaii has adopted policies and procedures to ensure compliance with ethical standards and to avoid conflicts of interest. Accordingly, this measure allows the University of Hawaii to continue to serve as a leader in innovation and economic development by permanently authorizing the University of Hawaii to continue to operate technology transfer activities under its existing requirements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of June 29, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3191, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Perruso, Tarnas, Morikawa, Kapela and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kim, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 61-24 on S.B. No. 2182

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the persons required to collect the Ocean Stewardship User Fee; and
- (2) Extend the sunset date of the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund to January 1, 2031.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Ocean Stewardship User Fund provides the Department of Land and Natural Resources with moneys to conserve, restore, enhance, and manage ocean resources for the benefit of residents, visitors, and local businesses. This measure will extend the sunset date of the Ocean Stewardship Special Fund to ensure that the Department of Land and Natural Resources continues to protect and preserve the State's nearshore environment.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2182, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Poepoe, Aiu, Garrett and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garrett).

Senators Inouye, Wakai, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 62-24 on S.B. No. 2532

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the definition of "dwelling", as it relates to offenses against property rights, includes multi-unit buildings and connected parking or storage areas that are restricted to residents; and
- (2) Allow the owner of a multi-unit building, an owner of an individual unit, a property manager, or an authorized representative of the condominium association to act as a complainant for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting an offense of burglary in the first degree in a multi-unit building.

Your Committee on Conference finds that certain individuals, who are neither residents nor guests of a multi-unit dwelling, have increasingly burglarized the secured areas of multi-unit dwellings, which include secured parking and storage areas. However, the investigation and prosecution of these crimes can be complicated due to the limited definition of "dwelling" under the existing law. Therefore, this measure clarifies that the areas in multi-unit buildings that are restricted to residents, such as parking and storage areas within apartment buildings and condominiums, are part of the overall dwelling to ensure that theft in these areas are properly investigated and prosecuted as burglaries.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2532, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, Rhoads, McKelvey and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 63-24 on S.B. No. 2834

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Residential Landlord-Tenant Code to provide for a process to dispose of the tenant's personal property and surrender the dwelling unit to a landlord when there is a death of a tenant.

Your Committee on Conference finds that, under existing law, there is no explicit guidance for a landlord on how to retake possession of a dwelling unit in the event of a tenant's death. Consequently, landlords have been required to navigate, using their best judgment, the delicate and complex process of reconciling any unpaid rent, handling questions concerning the status of the security deposit, and disposing of the deceased tenant's personal property and belongings from the premises. Your Committee on Conference finds that by establishing a formal statutory process for landlords to resolve matters involving a deceased tenant or tenants, this measure will provide for a more orderly transition and improve outcomes for all parties involved.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of November 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2834, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Tarnas, Aiu, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tam).

Senators Keohokalole, McKelvey, Hashimoto and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 64-24 on S.B. No. 2600

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the use of electronic mail to deliver certain documents when purchasing a condominium.

Your Committee on Conference finds that electronic mail is a fast, convenient, and reliable method of sending and receiving documents, including documents relating to a condominium purchase. However, under existing law, certain disclosure documents required to be provided by condominium project developers to prospective purchasers must be delivered by either personal delivery, registered or certified mail, facsimile transmission, or any other way prescribed by the Real Estate Commission. Therefore, this measure modernizes existing law and provides purchasers with an efficient digital means to receive, keep, and access their condominium documents.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2600, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Sayama, Kitagawa, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tam).

Senators Richards, Fukunaga and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 65-24 on S.B. No. 2575

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- (1) Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee on Conference finds that seabed mining and related activities threaten not only the State's rich and biodiverse marine ecosystems, but also ocean-dependent industries, such as commercial and recreational fishing and tourism. Your Committee on Conference therefore finds that seabed mining is inconsistent with the State's obligation to protect its waters under the Hawaii State Constitution and the public interest. This measure ensures the protection and preservation of state marine waters by prohibiting seabed mining and the extraction and removal of minerals from the seabeds in all state marine waters.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Poepoe, Cochran and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Gabbard, Inouye and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Inouye).

Conf. Com. Rep. 66-24 on S.B. No. 2657

The purpose of this measure is to amend the date of Makahiki Commemoration Day.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Makahiki season is the ancient Hawaiian New Year festival that honors the god Lono. As Makahiki season spans four consecutive months, designating a specific date in the Gregorian calendar should align with one of the kapu Hua days of Mōhala, Hua, or Akua of the lunar month of 'Ikuu. Therefore, this measure aligns the commemoration of Makahiki based on the traditional Hawaiian lunar calendar.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2657, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Tarnas, Martinez and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Keohokalole, Kanuha and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 67-24 on S.B. No. 2819

The purpose of this measure is to require vehicles traveling ten miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on a two-lane highway, behind which five vehicles are formed in a line, to pull over where possible to let the trailing vehicles proceed when passing is safe.

Your Committee on Conference finds that traffic safety and congestion has been a key frustration for residents in the State. Your Committee on Conference believes that this measure will prevent collisions, improve operational efficiency, and minimize road rage statewide by requiring slow-moving vehicles to safely pull over to allow vehicles to pass safely.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2819, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, Kahaloa, Takayama and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, San Buenaventura and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 68-24 on S.B. No. 2350

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a separate prohibition on driving motor vehicles with noisy mufflers on public highways in high density population areas;
- (2) Establish separate fines for violations of motor scooter and motor vehicle muffler laws; and
- (3) Define "high density population areas".

Your Committee on Conference finds that while existing law prohibits vehicle owners from installing mufflers that increase the noise of their vehicle, the penalties are too minimal to deter violations. Your Committee on Conference further finds that establishing more stringent laws regarding motor vehicle and motor scooter mufflers will reduce noise, improve public health and safety, and allow residents and visitors in the State to enjoy peace and a higher quality of life.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2350, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tam, Nakashima, Onishi and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Rhoads and Moriwaki.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Moriwaki).

Conf. Com. Rep. 69-24 on S.B. No. 3312

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Adopt, establish, and designate the shaka as the official gesture of the State; and
- (2) Authorize the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to develop a public work of art related to the shaka and its history to be displayed in a prominent location in the State.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the shaka is a key brand symbol for the State, offering influential power to build the State's economy, global brand, and resident pride. Accordingly, this measure will recognize the shaka symbol as the official gesture of the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3312, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Tarnas, Martinez and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Kanuha and Wakai.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 70-24 on S.B. No. 2753

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that no state or county building code shall prohibit the use of a substitute refrigerant allowed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency if the applicable equipment is listed and installed in compliance with the latest safety standards; and
- (2) Require the State Building Code Council to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons and not in conflict with federal law when it adopts, amends, or updates the Hawaii State Building Codes.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act of 2020 mandates an eighty-five percent phasedown in hydrofluorocarbon refrigerants nationwide. Your Committee on Conference further finds that updates to the State Building Code are necessary to avoid marketplace disruptions as manufacturers transition to hydrofluorocarbon substitutes. This measure ensures federal compliance under the State Building Code.

Your Committee on Conference also finds that requiring the State Building Code Council, when it adopts, amends, or updates the Hawaii State Building Codes, to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons and not in conflict with federal law could create problems insofar as it would require the counties to apply standards which have not yet been adopted by the International Building Code. Realizing the importance of this measure and the two thousand jobs that could be lost if this measure does not pass, your Committee on Conference has chosen to delete this language from this measure despite its noble goals. Your Committee on Conference encourages the counties, who can establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons and not in conflict with federal law, to pursue this at the county level.

Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the State Building Code Council to establish codes and standards that are consistent with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with hydrofluorocarbons and not in conflict with federal law when it adopts, amends, or updates the Hawaii State Building Codes;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2753, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Nakashima, M. Mizuno and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Nakashima, Ward).

Senators McKelvey, Gabbard, Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 71-24 on S.B. No. 2512

The purpose of this measure is to establish notice and reporting requirements for the expenditure or use of public resources by the Governor, pursuant to the Governor's emergency powers.

Your Committee on Conference finds that, in the event of a declared disaster, it is necessary for the Governor to assume certain emergency powers. Your Committee on Conference believes that this measure will ensure the transparency of the Governor's actions during a declared disaster.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2512, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Poepoe, Garrett, Miyake and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Miyake).

Senators Wakai, Kanuha, Rhoads and Elefante.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 72-24 on S.B. No. 2132

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the deadline related to the repair of conditions that constitute health or safety violations; and
- (2) Increase the amount deducted from a tenant's rent for the tenant's actual expenditures to correct health or safety violations and defective conditions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that when a landlord fails to commence repairs after receiving notice of certain health or safety violations or defective conditions on the leased premises, existing law authorizes the tenant to deduct from their rent not more than \$500 as reimbursement for any actual expenditures made to cure the condition. However, this amount is often far below the actual costs and expenses required to cure the condition, forcing tenants, rather than landlords, to pay out of their own pockets to return the property to a habitable condition, which the landlord is required to provide. Your Committee on Conference finds that by increasing the amount that may be deducted from the tenant's rent to not more than \$1,000 or one month's rent, whichever is greater, this measure will encourage the prompt maintenance of the property by landlords and safeguard the well-being of tenants.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of November 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2132, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Tarnas, Lamosao, Takayama, Tam and Souza.
Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Senators Keohokalole, Richards, Hashimoto and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Hashimoto).

Conf. Com. Rep. 73-24 on S.B. No. 2342

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the penalties for violations of certain traffic laws and required motor vehicle insurance minimums;
- (2) Establish primary and optional coverage requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies;
- (3) Establish disclosure requirements for U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies;
- (4) Amend the required coverage for shared cars that are made available through a peer-to-peer car-sharing program during the car-sharing period; and
- (5) Require the Insurance Commissioner to solicit rate filings from motor vehicle insurers.

Your Committee on Conference finds that traffic fatalities, injuries, and violations committed by repeat offenders have increased in the State. This measure amends the penalties for repeated driving without motor vehicle liability insurance to deter repeat offenders and increases required motor vehicle insurance minimums to provide greater coverage to drivers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have amended penalties for repeated traffic violations, reckless driving violations, and excessive speeding violations;
- (2) Increasing penalties for repeatedly driving without motor vehicle liability insurance to \$2,000;
- (3) Clarifying required motor vehicle policy coverage minimums, effective January 1, 2026;
- (4) Deleting all language regarding U-drive motor vehicle insurance policies;
- (5) Deleting language that would have amended the required coverage for shared cars that are made available through a peer-to-peer car-sharing program during the car-sharing period;
- (6) Clarifying the required coverage for shared cars that are made available through a peer-to-peer car-sharing program during the car-sharing period;
- (7) Making conforming amendments;
- (8) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (9) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (10) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2342, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Nakashima, Kila, Nishimoto and Matsumoto.
Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Rhoads and Keohokalole.
Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 74-24 on S.B. No. 3157

The purpose of this measure is to expand the disposition of public land leases through direct negotiation to include commercial and industrial purposes.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the public auction process used for the disposition of public lands discourages potential lessees. Consequently, properties have remained vacant, generating no income and serving no public benefit, while in some cases incurring significant management costs for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. This measure will facilitate the productive use of public lands by authorizing the disposition of public land leases through direct negotiation for commercial and industrial purposes.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3157, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Nishimoto, Todd and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, DeCoite and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 75-24 on S.B. No. 2731

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to honor veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Your Committee on Conference finds that while special number plates are available for combat veterans of certain wars and conflicts, veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are not included. Therefore, this measure will create license plates to honor the veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2731, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Hashem, Chun, Martinez and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Lee, Shimabukuro, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 76-24 on S.B. No. 2983

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, authorize the Department of the Attorney General to regulate charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities;
- (2) Include provisions relating to the misuse of funds; and
- (3) Impose vicarious liability upon a platform charity for a charitable fundraising platform's misuse of funds, and vice versa.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State needs to improve and expand enforcement of charitable fundraising activities, including regulating charitable fundraising on internet platforms. This measure will ensure the prevention of fraudulent and predatory charitable fundraising behavior.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that requires charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities to be subject to filing an annual report and annual renewal fees;
- (2) Deleting language that would have exempted a charitable fundraising platform or platform charity from certain restrictions on distributing funds if certain agencies do not publish an electronic list of recipient charitable organizations or other charitable organizations in good standing;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of January 1, 2026; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2983, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Morikawa, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Keohokalole, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 77-24 on S.B. No. 2504

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub and related aspects of the State's hydrogen energy industry; and
- (2) Repeal the appropriation to develop the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub.

Your Committee on Conference finds that part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, was enacted to support the State's pursuit of federal funding for the development of a Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub. Your Committee on Conference further finds that although the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub proposal was not selected, the Hawaii State Energy Office has gained considerable knowledge that could accelerate the future development of green hydrogen use in the State and that two projects included in the proposal are still moving forward. As the State's proposal was not selected, this housekeeping measure repeals part II of Act 66, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, and the appropriation to develop the Hawaii Pacific Hydrogen Hub, as they are no longer necessary.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2504, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Perruso, Yamashita, Garrett, Lamosao and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators DeCoite, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 78-24 on S.B. No. 2289

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Health to include in its annual report regarding Kalaupapa Settlement:

- (1) Details and updated information, as available, regarding the permanent transfer of the powers and duties of the Department and any other state agencies over Kalaupapa Settlement to other qualified governmental or qualified nongovernmental entities; and
- (2) Details of the Department's engagement efforts with community stakeholders.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Kalaupapa, within Kalawao County on the island of Molokai, holds great significance in the State's history, and that under existing law, Kalaupapa Settlement is under the jurisdiction and control of the Department of Health. Your Committee on Conference further finds that as the number of patients residing in Kalaupapa declines and the Department of Health prepares for the eventual transfer of jurisdiction over Kalawao County to another government agency, it is imperative for the Legislature to remain informed and updated regarding plans for the future transfer. This measure will keep the Legislature informed of this important transition by including details and updated information regarding the permanent transfer of Kalaupapa Settlement in the Department of Health's annual report to the Legislature.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the immediate addition of certain community organizations to the executive transition team;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval and inserting a sunset date of the first June 30 after the Revisor of Statutes receives a written gubernatorial proclamation that the transfer of all of the powers and duties of the Department of Health over Kalaupapa Settlement is complete; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2289, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Poepoe, Tarnas, Chun, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Tarnas, Souza).

Senators San Buenaventura, DeCoite and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 79-24 on S.B. No. 2537

The purpose of this measure is to clarify that the Chief Energy Officer is responsible for supporting the renewable portfolio standards and reporting on certain energy matters.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the purpose of Act 122, Session Laws of Hawaii 2019 (Act 122), was to transfer the duties and responsibilities of the State Energy Resources Coordinator, the functions of the Renewable Energy Facilitator, and the then existing State Energy Office to the newly established Hawaii State Energy Office and Chief Energy Officer. Your Committee on Conference further finds that Act 122 did not make conforming amendments to certain sections of existing laws pertaining to the reporting of certain energy matters to the Legislature. Accordingly, this measure clarifies these reporting requirements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Cochran, Garrett, Kila and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 80-24 on S.B. No. 2133

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to issue bonds for housing project infrastructure and finance the development of regional state infrastructure projects;
- (2) Exempt bonds issued by the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for improvements by assessments, and the interest thereon, from certain taxes, with exceptions;
- (3) Include proceeds from bonds issued for regional state infrastructure projects as a source of revenue for regional state infrastructure subaccounts; and
- (4) Authorize regional state infrastructure subaccount revenues to be used to repay regional state infrastructure project bond holders.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the development of additional housing inventory often requires updates to aging infrastructure needed to accommodate the new units. The cost of updating infrastructure presents a major barrier to the development of housing projects, with the cost often falling on the shoulders of the developers, which ultimately leads to the costs being passed down to the project's residents. Therefore, this measure will facilitate the development of infrastructure required to support new housing projects urgently needed across the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to amend section 201H-191.5(d), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to specify that the cost of providing regional infrastructure improvements may be assessed against housing and mixed-use transit-oriented development projects specially benefiting from the improvements;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2133, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Kitagawa and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Hashimoto and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kanuha).

Conf. Com. Rep. 81-24 on S.B. No. 1258

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and implement an improved management system for the Kaena Point State Park, Makua and Keawaula sections.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Makua and Keawaula sections of the Kaena Point State Park are exceptionally valuable to the Native Hawaiian community and are of cultural and historical significance. However, due to irresponsible recreational uses and the accumulation of waste, the Makua and Keawaula sections were closed to overnight access. This measure will ensure that the Makua and Keawaula sections are reopened with an improved management system that encompasses Hawaiian management values in balancing public use with the preservation of aina, wildlife, and cultural resources.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1258, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Kila, Poepoe and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Shimabukuro, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 82-24 on S.B. No. 2974

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Business Revitalization Task Force within the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to identify methods to improve Hawaii's general economic competitiveness and business climate, including the mitigation of regulatory and tax burdens; and

(2) Require the Business Revitalization Task Force to submit a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State ranks below other states in new business formations, early survival rates for startups, self-employment, and business climate. This measure establishes a task force to collaboratively and comprehensively collect ideas from stakeholders to promote economic growth in the State and propose solutions to improve the State's business economy.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee with primary jurisdiction over economic development and the Chair of the Senate Standing Committee with primary jurisdiction over economic development may invite one representative from certain industries to serve as members of the task force, including one representative from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii;
- (2) Deleting language that would have allowed certain task force members to be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2974, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Holt, Lamosao, Kong, La Chica and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kong).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 83-24 on S.B. No. 2919

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the counties' authority to regulate the time, place, manner, and duration in which uses of land and structures may take place;
- (2) Allow counties to enact zoning ordinances to amortize or phase out transient vacation rental units in an area of any zoning classification; and
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2025, expand the scope of the transient accommodations tax law to include certain shelters and vehicles with sleeping accommodations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that despite attempts made by certain counties to regulate short-term transient accommodations and enact ordinances pursuant to their home rule authority relating to zoning, transient accommodations in residential-zoned neighborhoods have been permitted to continue due to judicial opinions that have interpreted their status as a legal, nonconforming use that has been grandfathered in by statute. Therefore, this measure reinstates and supports the home rule authority that was intended for the counties relating to zoning by authorizing the counties to phase out or amortize transient accommodation uses by zoning ordinance.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have prohibited time, place, manner, or durational zoning regulations from being deemed to create different types of land uses or structures;
- (2) Deleting language that would have authorized transient vacation rental units to be amortized or phased out in an area of any zoning classification and inserting language clarifying that uses that include the furnishing or offering of transient accommodations shall not be considered residential uses or agricultural uses and may be phased out or amortized in any zoning district by county zoning regulations;
- (3) Inserting language authorizing a county zoning ordinance to provide that transient accommodations may be furnished to a transient for a period of less than one hundred eighty consecutive days;
- (4) Deleting language that would have defined the term "transient vacation rental unit" and inserting a definition of "transient accommodations" to have the same meaning as defined under section 237D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (6) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Quinlan, Aiu, Kila and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, DeCoite, Wakai, Rhoads, Hashimoto and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Wakai).

Conf. Com. Rep. 84-24 on S.B. No. 2079

The purpose of this measure is to allow the State of Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form to be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form (Declaration Form) helps prevent the importation of harmful pests into the State. Your Committee on Conference recognizes that allowing individuals, passengers, and crew of any flight or cruise that enters the State to submit

an electronic version of the Declaration Form would increase compliance and more accurate reporting of the importation of harmful pests into the State. This measure clarifies that the Hawaii Plant and Animal Declaration Form may be distributed, completed, and transmitted electronically, thereby facilitating the protection of Hawaii's unique environment, agriculture, and communities.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2079, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Kahaloa, Aiu and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Gabbard, DeCoite and Wakai.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 85-24 on S.B. No. 1511

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify the purpose of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii and that its undertakings shall be limited to acts that are reasonably necessary to carry out its purpose;
- (2) Repeal the requirement that the University of Hawaii contract with the Research Corporation when the University determines that other various agencies cannot more effectively or efficiently accomplish certain research and training activities;
- (3) Grandfather existing Research Corporation contracts and require new contracts be subject to new limitations;
- (4) Limit the scope of the special account the Research Corporation is authorized to establish;
- (5) Require revolving accounts to follow University of Hawaii Administrative Procedure 12.204; and
- (6) Limit internal service orders and revolving accounts of the Research Corporation that use University intramural funds to certain projects and require biannual reports to the Legislature.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii (Research Corporation) was established in 1965 for the purposes of promoting, encouraging, initiating, developing, and conducting scientific research and investigation in all branches of learning, which is then disseminated to the public. To achieve its statutory mandate, the Legislature at the time provided the Research Corporation with flexibility in certain operations to promote cooperative research projects with various firms and stakeholders. However, the Research Corporation has gradually expanded its undertakings beyond its original mandate, raising concerns that the Research Corporation has entered projects and roles outside of its established purpose. Therefore, this measure ensures greater accountability and transparency of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii and streamlines its purpose to align with its original purpose and intent.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that funds appropriated by the Legislature may be expanded to contract with the Research Corporation to be used for promoting and developing the scientific and commercial value of inventions, discoveries, and processes;
- (2) Clarifying that the University of Hawaii shall notify the exclusive representative of the appropriate bargaining unit to review conformance of positions that are planned to be hired through the Research Corporation;
- (3) Clarifying that, for each civil service employee that will be supplanted, the Research Corporation shall provide a list of the programs affected in its next report to the Legislature;
- (4) Specifying that persons being educated or trained shall be engaged in the conduct of research pursuant to a grant, contract, or other authorized funded agreement;
- (5) Inserting language requiring the Research Corporation to promote and develop the scientific and commercial value of inventions, discoveries, and processes;
- (6) Clarifying that the Research Corporation shall assist in disseminating knowledge through the publication of research findings;
- (7) Specifying that the Research Corporation may enter into and perform contracts, leases, cooperative agreements, or other transactions when the Board of Directors determines necessity in the conduct of the Research Corporation's business pursuant to its statutory purpose;
- (8) Repealing language that authorized the Research Corporation to receive awards from any agency or instrumentality of the United States, a foreign nation, a state, a territory, or a possession, or from any political subdivision thereof;
- (9) Clarifying that no gift to the Research Corporation shall be accepted unless its Board of Directors determines that the gift is beneficial to the Research Corporation's statutory purpose;
- (10) Clarifying that the Research Corporation may also receive devises or bequests, in addition to grants or gifts, on behalf of the University of Hawaii or any other agency of the State whenever the donor or grantor determines that the University or any other state agency cannot accomplish the purpose of the gifts, grants, devises, or bequests;
- (11) Clarifying that the Research Corporation may establish a special account for purposes relating to research, training, or the promotion or development of the scientific and commercial value of inventions, discoveries, and processes;
- (12) Clarifying that the Research Corporation shall follow University of Hawaii Administrative Procedure, AP. 12.204, relating to the guidelines and procedures for revolving fund service orders from the University of Hawaii to the Research Corporation;
- (13) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and

(14) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Yamashita, Kitagawa, Nishimoto and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Senators Kim, Kanuha and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 86-24 on S.B. No. 2337

The purpose of this measure is to expand the counties' authorization to exercise the same powers as the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for purposes of developing, constructing, financing, refinancing, or providing low- and moderate-income housing projects and mixed-use developments.

Your Committee on Conference finds that, under existing law, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation has the authority to plan, develop, construct, and finance housing projects, including mixed-use developments. Your Committee on Conference further finds that the counties are granted the same authority and powers, except for the ability to use affordable housing bonds to develop mixed-use developments. Because the counties also share a burden in promoting transit-oriented development, urban revitalization, and the conversion of properties to residential space, this measure will enable the counties to develop and construct mixed-use developments.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requiring that county projects prioritize walkability to the extent practicable;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval;
- (3) Inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2028; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2337, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Morikawa, Onishi and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Aquino and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 87-24 on S.B. No. 3364

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to develop destination management action plans for each county and to perform specific actions in each plan;
- (2) Expand the powers and duties of the Hawaii Tourism Authority;
- (3) Repeal the exemption of the Hawaii Tourism Authority from administrative supervision of boards and commissions;
- (4) Rename the Tourism Marketing Plan as the Strategic Tourism Management Plan; and
- (5) Require the Strategic Tourism Management Plan to include statewide destination management and regenerative tourism efforts and programs.

Your Committee on Conference finds that there is a need for improved management and coordination between the State and private and public stakeholders in the tourism industry to address the impacts of tourism. Your Committee on Conference further finds that the three-year, community-led destination management action plans have been a key initiative through which communities across the State have articulated their needs, desires, and visions for tourism in their communities, on their terms. This measure amends the powers and duties of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, statutorily establishes the destination management action plans, and aligns statutory mandates for the Hawaii Tourism Authority with the work they have already been doing to advance destination management and regenerative tourism.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3364, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Quinlan, Tarnas, Morikawa, Lamosao, Miyake and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Tarnas, Lamosao).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 88-24 on S.B. No. 2659

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Incorporate a regenerative framework into the Hawaii State Planning Act by expanding objectives and policies for the visitor industry;
- (2) Require periodic updates to the Tourism Functional Plan;
- (3) Specify elements to be included in the Tourism Functional Plan; and
- (4) Require an update to the Tourism Functional Plan to be submitted to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025.

Your Committee on Conference finds that tourism has major environmental impacts, such as increased biodiversity loss, landscape impact, and waste and water scarcity. Regenerative tourism represents a sustainable way of traveling and discovering new places that also supports residents' preferences for managing tourism development. This measure incorporates a regenerative tourism framework into state planning objectives and policies to help maintain a high-quality visitor experience while counterbalancing many of the social, economic, and environmental impacts of tourism.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2659, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Quinlan, Lamosao, Holt, La Chica and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators DeCoite, Inouye, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Inouye).

Conf. Com. Rep. 89-24 on S.B. No. 572

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize and specify conditions under which the Department of Agriculture may declare a biosecurity emergency, during which the Department and Governor may take certain actions to prevent the establishment or spread of pests and prohibited or restricted organisms; and
- (2) Broaden the objectives and general actions of the State's Biosecurity Program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the entry and establishment of new invasive species in the State can lead to significant economic and environmental loss. Your Committee on Conference recognizes that there is a high likelihood of a new, devastating pest or disease entering the State, given the increase and expansion of global trade and travel. Your Committee on Conference believes that authorizing the Department of Agriculture to declare a biosecurity emergency, with the Governor's approval, would help the Department acquire the necessary resources to rapidly respond to new pest introductions, thereby protecting the economy and environment of the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that exempts any vessel that has anti-fouling hull coating and does not discharge ballast water, uses freshwater for ballasting, or is equipped with ultraviolet filtration systems for ballast water, from being requisitioned or taken control of by the Governor during a declared biosecurity emergency;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Tarnas, Kahaloa, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Senators Gabbard, DeCoite and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 90-24 on S.B. No. 2413

The purpose of this measure is to require the Board of Agriculture to submit a report to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025 on:

- (1) The percentages of agricultural lands being leased by the State that are suitable for farming and actively being used for farming purposes; and
- (2) Certain dollar amounts relating to lease transfers between lessees.

Your Committee on Conference finds that accurate data on public agricultural lands, especially those that are leased, would help optimize public and private investments in agriculture to meet the State's local food production and agricultural sustainability goals. This measure ensures that public land is used prudently for the benefit of its residents by identifying public, productive agricultural lands and protecting their use under the state and county land use regulatory systems.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2413, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Kahaloa, Cochran and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Gabbard, DeCoite, Rhoads, Richards and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 91-24 on S.B. No. 3070

The purpose of this measure is to gradually reduce the Employees' Retirement System's maximum funding period to amortize the total unfunded accrued liability from thirty years to twenty years.

Your Committee on Conference finds that due to the Employees' Retirement System's (System) long-term investment performance, the funding period in which the System is expected to be fully funded has steadily decreased from the forecasted thirty years in fiscal year 2015-2016 to twenty-four years in fiscal year 2021-2022. Therefore, this measure will reduce the maximum projected funding period to amortize the total unfunded accrued liability of the System from thirty years to twenty years, which would lower future costs, align the System with new Actuarial Standards of Practice, and allow the State to receive favorable ratings from bond rating agencies.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3070, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, Tam and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 92-24 on S.B. No. 2526

The purpose of this measure is to extend the Technology Services Consolidation Working Group's dissolution date and require the Working Group to assist the Office of Enterprise Technology Services in working with certain state agencies to inventory and categorize the business criticality of each major state information technology system or data set and determine the appropriate data center or hosting facility requirements.

Your Committee on Conference finds that government data systems provide critical government services to citizens of the State. Your Committee on conference further finds that the benefits of a resilient data center or hosting facility extend far beyond the avoidance of downtime, as it will foster greater public trust in government operations, as citizens can be confident that their data is secure and accessible even in the face of unforeseen events. Moreover, it will enhance the State's ability to respond to emergencies and natural disasters, ensuring that critical information remains available when it is needed most. Therefore, this measure will ensure that all consolidated state information technology data are housed in a facility with the resiliency to perform maintenance or upgrades without downtime and the redundancy and contingencies for power outages.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Kitagawa, Chun, Kapela, Morikawa and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, McKelvey, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 93-24 on S.B. No. 2516

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that centralized computer information management and processing services shall be provided through the Chief Information Officer; and
- (2) Specify that the Chief Information Officer shall be appointed by and have a salary established by the Governor and report to the Comptroller.

Your Committee on Conference finds that although the Office of Enterprise Technology Services is established within the Department of Accounting and General Services, existing law requires the Chief Information Officer who heads the Office to report to the Governor, rather than the Comptroller. Your Committee on Conference further finds that this glitch in the reporting structure was inadvertently created when the position of the Chief Information Officer was transferred from the Office of the Governor to the Department of Accounting and General Services. This measure corrects this structural deficiency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2516, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Kitagawa, Tam and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nakashima).

Senators Aquino, McKelvey, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 94-24 on S.B. No. 2287

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Information Technology Steering Committee to assist the Chief Information Officer in developing a plan to enhance and increase usage of the hawaii.gov mobile application, the State's mobile internet application; and
- (2) Require the Chief Information Officer's annual report of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to include updates on the hawaii.gov mobile application.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic demonstrated the importance of ensuring that state services are accessible to individuals using mobile communication devices. This measure will facilitate increased usage of "hawaii.gov mobile", the mobile application developed by the State for the public to access its website, by residents and visitors.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2287, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Perruso, Kitagawa, Garrett, Kila and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garrett).

Senators Aquino, Shimabukuro and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 95-24 on S.B. No. 2536

The purpose of this measure is to amend the Hawaii Public Procurement Code by:

- (1) Establishing a new accounting services procurement preference for certain Hawaii accounting service businesses; and
- (2) Clarifying that the existing reciprocity procurement preference includes offerors under the provisions governing competitive sealed bids and competitive sealed proposals.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State can encourage the growth and sustainability of businesses that employ Hawaii residents by providing those businesses with a competitive edge in government service contracts through the establishment of procurement preferences. The procurement preference established by this measure incentivizes public accounting firms with offices in the State to increase career opportunities for residents to provide accounting services to the government, while the expansion of the reciprocity exemption would further support fair competition with other public accounting firms that operate out of low-cost jurisdictions and do not have offices in the State. Your Committee on Conference respectfully requests that any departments affected by this measure communicate to the Legislature on the impact of this measure on the State.

Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024, and a repeal date of July 1, 2028; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2536, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Garrett, Kitagawa, Lamosao and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Nakashima, Kitagawa).

Senators McKelvey, Shimabukuro and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 96-24 on H.B. No. 1902

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Clarify that the Governor's and mayors' emergency management powers must be consistent with the Hawaii State Constitution;
- (2) Clarify the scope of the comprehensive emergency management plan;
- (3) Clarify the powers of the Governor and mayors to extend or terminate a state of emergency or local state of emergency, respectively;

- (4) Shorten the duration of price control periods from ninety-six hours to seventy-two hours in a state of emergency or local state of emergency; and
- (5) Amend emergency management law regarding tenants, mortgagors, consumers, and residents for certain periods of time after the issuance of a state of emergency or local state of emergency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting to the H.D. 1, thereby deleting part II, pertaining to tenants, mortgagors, consumers, and residents for certain periods of time after the issuance of a state of emergency or local state of emergency;
- (2) Changing its effective date to upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1902, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Poepoe, Chun, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Chun).

Senators Wakai, Keohokalole, Rhoads and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 97-24 on H.B. No. 2453

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor, or a state official with authorization from the Governor, to transfer federal capitalization grant monies between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Health, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each Regular Session, to submit to the Legislature a report on:
 - (A) All transfers between the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund and Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Loan Fund; and
 - (B) Whether the transfers comply with federal law; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2453, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Lowen, Poepoe, M. Mizuno and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (M. Mizuno, Ward).

Senators San Buenaventura, Lee and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 98-24 on H.B. No. 2467

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset provision of Act 222, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, to permanently allow the Board of Land and Natural Resources to approve rent credits in the form of rental reductions or waivers for leases that require substantial demolition costs or infrastructure improvement costs for the lessee to utilize the premises.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2467, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Nishimoto, Chun, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Aquino, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 99-24 on H.B. No. 2361

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Community Development Authority, upon request, to render services to assist and enter into cooperative agreements with state and county agencies for projects within and outside designated community development districts.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Poepoe, Tarnas, Kila, Garrett, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Moriwaki, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 100-24 on H.B. No. 2471

The purpose of this measure is to establish a statutory framework for inspections of public land leases or licenses by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, including by third-party inspectors contracted by the Department.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Narrowing the types of public land that may be inspected by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to public land subject to a lease or license under chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Narrowing the subject of authorized inspections by third-party inspectors to structures or buildings, rather than all public land subject to a lease or license under chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Narrowing the type of corrective action the Department of Land and Natural Resources may take based on the third-party inspectors' reports to corrective action regarding structures or buildings, rather than leases, licenses, or land;
- (4) Incorporating its provisions by operation of law as a provision of all leases and licenses entered into by the Board of Land and Natural Resources after, rather than as of, its effective date; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2471, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Tarnas, Poepoe, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Rhoads, Aquino, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 101-24 on H.B. No. 2499

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Designate the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii as the Chief Procurement Officer for the University; and
- (2) Extend the sunset date for the designation of the University of Hawaii Chief Procurement Officer to June 30, 2027.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Designating the University of Hawaii Chief Financial Officer, rather than the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Hawaii, as the Chief Procurement Officer for the University;
- (2) Extending the sunset date for the designation of the Chief Financial Officer as the Chief Procurement Officer to June 30, 2028;
- (3) Requiring the University of Hawaii to:
 - (A) Provide the Chief Financial Officer a six-month transition period to hire and transfer the necessary procurement staff; and
 - (B) Complete its reorganization to place the procurement staff under the control of the Chief Financial Officer by July 1, 2025;
- (4) Changing the effective date to June 29, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2499, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Garrett, Kitagawa, Lamosao and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nakashima).

Senators Kim, McKelvey, Moriwaki, Hashimoto and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 102-24 on H.B. No. 1832

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow a state department, division, or agency, rather than the Department of Human Resources Development, to conduct a minimum qualification review of applicants for vacant positions within the department, division, or agency; and

- (2) Require the Department of Human Resources Development to provide state departments, divisions, and agencies the applications received for vacancies under certain circumstances.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized a state department, division, or agency to consider alternative qualifications and substitutions in place of minimum qualifications; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1832, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, Sayama and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, McKelvey, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 103-24 on H.B. No. 2715

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Malama Puuloa.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2715, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Chun, Martinez and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Inouye and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kanuha).

Conf. Com. Rep. 104-24 on H.B. No. 2484

The purpose of this measure is to conform Hawaii income and estate and generation-skipping transfer tax laws to the Internal Revenue Code as of December 31, 2023.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2484, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Kitagawa, Lamosao, Yamashita and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kanuha, Hashimoto and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 105-24 on H.B. No. 1760

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, or a county pursuant to a cooperative agreement, to establish a bond volume cap recycling program;
- (2) Authorize the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, subject to legislative approval, to secure a line of credit or other instrument of indebtedness to meet federal requirements for the bond volume cap recycling program;
- (3) Require a county or issuer to submit a report to the Department of Budget and Finance and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation on the status or use of its portion of the volume cap that is being recycled;
- (4) Establish a bond volume cap recycling program subaccount in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund; and
- (5) Provide legislative authorization for the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to secure a line of credit or other instrument of indebtedness during the 2023-2025 fiscal biennium not to exceed \$150,000,000.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have codified in the Hawaii Revised Statutes a statutory cap of \$150,000,000 for the total amount of the line of credit or other indebtedness that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation may secure;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1760, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Garrett, Miyake, Onishi and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Hashimoto, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 106-24 on H.B. No. 2563

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Tourism Authority to study the feasibility of, and create a plan for, developing and publishing a mobile application that includes all online application processes and fee collections for reservations to conduct regulated recreational and commercial activities;
- (2) Exempt the Hawaii Convention Center from certain requirements regarding concessions on public property;
- (3) Authorize the Hawaii Tourism Authority to sell or lease the naming rights of the Hawaii Convention Center; and
- (4) Facilitate advertising and marketing in or on the Hawaii Convention Center.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Hawaii Tourism Authority to study the feasibility of, and create a plan for, developing and publishing the mobile application; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Quinlan, Kitagawa, Garrett, La Chica and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garrett).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 107-24 on H.B. No. 2192

The purpose of this measure is to allow the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to appoint a limited owner of a cemetery for which no owner can be found and authorize the limited owner to file complaints for wrongful acts and engage in security and perpetual care activities for the cemetery.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2192, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Amato, Kitagawa, Chun, Takayama and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, Fukunaga and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 108-24 on H.B. No. 2546

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Allow for the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species; and
- (2) Require the Department of Agriculture to establish a registration program for purchasers of fine meshed nets in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a preamble related to the use of fine meshed nets for the protection of plants against invasive species, such as the coconut rhinoceros beetle;

- (2) Specifying the manner in which fine meshed nets shall be applied;
- (3) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Agriculture to establish a registration program;
- (4) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt certain rules related to preventing non-targeted entanglement and other prohibited uses;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Kahaloe, Cochran and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Gabbard, Rhoads and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 109-24 on H.B. No. 2339

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Delete the term "enhanced" in reference to 911 services to allow funding of all 911 technologies; and
- (2) Allow the 911 board to employ staff, in addition to the Executive Director, who are exempt from civil service and collective bargaining laws.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2339, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Kitagawa, Cochran, Morikawa and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators McKelvey, Moriaki, Keohokalole, Wakai and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Wakai, Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 110-24 on H.B. No. 1836

The purpose of this measure is to allow registered pharmacists, during declared states of emergency, to refill prescriptions for persons directly affected by the declared emergency for up to a thirty-day supply without the practitioner's authorization if the practitioner is unavailable to authorize the refill and if, in the pharmacist's professional judgment, failure to refill the prescription might interrupt the patient's ongoing care and have a significant adverse effect on the patient's well-being.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1836, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Belatti, Sayama, Poepoe, M. Mizuno, Takenouchi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (M. Mizuno, Takenouchi, Garcia).

Senators San Buenaventura, Wakai and Keohokalole.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. 111-24 on S.B. No. 2591

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Impose a fine on any private landowner that fails to disclose or record with the Bureau of Conveyances, or in documents used to offer real property for sale, the existence of burial or archaeological sites on their property that the landowner knew or should have known of; and
- (2) Require fines collected to be deposited into the Hawaii Historic Preservation Special Fund.

Your Committee on Conference finds that it is important that private landowners contribute to the preservation and protection of burial sites on their lands. This measure will hold private landowners accountable by imposing fines on property owners that fail to record or disclose these sites on their land.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and

(2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2591, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Poepoe, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Shimabukuro, Inouye, Rhoads and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 112-24 on S.B. No. 3109

The purpose of this measure is to give practical effect to the Legislature's intent for the appropriation in Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279), by:

- (1) Establishing the Act 279 Special Fund until June 30, 2026;
- (2) Depositing certain unexpended or unencumbered funds appropriated through Act 279 that are set to lapse on June 30, 2024, into the Act 279 Special Fund and appropriating funds out of the Act 279 Special Fund; and
- (3) Providing that unencumbered monies from the appropriation out of the Act 279 Special Fund shall lapse on June 30, 2026.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Act 279 appropriated \$600,000,000 to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to reduce the number of applicants on the Department's waitlist. However, the appropriation made by Act 279 does not align with the constitutional time limit on appropriations set by article VII, section 11, of the Hawaii State Constitution. This measure will correct the original general fund lapse date in Act 279 and ensure that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands may expend the funds appropriated by Act 279 as the Legislature intended.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Establishing the Act 279 Special Fund in session law, rather than in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended;
- (2) Specifying that moneys in the Act 279 Special Fund shall also be used to explore and develop opportunities to generate additional revenue from lands that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands controls to fulfill its fiduciary duties;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation of \$129,100,000 to be expended by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the purposes of Act 279;
- (4) Clarifying that the appropriation made by this Act shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal biennium for which the appropriation is made; provided that all moneys from the appropriation unexpended or unencumbered as of June 30, 2026, shall lapse as of that date; and
- (5) Inserting an effective date of June 29, 2024, and a repeal date of June 30, 2026.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3109, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Kila and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Shimabukuro, Lee and Keohokalole.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 113-24 on S.B. No. 2601

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Expand the time period by which a civil action for childhood sexual abuse committed on or after July 1, 2024, may be initiated; and
- (2) Authorize a court to require personnel of legal entities to undergo training on trauma—informed response to allegations of sexual abuse.

Your Committee on Conference finds that many childhood sexual abuse victims withhold disclosure, often due to limited access to quality psychological care and social services. This measure will provide victims of childhood sexual abuse additional time to come forward and seek justice against their abuser.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2601, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Gabbard and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 114-24 on S.B. No. 3290

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Disability and Communication Access Board to convene a working group to study the state of American Sign Language interpretation services in Hawaii; and
- (2) Require the working group to submit a report to the Legislature with the assistance of the Department of Health.

Your Committee on Conference finds that American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters provide a critical service to deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and hearing individuals in the State that wish to effectively communicate with each other in a variety of settings and circumstances. Your Committee on Conference further finds that there remains a critical need to develop an ASL interpreter workforce and to acquire additional information on the state of ASL interpretation services in the State. This measure will provide critical data to ensure greater access for individuals to receive ASL interpretation services in the State during emergencies and daily life activities and address other current and future issues relating to this critical service.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to clarify that no member of the working group shall be made subject to chapter 84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, solely because of that member's participation as a member of the working group; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3290, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Belatti, Marten, Nishimoto, Amato and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Kanuha and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 115-24 on S.B. No. 2725

The purpose of this measure is to reduce the pass-through entity level tax rate and allow the pass-through entity tax credit to be carried forward to subsequent years.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Act 50, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, allowed certain pass-through entities to elect to pay Hawaii income tax at the entity level. Act 50 was enacted to assist Hawaii's small businesses by allowing taxpayers to deduct Hawaii state income taxes paid on their federal income tax returns. These deductions from federal taxable income had been eliminated by changes to the federal tax code in 2017, which deprived Hawaii taxpayers of significant federal tax benefits. Under Act 50, the entity level tax is calculated by applying the highest individual income tax rate to the taxable income to be distributed, thus entitling qualified pass-through entity members to receive a nonrefundable income tax credit that cannot be carried forward to a subsequent year if the credit exceeds the member's income tax liability. Your Committee on Conference further finds that, due to the inability to carry forward the tax credit, many members remain unable to benefit from Act 50 as intended.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reverting it to the original version of the measure, which:
 - (A) Adds a definition for "qualified member" and repeals the definitions for "direct member" and "indirect member", as used in the State's pass-through entity taxation election law; and
 - (B) Allows certain qualified members who are entitled to a tax credit to use the credit against the member's net income tax liability in subsequent years until exhausted;
- (2) Amending the pass-through entity level tax rate to be the sum of all qualified member's distributive shares and guaranteed payments of Hawaii taxable income, as calculated under chapter 235, Hawaii Revised Statutes, multiplied by nine percent; and
- (3) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2725, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Kitagawa, Chun, Garrett and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Moriwaki, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 116-24 on S.B. No. 3083

The purpose of this measure is to amend various sections of article 11 of the Insurance Code to adopt revisions to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Model No. 440, Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the NAIC updated certain provisions of the Insurance Holding Company System Regulatory Act, relating to, among other things, the group capital assessment and calculation, which captures insurer risk at the level of the entire group, and liquidity stress test calculation. Accordingly, this measure makes various technical updates to the State's Insurance Holding Company System law to conform with the NAIC revisions.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3083, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Kitagawa, Amato and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Amato).

Senators Keohokalole, McKelvey and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 117-24 on S.B. No. 3094

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a temporary Peer Support Specialist Working Group (Working Group) within the Office of Wellness and Resilience to develop and make recommendations for a framework for peer support specialists in the State;
- (2) Require the Working Group to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature before the Regular Session of 2025; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Working Group, including for the Office of Wellness and Resilience to contract with an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the Working Group in carrying out its duties.

Your Committee on Conference finds that peer support is effective for improving behavioral health outcomes, including reduced hospital admission rates, longer community tenure, increased social functioning, and decreased substance abuse and depression. The recommendations from the Working Group established pursuant to this measure will allow the State to make an informed decision on establishing a framework of trauma-informed care for peer support specialists to better serve individuals in need.

Your Committee on Conference further finds that reimbursing members of the Working Group who are employed by the State and serving in their official capacity on the Working Group would be duplicating travel expenses they already receive. Furthermore, your Committee on Conference finds that compensating members of the Working Group who are not employed by the State could create a disparity with other state-mandated working groups.

Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have:
 - (A) Reimbursed members of the Working Group who are employed by the State and serving in their official capacity on the Working Group for reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, including travel expenses;
 - (B) Required that members of the Working Group who are not employed by the State receive compensation for their time spent on Working Group meetings and related work; and
 - (C) Appropriated funds for the Working Group, including for the Office of Wellness and Resilience to contract with an administrative facilitator to provide necessary support for the Working Group in carrying out its duties;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3094, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Chun, Ilagan, Kobayashi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ilagan, Garcia).

Senators McKelvey, Lee and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 118-24 on S.B. No. 2943

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Commercial Drivers Workforce Working Group within the Department of Transportation to address the workforce shortage of commercial drivers in the State; and
- (2) Require a report to the Legislature.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the scarcity of commercial drivers license (CDL) holders directly impacts the State's public and private sectors. Your Committee on Conference further finds that taking steps, including the establishment of a working group to develop a plan to address the shortage of commercial drivers in the State, will help to increase the efficiency and reliability of the State's public and private sectors.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2943, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Kila, Miyake and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

Senators Lee, Aquino and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Aquino).

Conf. Com. Rep. 119-24 on S.B. No. 2439

The purpose of this measure is to extend the statute of limitations for a one—year period beginning on July 1, 2024, for civil actions brought by adult victims of acts that occurred after June 30, 2014, that constituted or would have constituted a criminal sexual offense.

Your Committee on Conference finds that victims of sexual abuse may face certain obstacles when filing a civil action against their abusers, such as requiring additional time before they are ready to file a lawsuit. This measure will allow more victims to seek justice by extending the statute of limitations for civil actions brought by persons subjected to sexual offenses as an adult against the person who committed the act.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have made amendments to section 657-1.8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that would have:
 - (A) Beginning July 1, 2024, authorized a person eighteen years of age or older who is a victim of sexual abuse that occurred after June 30, 2014, to file a claim for a period of one year if the victim was barred from filing a claim against the victim's abuser due to the expiration of the applicable civil statute of limitations in effect before July 1, 2024;
 - (B) Clarified that a civil cause of action for sexual abuse of a person more than eighteen years of age shall be based upon sexual acts that constituted or would have constituted a criminal offense under existing sexual offense provisions;
 - (C) Authorized a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 465, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to notarize a statement included in the certificate of merit; and
 - (D) Clarified that the notarized statement shall include the facts and opinions of acts specified in section 657-1.8(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Inserting language that creates a new section in chapter 657, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that:
 - (A) Beginning July 1, 2024, revives for a two-year period certain actions for which the statute of limitations had previously lapsed if the abuse occurred after June 30, 2012, in the State when the person who is a victim of sexual abuse was eighteen years or older;
 - (B) Establishes provisions for claims against legal entities during the two-year window period if there is a finding of gross negligence;
 - (C) Clarifies that a civil cause of action for sexual abuse of a person that occurred when the person was eighteen years of age or older shall be based upon sexual acts that constituted or would have constituted a criminal offense under existing sexual offense provisions;
 - (D) Allows a victim of sexual abuse to file a civil claim against a legal entity under certain circumstances;
 - (E) Authorizes a defendant to recover attorney's fees if the court determines that a false accusation was made with no basis in fact and with malicious intent;
 - (F) Requires the submission of a certificate of merit, filed by the attorney for the plaintiff, that shall be sealed and remain confidential;
 - (G) Requires the certificate of merit to include a notarized statement by a marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 451J, Hawaii Revised Statutes; mental health counselor licensed pursuant to chapter 453D, Hawaii Revised Statutes; psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 465, Hawaii Revised Statutes; or clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 467E, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
 - (H) Clarifies that the notarized statement is required to include the facts and opinions that were relied upon to form a reasonable belief that the plaintiff was subject to acts that constituted or would have constituted a criminal offense under part V of chapter 707, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Deleting the sunset date of July 1, 2025;
- (4) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2439, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Elefante and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 120-24 on S.B. No. 2475

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a harm to students registry, for all early learning programs or schools and K-12 educational institutions within the State, that contains information on school employees, contractors, or volunteers for whom, as result of an investigation, a final finding has been issued that the individual has inflicted harm on a student; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii's prekindergarten through grade twelve students have a right to pursue their educational goals in safe, secure, and healthy learning environments statewide. However, in recent years, there has been a growing number of individuals who have perpetuated harm against children at one institution and then sought subsequent employment at another institution, creating a cycle of harm and abuse towards students. This measure establishes a Harm to Students Registry to create additional safeguards for students, maintain safe learning environments, and ensure individuals who have inflicted harm against students are held accountable.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have authorized the Department of Education to share information listed on the Harm to Students Registry with the Department of Human Services;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2475, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Tarnas, Takenouchi, La Chica, M. Mizuno, Takayama and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Aquino, Kim, Rhoads and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 121-24 on S.B. No. 1099

The purpose of this measure is to clarify the authority of the counties to use county surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure costs for county-supported housing projects.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the cost of infrastructure to support housing is a major barrier to the development of affordable and workforce housing statewide. Your Committee on Conference notes that Maui County is the only county in the State that has not adopted a surcharge on state tax and that allowing surcharges on state tax to be used for housing infrastructure would provide Maui County with the revenues necessary to address its affordable housing crisis. This measure offers another source of funding for counties to offset the high costs of housing infrastructure, thereby accelerating the development of housing projects at the county level. Your Committee on Conference notes that the phrase "county-supported housing projects" could be ambiguous and, as such, believes that an amendment that clarifies the authority of the counties to use their surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure costs only for county-appropriated housing infrastructure costs is necessary to ensure that no ambiguity exists.

Accordingly, your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the authority of the counties to use their surcharge on state tax revenues for housing infrastructure costs are only for county-appropriated housing infrastructure costs;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1099, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Yamashita, Garrett, Miyake, Poepoe and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators McKelvey, Hashimoto and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 122-24 on S.B. No. 2937

The purpose of this measure is to repeal the sunset date for the exemption of laboratory school programs of the Hawaiian language college at the University of Hawaii at Hilo from state English-medium standards, assessments, performance ratings, staff qualifications, and staff training requirements.

Your Committee on Conference finds that existing professional standards at Hawaiian language medium education programs ensure affiliated teachers and staff complete certain assessments, are appropriately trained, and are reviewed accordingly. This measure will therefore ensure continuity of the laboratory school program to provide high quality Hawaiian language immersion educational experiences for Hawaii's students.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, Morikawa, Kahaloa, Kila and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tarnas).

Senators Kidani, Elefante and Kanuha.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 123-24 on S.B. No. 3207

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Remove the salary cap of the Superintendent of Education; and
- (2) Make permanent the annual performance evaluation requirements for the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Superintendent of Education plays a significant role in effectuating education policy and goals for the Department of Education. This measure repeals the salary cap for the Superintendent while ensuring high performance standards through a permanent, annual performance evaluation.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of June 29, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, La Chica and M. Mizuno.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Senators Kidani, Kim and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 124-24 on S.B. No. 2861

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Make certain long-term exclusive listing agreements for the sale of residential real property void and unenforceable under the state law that governs unfair and deceptive practices;
- (2) Prohibit the recording or filing of exclusive listing agreements of any duration with the Bureau of Conveyances; and
- (3) Establish certain remedies for violations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that exclusive listing agreements are agreements that require a homeowner to grant exclusive listing rights for a property over a certain period of time, typically in exchange for a nominal upfront payment. Having been known to last up to forty years, these exclusive listing agreements—which are recorded as liens that run with the property—can impede the owner's ability to sell, refinance, or transfer the property can likewise subject future owners to the agreement without notice. Your Committee on Conference finds that many consumers are enticed into entering these complex agreements without a full understanding of the consequences because companies often deceptively advertise their terms or fail to fully disclose them. Accordingly, it is necessary to prevent unfair exclusive listing agreements from becoming prevalent in the State, and therefore this measure makes certain long-term exclusive listing agreements for the sale of residential real property void and unenforceable.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of November 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2861, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Sayama, Nishimoto, Amato, Tam and Pierick.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.
Senators Keohokalole, McKelvey and Awa.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 125-24 on H.B. No. 2480

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Office of the Lieutenant Governor to set a fee for the issuance of an apostille or a non—apostille certification; and
- (2) Establish and appropriate funds into and out of the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$12,000 into and out of the Apostilles and Certifications Special Fund for operational and administrative expenses of the apostille and certification of document services;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2480, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, Lamosao and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators McKelvey, Kanuha, Rhoads, Hashimoto and Awa.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 126-24 on H.B. No. 1827

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to:

- (1) Support the Public High School Health Care Workforce Certificate Program;
- (2) Renovate and equip certain public high school classrooms to be used for health care training; and
- (3) Support the Glidepath Program for certified nurse aides.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating \$750,000 to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the Public High School Health Care Workforce Certificate Program;
- (2) Appropriating \$1,000,000 as a grant-in-aid for Hawaii3R's to renovate and equip certain public high school classrooms to be used for health care training;
- (3) Appropriating \$700,000 to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to support the Glidepath Program for certified nurse aides;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1827, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Woodson, Garrett, La Chica, Lamosao and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Kidani and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 127-24 on H.B. No. 1686

The purpose of this measure is to require that the authorized benefits for chiropractic treatments allowed under personal injury protection benefits provided through motor vehicle insurance be tied to the charges, and any subsequent increases in charges, that are permissible under the workers' compensation supplemental medical fee schedule.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the contents of the H.D. 1 version, which increases the reimbursement rate for chiropractic treatments for personal injury protection benefits under motor vehicle insurance from \$75 to \$100; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1686, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Nishimoto, Garrett, Tam and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Nakashima, Tam).

Senators Keohokalole, Moriwaki, Aquino and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 128-24 on H.B. No. 1640

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that within thirty days of receipt of a written request from the exclusive representative to negotiate, and at times allowed under the collective bargaining agreement, the employer shall negotiate the repricing of classes within a bargaining unit; and
- (2) Provide that if an employer fails to timely initiate a negotiation or the parties cannot reach an agreement within ninety days after the exclusive representative's written request to negotiate or by January 31 of a year in which the agreement is due to expire, whichever is earlier, an impasse exists and certain impasse procedures shall apply.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Increasing the timeframe in which impasse procedures shall apply from ninety to one hundred fifty days;
- (2) Specifying that no more than fifteen repricing impasse procedures shall be active at any time, under certain conditions;

- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024;
- (4) Inserting a sunset date of June 30, 2029, and specifying that any negotiations on repricing that started prior to the sunset date may continue after the sunset date; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee on Conference has specifically excluded collective bargaining agreement impasse procedures from the fifteen active impasse procedure maximum in this measure. Only repricing impasse procedures shall count toward the fifteen maximum amount.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1640, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, Martinez, Tam and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Moriwaki, Rhoads and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 129-24 on H.B. No. 2641

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Reestablish the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, to begin September 1, 2024; and
- (2) Appropriate funds from the Compliance Resolution Fund for the Program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating \$23,000 out of the Compliance Resolution Fund for fiscal years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to implement the Appraisal Management Company Registration Program;
- (2) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2641, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Nakashima, Garrett, Kitagawa and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, Lee, Richards and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 130-24 on H.B. No. 1925

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force within the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$225,000 for the administration costs of the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$75,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent coordinator position to support the Hawaii State Planning Act Phase II Task Force;
- (3) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1925, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Poepoe, Kila, Chun, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, Lee, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 131-24 on H.B. No. 2107

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish a Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator within the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Exempting the Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator position from the civil service;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent Limited English Proficiency Language Access Coordinator position;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for programming support for limited English proficiency community projects, such as public service announcements, translation services, and other program projects and support;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2107, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Poepoe, Lamosao, Chun, Ichiyama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Souza).

Senators Wakai, Kanuha and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 132-24 on H.B. No. 2248

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a north shore beach management and climate adaptation plan for the North Shore of Oahu from Sunset Point to the Kapo'o (Sharks Cove) area.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the north shore beach management and climate adaptation plan to a north shore beach management plan;
- (2) Modifying the scope of the north shore beach management plan;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for development of the north shore beach management plan;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Todd, Poepoe, Ganaden, M. Mizuno and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Garcia).

Senators Kim, Inouye, Gabbard, DeCoite and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 133-24 on H.B. No. 2685

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) The Solar Hui Program to allow multi-family residential property owners to invest into a Solar Hui Investment Fund, which will provide loans to low- and moderate-income households to install solar energy systems; and
- (2) The Solar Hui Program Fund Manager to manage the Solar Hui Investment Fund, market the Solar Hui Program, and select solar contractors for energy projects.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the means of financing from general revenues to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$203,750 out of the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund for the implementation of the Solar Hui Program, including one full-time equivalent Solar Hui Program Fund Manager position;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2685, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Nakashima, Kitagawa, Tam and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators DeCoite, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 134-24 on H.B. No. 2743

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the counties to designate sewer improvement districts;
- (2) Authorize the counties to assess a cesspool pollution fee on real properties containing a cesspool, beginning July 1, 2025;
- (3) Authorize each county to establish a county cesspool closure and mitigation special fund;
- (4) Authorize the counties to use cesspool pollution fee revenues or other revenues, including real property tax revenues, for certain activities that eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the impacts of cesspools, including the expansion of county sewer systems and the issuance of grants and low-interest loans to property owners; and
- (5) Require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Water Resources Research Center and the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop an overlay with the Hawaii Cesspool Prioritization Tool to identify specific priority areas in which the county sewer system or other centralized treatment system could most feasibly be expanded or constructed to reduce or eliminate cesspools before January 1, 2050.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting all content except for the required development of an overlay with the Hawaii Cesspool Prioritization Tool and associated appropriation;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$350,814 for development of the overlay;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2743, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Lowen, Ichiyama, Poepoe, M. Mizuno, Nakamura and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Gabbard, San Buenaventura, McKelvey, Lee and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Rhoads).

Conf. Com. Rep. 135-24 on H.B. No. 2224

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for:

- (1) A comprehensive long-term care plan that incorporates certain essential components of long-term care services; and
- (2) An unspecified number of long-term care planner positions within the Executive Office on Aging to oversee the development and implementation of the long-term care plan.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the appropriation to establish the comprehensive long-term care plan;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$79,872 to establish and fund one full-time equivalent long-term care planner position;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2224, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Chun, Amato, Ilagan, Kobayashi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 136-24 on H.B. No. 1533

The purpose of this measure is to increase the amount of death benefits paid by the Department of Human Services to cover the cremation and disposition costs for a deceased person who was eligible for medical or financial assistance at the time of the person's death and whose body is unclaimed.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the death benefits payment from an unspecified amount to \$1,600;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$277,600 to cover the increased costs for the death benefits paid by the Department of Human Services;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1533, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Nishimoto, Amato, Kobayashi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Moriwaki and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 137-24 on H.B. No. 1148

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to establish one temporary full-time equivalent mental health technician certificate competence program coordinator position.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Replacing the appropriation for the establishment of one temporary full-time equivalent mental health technician certificate of competence program coordinator with one temporary full-time equivalent faculty instructor position;
- (2) Adding an appropriation for the establishment of one temporary full-time equivalent faculty outreach position;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$210,150 to support the statewide expansion of the University of Hawaii Windward Community College's mental health related programs, to be allocated as follows:
 - (A) \$75,000 for the temporary full-time equivalent faculty instructor position;
 - (B) \$75,000 for the temporary full-time equivalent faculty outreach position; and
 - (C) \$60,150 for the scholarship program, the granting of scholarships, and other necessary administrative costs;
- (4) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1148, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Kitagawa, Amato, Takenouchi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5; Ayes with Reservations (Garcia). Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Kim and Shimabukuro.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 138-24 on H.B. No. 2430

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer for Children Program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting appropriation amounts of \$53,500 for the Department of Education and \$2,050,000 for the Department of Human Services for the Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer of Children Program, including one full-time equivalent Program Specialist position for each department;
- (2) Removing language requiring the Department of Human Services to comply with the State's procurement codes when contracting with providers;
- (3) Changing the effective date to upon approval, with the appropriations to take effect on July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Takenouchi, Amato and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 139-24 on H.B. No. 2801

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the authority for counties to administer commercial property assessed financing programs and delegate all existing administrative responsibilities of the counties under the commercial property assessed financing program to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority; and
- (2) Allow condominiums to be eligible for commercial property assessed financing.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Kitagawa, Nishimoto, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Senators Keohokalole, Wakai, Richards and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 140-24 on H.B. No. 2742

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) For tenancies subject to eviction moratoria under emergency proclamations issued by the Governor and relating to wildfires, when it becomes legally permissible to terminate residential tenancy for nonpayment of rent:
 - (A) Extend the notice period for summary possession proceedings from five days to fifteen days for failure to pay rent;
 - (B) Require landlords to provide the notice to mediation centers;
 - (C) Require landlords to enter into mediation if scheduled by a tenant, which will delay when a landlord may file an action for summary possession except in cases where a tenant cancels the mediation or does not appear; and
 - (D) Restrict when landlord remedies are available depending on the amount of rent due;
- (2) Reiterate that eviction moratoria under the various emergency proclamations issued by the Governor may continue until terminated by a proclamation by the Governor or expiration of the proclamation; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services.

The pre-litigation eviction mediation process outlined in this measure is intended for survivors of the August 8, 2023, Maui wildfires who may be struggling to make rental payments as a result of this tragedy.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that a mediation center must contact the landlord or landlord's agent and tenant to schedule mediation within fifteen calendar days of receipt of the landlord's notice;
- (2) Specifying that if the tenant schedules mediation, the landlord and tenant are required to participate;
- (3) Specifying that the reiteration of the eviction moratoria applies to the eviction moratoria in effect as of July 1, 2024;
- (4) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$410,000 for the Judiciary to contract for mediation services for the purposes of this measure;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024;
- (6) Inserting a sunset date of December 31, 2026, or upon the one-year anniversary of the expiration date of the final eviction moratorium; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2742, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Kitagawa, Amato, Tam and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, Rhoads, Hashimoto and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 141-24 on H.B. No. 2380

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation out of the Mass Transit Special Fund.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an appropriation amount of \$179,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2380, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Kila, Kitagawa, Miyake and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kitagawa).

Senators Lee, Inouye and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 142-24 on H.B. No. 2376

The purpose of this measure is to make transfers of previously appropriated funds between certain Department of Transportation programs to cover anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability of departments to transfer funds between programs.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2376, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Kitagawa, Kila, Lamosao and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Hashimoto and Inouye.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 143-24 on H.B. No. 2377

The purpose of this measure is to make transfers of previously appropriated funds between certain Department of Public Safety/Corrections and Rehabilitation programs to cover anticipated operating shortfalls due to the limited ability of departments to transfer funds between programs.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing its effective date to upon approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2377, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Kitagawa, Nishimoto, Yamashita and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Senators Moriwaki, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 144-24 on H.B. No. 1801

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds and to make the constitutionally-required findings that the bond issuance will not cause the state debt limit to be exceeded.

Your Committee on Conference finds that article VII, section 13, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii requires the Legislature to include a declaration of findings in every general law authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, which shall declare that the issuance of state bonds authorized will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded at the time of issuance. Your Committee on Conference further finds that the proceeds generated from the general obligation bonds authorized to be issued under this measure will be used to finance the fulfillment of important state objectives.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting the appropriate dollar amounts throughout the measure as provided by the Department of Budget and Finance;
- (2) Updating references to applicable dates and measure numbers that are cited in the measure;
- (3) Making it effective upon approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1801, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1801, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Nishimoto and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ward).

Senators Moriwaki, Lee and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 145-24 on S.B. No. 3116

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Specify that the priority of selection for Preschool Open Doors Program participation applies only during the priority application period between February 1 and the start of each program year; and
- (2) Specify that applications received after the priority application period shall be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Preschool Open Doors Program provides key financial assistance to enable children to attend preschool and serves certain three- and four-year old children with priority extended to certain categories of children. However, existing law does not specify whether the priority of selection to participate in the Preschool Open Doors Program applies year-around or during a limited period of time. Your Committee on Conference further finds that establishment of a priority application period would ensure that the Preschool Open Doors Program maximizes the funding appropriated to the Program to serve the greatest number of three- and four-year-old children in a timely fashion. This measure preserves the prioritization process while also expediting the review and approval of applications to allow faster access to Preschool Open Doors Program subsidies and increase participation in this school readiness program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to determine a child's underserved or at risk status, if not duplicative of the rules already adopted under chapter 17-799, Hawaii Administrative Rules;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Morikawa, Chun, Ilagan, Kobayashi and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Kidani and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 146-24 on S.B. No. 2284

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a two-year program at the University of Hawaii to develop a wildfire forecast system for the State using artificial intelligence; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the threat of wildfires has increased in recent years, necessitating proactive evacuation planning, risk mitigation, and updated data in the event of natural disasters. By forecasting wildfires, the State can streamline rapid response and suppression efforts focused on specific community needs while ensuring first responders are adequately informed and prepared. Therefore, this measure will enhance emergency management and wildfire mitigation preparedness procedures in the State to help protect communities against future emergencies.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the development of the wildfire forecast system;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2284, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Todd, Poepoe, La Chica, M. Mizuno and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kim, Wakai, Shimabukuro, Hashimoto and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hashimoto, Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 147-24 on S.B. No. 3153

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to receive moneys for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program; and
- (2) Appropriate funds for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program.

Your Committee on Conference finds that many private dams across the State are in disrepair and many private dam owners do not have the resources to conduct the necessary repairs or removal of their dams. Your Committee on Conference further finds that dams provide many public benefits. Therefore, it is in the public's best interest for the Legislature to provide financial assistance to private dam owners. This measure will assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in providing funds to qualifying dam owners.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation of \$10,000,000 from the general fund to be deposited into the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund as seed funding for the purposes of the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation of \$10,000,000 from the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund to be expended by the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and

- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Poepoe, Kahaloa, Morikawa and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Inouye, DeCoite, Elefante and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 148-24 on S.B. No. 1170

The purpose of this measure is to require the counties to issue affordable housing credits for affordable housing units that are constructed under the various programs of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the current high interest rate environment is negatively impacting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's production of affordable housing in the State. To promote housing production at the county level, this measure will provide a pathway for housing to be built at a lower cost and provides a means for developers to fulfill their affordable housing requirements with less risk and increase the State's housing supply.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have allowed a county to impose a geographic constraint on the transfer of affordable housing credits with a minimum radius of five miles by public road;
- (2) Inserting language allowing the credits to be applied to satisfy up to fifty percent of the affordable housing obligations imposed by the county for each market-priced residential or non-residential development, unless the county allows for more than fifty percent as provided by county ordinance, rules, or any memoranda of agreement between the county and the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation;
- (3) Inserting language requiring that, prior to the issuance of an affordable housing credit, an agreement, including affordable housing-related agreements between a county or the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and an eligible developer, shall be executed and include language requiring:
 - (A) A new and sequential identification number of at least four digits in length for each affordable housing credit to be issued within each county for tracking purposes;
 - (B) An agreement to be recorded on title of at least one parcel or tax map key of the originating housing project, as defined in section 201H-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
 - (C) The prompt amendment of an agreement when an affordable housing credit originally generated by a housing project is sold, transferred, or utilized to create an easily auditable trail of ownership;
- (4) Changing the sunset date from June 30, 2031, to July 1, 2031;
- (5) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Miyake, Morikawa and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Kanuha and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 149-24 on S.B. No. 3202

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit private covenants for residentially zoned lots within an urban district from including certain limitations or restrictions;
- (2) Require the director of the county agency responsible for land use to review and act on any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of certain parcels within the state urban land use district; and
- (3) Amend the calculation of impact fees for certain developments.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the shrinking population in the State is a result of the inequitable access to housing. Promoting higher density development in urban areas can aid in addressing the State's shortfall of housing units and reduce the pressure to convert agricultural and conservation lands into urban uses. Therefore, this measure promotes higher density, compact development, and the efficient use of the State's limited lands that are suitable for residential development.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting as a new part I language establishing a new section in chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to require the counties, no later than December 31, 2026, to either implement a countywide ordinance allowing for two accessory dwelling units per residentially zoned lot or using their zoning maps to allow two accessory dwelling units on certain lots, subject to certain restrictions;

- (2) Clarifying that no private covenant for a residentially zoned lot within an urban district recorded after the effective date of this measure shall limit the:
 - (A) Number of accessory dwelling units on that residentially zoned lot below the amount allowed pursuant to part I of this measure; or
 - (B) Long-term rental of residential units on that residentially zoned lot;
- (3) Amending the definition of "residentially zoned lot";
- (4) Clarifying that the administrative authority to accept, reject, and approve, or deny any application for subdivision, consolidation, or resubdivision of a parcel of land that has been fully zoned for residential use within the state urban district shall be vested with the director of the county agency responsible for land use or a single county officer designated by ordinance, provided that the parcel is not on important agricultural lands, on certain wetlands, within a floodplain district, on a habitat for protected or endangered species, within a state historic district, or within a lava zone, and other certain conditions;
- (5) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3202, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Ichiyama, Tarnas, Kila, Morikawa, Todd and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Ichiyama).

Senators Chang, Lee and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 150-24 on S.B. No. 1035

The purpose of this measure is to exempt from the general excise tax amounts received by a hospital, infirmary, medical clinic, health care facility, or pharmacy, or a medical or dental practitioner, for health care-related goods and services purchased under Medicaid, Medicare, or TRICARE.

Your Committee on Conference finds that, under the existing general excise tax law, there is an incongruity in the way medical service providers are treated. Your Committee on Conference also finds that medical services rendered at a nonprofit hospital, infirmary, or sanitarium are exempt from the general excise tax, whereas the same services rendered by individual or group practices or clinics are fully taxable. Your Committee on Conference further finds that government programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE, do not compensate for the tax differential, leading some health care providers to bear additional economic costs.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date from June 30, 3000, to January 1, 2026; and
- (2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Holt, Lamosao, Garrett, Morikawa and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Hashimoto and Keohokalole.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 151-24 on H.B. No. 2042

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Health to contract for the provision of youth mental health and wellness services to address the mental health and wellness needs of youth in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$900,000;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Nishimoto, Amato, Marten and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino and Shimabukuro.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 152-24 on H.B. No. 1830

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2026, establish provisional or associate-level licensure requirements and insurance reimbursement allowances for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists;
- (2) Authorize associate psychologists who possess a provisional license to sit for the licensing examination before completing certain supervised experience requirements;
- (3) Authorize insurance reimbursements for services provided after July 1, 2026, by a supervised social work intern, in certain circumstances; and
- (4) Appropriate funds from the Compliance Resolution Fund.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to use fees collected for provisional or associate-level licenses to defray the costs incurred by the Department for the operations of the marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors licensing programs and the regulation of psychologists by the Board of Psychology;
- (2) Inserting appropriation amounts out of the Compliance Resolution Fund of \$73,406 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent Office Assistant V position and \$75,000 for updates to the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's internal databases;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1830, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Sayama, Chun, Amato and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Keohokalole, San Buenaventura, Aquino and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 153-24 on H.B. No. 982

The purpose of this measure is to increase:

- (1) The amount of funds that the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund can carry over at the end of each fiscal year;
- (2) The Cigarette Tax Stamp Fee and the percentage of that fee allotted to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund; and
- (3) The amount of funds from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement annual payment that may be deposited into the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language increasing the Cigarette Tax Stamp Fee and the percentage of that fee allotted to the Tobacco Enforcement Special Fund;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 982, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Tarnas, Kitagawa, La Chica and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (La Chica).

Senators San Buenaventura, Kanuha and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 154-24 on H.B. No. 2619

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture for programs and positions in agricultural biosecurity.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a preamble related to the Department of Agriculture's role in the control and eradication of invasive species in the State;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to:
 - (A) Lead and coordinate the State's invasive pest control and eradication biosecurity efforts, including engaging in memorandums of understanding with interagency partners and private organizations;
 - (B) In conjunction with certain agencies and entities, identify best practices for the treatment of certain pests;
 - (C) Post certain data and information on its website;
 - (D) Document certain geographic information system database information;

- (E) Provide notice to the Department's Pesticides Branch prior to usage of pesticides in the course of controlling pests;
 - (F) Include certain information related to advancing the State's invasive pest control and eradication biosecurity efforts in its annual report to the Legislature; and
 - (G) Report on programs and positions funded by this measure; report on expenditures from and uses of the Pest Inspection, Quarantine, and Eradication Fund to facilitate the program's conversion to general funds; and document contracts for invasive species response;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$19,780,660 to the Department of Agriculture for programs and positions in agricultural biosecurity, amending the list of programs and positions, and exempting certain positions from civil service;
 - (4) Inserting language that appropriates \$200,000 to the counties as a grant-in-aid, subject to a county match, for the implementation of feral chicken control programs;
 - (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
 - (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Yamashita, Aiu, Kahaloa and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Gabbard, Dela Cruz and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 155-24 on H.B. No. 1953

The purpose of this measure is to require the Judicial Council to conduct a comprehensive review of the Hawaii Penal Code and recommend necessary amendments.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$10,000 for the review of the Hawaii Penal Code;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1953, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Nishimoto, Holt, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Shimabukuro and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 156-24 on H.B. No. 2074

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of three full-time equivalent Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and ten full-time equivalent Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$3,544,683 for the establishment of the three full-time equivalent Kaiapuni education curriculum specialist II positions and ten full-time equivalent Kaiapuni classroom teacher positions;
- (2) Specifying that the appropriation shall also be used for Kaiapuni programs;
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, Amato, Kahaloa, Kapela and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, DeCoite and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 157-24 on S.B. No. 2257

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board to consider qualified individuals with at least an associate's degree or high school diploma with comparable education and coursework, industry experience, and content expertise to teach career and technical education courses.

Your Committee on Conference finds that career and technical education offers students experiential learning opportunities to prepare them for higher education and future careers. This measure provides opportunities for experienced industry professionals to become instructors to teach career and technical education courses to help fill critical teacher vacancies while ensuring that instructors possess the same or a higher level of knowledge as currently qualified teachers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by inserting an effective of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, La Chica, M. Mizuno and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 158-24 on S.B. No. 2497

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Repeal the provision that made references to the base amount in the Internal Revenue Code inapplicable to the Research Activities Tax Credit and allowed credits for all qualified research expenses to be taken without regard to previous years' expenses;
- (2) Narrow the qualifying criteria for research activities tax credits to applicants who are small businesses registered in the State;
- (3) Amend the maximum amount of tax credits that can be certified per year; and
- (4) Extend the sunset date of the research activities tax credit to December 31, 2029.

Your Committee on Conference finds that research activities help to stimulate the State's economy and create beneficial employment opportunities for residents. Currently, the State's Research Activity Tax Credit is scheduled to expire after this taxable year. This measure extends the tax credit through 2029 to further support distribution of tax credits to qualified companies and to stimulate the local economy and create quality jobs in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language that would have amended the maximum amount of research activities tax credits that can be certified per year;
- (2) Clarifying that "small business" means a company with no more than five hundred employees;
- (3) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2497, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Holt, Lamosao, Garrett, Kong and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Pierick).

Senators DeCoite, Wakai and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 159-24 on S.B. No. 2305

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Silver Alert Program within the Department of Law Enforcement to help locate and safeguard missing persons who are sixty-five years of age or older, cognitively impaired, or developmentally disabled; and
- (2) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that more than half of states nationwide have established silver alert programs to help identify missing individuals with cognitive impairments, developmental disabilities, or who are the elderly. This measure will help law enforcement and provide immediate information to the public, facilitate a prompt response, and enhance the chances of locating an individual with a developmental disability, cognitive impairment, or who is sixty-five years of age or older.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$250,000 for the Silver Alert Program;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2305, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Tarnas, Chun, Amato, Takayama and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Shimabukuro, Aquino and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 160-24 on S.B. No. 2070

The purpose of this measure is to, until July 1, 2027:

- (1) Exempt Department of Education purchases for career and technical education goods and services from the State Procurement Code;
- (2) Require the Department of Education to acquire three verbal or written quotes for career and technical education purchases of not more than \$100,000;
- (3) Require awards of over \$2,500 for career and technical education purchases to comply with certain statutory provisions regarding offerors; and
- (4) Require awards of over \$500,000 for career and technical education purchases to be approved by the Superintendent of Education.

Your Committee on Conference finds that career and technical education opportunities provide students with hands-on learning experiences in various emerging and in-demand industries and allow students to directly learn skills using proper industry equipment. This measure ensures timely access to critical career and technical education materials and equipment to provide students with high quality educational experiences and develop skills to support success in their future careers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Education to acquire three written quotes for purchases that exceed \$100,000;
- (2) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Education to obtain three verbal quotes for purchases of no more than \$100,000;
- (3) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Matayoshi, Morikawa, La Chica and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 161-24 on S.B. No. 3305

The purpose of this measure is to require all public charter schools that exclusively offer prekindergarten programs to adhere to the public charter school law, with certain exceptions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that prekindergarten-only public charter school programs provide the State's youngest keiki with critical educational opportunities. This measure will expand access to early learning programs while ensuring institutional adherence to applicable statutory requirements.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3305, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Tarnas, Morikawa, Martinez, M. Mizuno, Takayama and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Tarnas, Takayama).

Senators Kidani, Kanuha and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 162-24 on S.B. No. 3087

The purpose of this measure is to expand access to early learning programs on other state properties and public lands besides Department of Education public school campuses.

Your Committee on Conference finds that expanding access to early learning programs for Hawaii's youngest keiki is of paramount importance to the State. Therefore, this measure authorizes the expansion of early learning programs to locations besides Department of Education public school campuses to increase availability and provide all students with an opportunity to commence their educational careers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Authorizing early learning programs to be established in available public buildings, rather than public properties; and
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, La Chica and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Hashimoto.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 163-24 on S.B. No. 2401

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Appropriate funds to each county as a grant—in—aid, subject to a county match, for the implementation of feral chicken control programs; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to the Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign.

Your Committee on Conference finds that feral chickens and roosters are a persistent nuisance, particularly in suburban and urban residential communities. Feral chickens damage gardens and food crops, harm native plants and resources, crow at all times of day and night, and leave unsanitary droppings. This measure will protect the State's ecosystem and natural resources and the health and safety of its residents by requiring the Department of Agriculture to work with each county to implement feral chicken control programs and feeding of feral animals education campaigns.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have made an unspecified appropriation as a grant-in-aid, subject to a county match, to each county for the implementation of feral chicken control programs;
- (2) Deleting language that would have made an unspecified appropriation to the Department of Health for a feeding of feral animals education campaign;
- (3) Inserting language requiring the Department of Agriculture to work with each county to implement feral chicken control programs and feeding of feral animals education campaign in each county;
- (4) Inserting language requiring each county to match the funds expended by the Department of Agriculture for the implementation of the feral chicken control program and feeding of feral animals education campaign in that county;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (6) Making it effective on July 1, 2024; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2401, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Gates, Kahaloa and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Gabbard and Kim.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 164-24 on S.B. No. 3279

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish within the Office of Wellness and Resilience the State of Well-Being Project to assess and enhance Tier 1 and Tier 2 mental health support services for all key stakeholder communities across the State; and
- (2) Appropriate funds to implement the State of Well-Being Project, including funds to establish full-time equivalent mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the prevalence of both acute and chronic mental illnesses has been on the rise in the State over the past two decades and that it is critically important to have a tiered approach to comprehensively address statewide mental health concerns. This measure establishes the State of Well-Being Project to enhance Tier 1 and Tier 2 mental health support services for key stakeholder communities across the State and promote a safe and healthy State for all citizens.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have provided specific examples of mental health support services in the statutory definitions of Tier 1 mental health support and Tier 2 mental health support;

- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$876,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the establishment and implementation of the state of well-being project, to be expended as follows:
 - (A) \$475,000 to establish six full-time equivalent (6.0 FTE) mental health specialist positions within the Office of Wellness and Resilience; and
 - (B) \$401,000 for the Office of Wellness and Resilience to implement this measure;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3279, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Marten, Belatti, Takenouchi, Kila, Lamosao and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Moriwaki and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 165-24 on S.B. No. 2837

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Temporarily authorize the Oahu Regional Health Care System to oversee the operations and management of the proposed Maui State Veterans Home; and
- (2) Establish a timeline and process whereby permanent oversight of the proposed Maui State Veterans Home will be reassigned to the Maui Regional Health Care System.

Your Committee on Conference finds that although the state Department of Defense is currently planning for the construction of the Maui State Veterans Home, the management, operation, and staffing of the Maui State Veterans Home should be placed with a state agency that is able to manage a long-term care facility.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting provisions that would have:
 - (A) Temporarily placed ownership and oversight of the Maui State Veterans Home with the Oahu Regional Health Care System;
 - (B) Required the Maui Regional Health Care System to secure ownership of the land of, and assume permanent oversight over, the Maui State Veterans Home; and
 - (C) Required reports to the Legislature;
- (2) Statutorily authorizing the Oahu Regional Health Care System to include the Maui State Veterans Home;
- (3) Requiring that no later than June 30, 2027, the Maui State Veterans Home shall be assimilated into a state agency having a Maui affiliation, in a manner and to an extent that may be negotiated between the Oahu Regional Health Care System or a state agency having a Maui affiliation and the state Department of Defense;
- (4) Clarifying that no liabilities of the Maui State Veterans Home that exist at the time the Maui State Veterans Home is assimilated shall become liabilities of the agency into which the Maui State Veterans Home is assimilated;
- (5) Clarifying that the assimilation shall not be affected by the amendments made to section 323F-2(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, by Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021;
- (6) Changing the effective date to make the measure effective upon its approval; and
- (7) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Nakashima, Kitagawa, Amato and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Hashimoto and Keohokalole.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Keohokalole).

Conf. Com. Rep. 166-24 on H.B. No. 1932

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Department of Transportation to acquire and hold title to real, personal, or mixed property for certain purposes;
- (2) Amend the definition of "public lands" to exclude lands to which the Department of Transportation holds title; and
- (3) Authorize the Department of Transportation to expend funds to directly acquire real property for projects relating to climate mitigation and adaptation and visual and noise buffer zones and barriers.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing language subjecting the disposal of lands held by the Department of Transportation to the same requirements for the disposal of submerged or reclaimed lands;
- (2) Inserting language granting the Director of Transportation the same powers as the Board of Land and Natural Resources for functions subject to Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Inserting language requiring a department or agency with control of state lands to convey title or lease of those lands to the Department of Transportation upon request by the Department of Transportation and subject to approval by the Governor;
- (4) Clarifying that lands set aside by the Governor for the Department of Transportation or lands leased by the Department of Transportation are excluded from the definition of "public lands";
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1932, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, Kila, Aiu, Evslin and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).

Senators Lee, Inouye and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 167-24 on H.B. No. 1763

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation from forgiving any loan made from the Rental Housing Revolving Fund unless the Corporation forecloses on the project;
- (2) Amend the permitted uses of and priority for which monies in the Rental Housing Revolving Fund are to be used;
- (3) Repeal the authorization to use the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to provide grants; and
- (4) Require the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report to the Legislature on plans to revolve funds back into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Defining "efficiency" and "feasibility";
- (2) Expanding the permitted uses of the Rental Housing Revolving Fund to include credit enhancement, rather than credit enhancement for construction loans, and gap financing;
- (3) Clarifying that the rental housing projects that are eligible to receive a Rental Housing Revolving Fund loan are those that demonstrate project readiness, efficiency, and feasibility, with priority given to projects with a perpetual affordability commitment;
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1763, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Garrett, Miyake, Onishi and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Chang, Hashimoto and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Kanuha).

Conf. Com. Rep. 168-24 on H.B. No. 2790

The purpose of this measure is to require the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to submit a report analyzing the feasibility of continuing to fund the operations of the housing loan and mortgage program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2790, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Evslin, Aiu, Nishimoto and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Nishimoto).

Senators Chang, Kanuha and Awa.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 169-24 on H.B. No. 2404

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the amounts for the income tax brackets and standard deduction amounts for each filing status for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023; and
- (2) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, annually adjust the income tax brackets and standard deduction amounts by a cost-of-living adjustment factor.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the annual adjustment for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2024, to income tax brackets and standard deduction amounts by a cost-of-living adjustment factor;
- (2) Amending the standard deduction amounts for each filing status for taxable years 2024, 2026, 2028, 2030, and 2031;
- (3) Amending the income tax brackets for each filing status for taxable years 2025, 2027, and 2029;
- (4) Making it effective upon approval; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2404, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Chun, Kitagawa, Lamosao, Takenouchi and Ward.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Takenouchi).

Senators Moriwaki, Lee, Aquino and Fevella.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 170-24 on S.B. No. 116

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of special number plates to commemorate Duke Kahanamoku.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Duke Kahanamoku was one of the first internationally recognized Native Hawaiians with a multitude of achievements that have contributed greatly to Hawaii's favorable international reputation. This measure will honor Duke Kahanamoku through the issuance of a commemorative special license plate.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the special number plate design contains words, images, or both, not to exceed four and a half inches in height by four inches in width; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Kila, Martinez and Alcos.
Managers on the part of the House.
Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Lee, Wakai and Shimabukuro.
Managers on the part of the Senate.
Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 171-24 on S.B. No. 3220

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Transfer the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation;
- (2) Make conforming amendments; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that although the Public Utilities Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law under existing law, the Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over the State's facilities and infrastructure in all modes of transportation (land, air, and water), would be better-suited to regulate and enforce the Motor Carrier Law, as the regulation of vehicles over the public highways would more naturally fall under its purview. Therefore, this measure transfers jurisdiction over the enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of improving administrative efficiency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds;

- (2) Inserting language requiring the transfer of enforcement of the Motor Carrier Law from the Public Utilities Commission to the Department of Transportation to be completed before December 31, 2024;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3220, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Nakashima, Kila, Amato and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Pierick).

Senators Lee, Keohokalole and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 172-24 on S.B. No. 2443

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program, to be implemented by the State in only those locations where a photo red light imaging detector system has been implemented;
- (2) Create a new offense of noncompliance with maximum speed limit under automated speed enforcement system; and
- (3) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that speed safety cameras are a proven method to deter speeding and are recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Highway Administration for local and state adoption. Your Committee on Conference further finds that an Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program will reduce speed-related traffic fatalities throughout the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language that prohibits citations to be issued for vehicles driving not less than five miles per hour over the posted maximum speed limit;
- (2) Inserting language that authorizes the Department of Transportation to raise the minimum threshold for issuance of a citation pursuant to rules adopted pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (3) Clarifying that photographs, microphotographs, video, or other recorded images produced by the automated speed enforcement system shall be prima facie evidence;
- (4) Clarifying that any photographs, microphotographs, video, or other recorded images evidencing a violation be available for inspection in any proceeding to adjudicate the liability for that violation;
- (5) Deleting the full-time equivalent positions for the administration of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program;
- (6) Inserting an appropriation out of the State Highway Fund for the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund;
- (7) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$5,000,000 out of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program Special Fund for the purpose of ten radar devices and for the operation of the Automated Speed Enforcement Systems Program;
- (8) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2443, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tarnas, Kila, Miyake and Matsumoto.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tarnas).

Senators Lee, Wakai, Rhoads and Kanuha.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Wakai).

Conf. Com. Rep. 173-24 on S.B. No. 2841

The purpose of this measure is to designate May 15 of each year as Water Safety Day.

Your Committee on Conference finds that between 2018 and 2022, drowning was the leading cause of death for children one to seventeen years of age in Hawaii. Accordingly, this measure will spread awareness of drowning and educate youth in becoming safer in and around the water by designating May 15 of each year as Water Safety Day.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2841, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tam, Tarnas, Kitagawa, Ganaden and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.
 Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Ganaden, Alcos).
 Senators Lee, Elefante and Fevella.
 Managers on the part of the Senate.
 Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 174-24 on S.B. No. 3242

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Transportation or county transportation agency having jurisdiction over roads, highways, or similar infrastructure to evaluate high-risk or dangerous corridors or intersections and plan strategies for mitigation; and
- (2) Provide that an engineering study is not required to be considered if the Department of Transportation or any county decreases maximum speed limits within one mile of a school.

Your Committee on Conference finds that serious motor vehicle accidents are a growing concern in the State where numerous crashes have occurred near schools, causing injuries and fatalities. This measure will help expedite safety improvements to dangerous areas to increase the safety of the State's roadways.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3242, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Todd, Tamas, Kila, Miyake and Matsumoto.
 Managers on the part of the House.
 Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Matsumoto).
 Senators Lee, Wakai and Inouye.
 Managers on the part of the Senate.
 Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Wakai).

Conf. Com. Rep. 175-24 on S.B. No. 2240

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require and appropriate funds for the Office of Elections to file an application with the Electronic Registration Information Center, Inc., (ERIC) for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization;
- (2) Require the State and each county to use the information and services made available by ERIC to verify their voter registration rolls; and
- (3) Require the Office of Elections to request an appropriation from the Legislature, beginning fiscal year 2025—2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, for the State's annual membership dues to ERIC.

Your Committee on Conference finds that ERIC, is a nonprofit organization that was formed to help states improve the accuracy of voter registration rolls by using secure data-matching tools. This measure will provide another tool for election officials to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the voter registration rolls by allowing election officials to compare the State's voter registration file and driver license and identification card file with other member states.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting legislative findings clarifying that part of the process for a state to be admitted as a member of ERIC is for that state to send mailers to its residents who have driver's licenses but are not registered to vote, encouraging them to register to vote;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$125,000 for the Office of Elections to prepare and file an application with ERIC, for the State to be admitted as a member of the organization, and for the Office of Elections to send mailers to all Hawaii residents who have driver's licenses but are not registered to vote, encouraging them to register to vote;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tamas, Nishimoto, Garrett, Holt and Souza.
 Managers on the part of the House.
 Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.
 Senators Rhoads, Shimabukuro, Elefante and Fevella.
 Managers on the part of the Senate.
 Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 176-24 on S.B. No. 2726

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on condominium property regimes and the approaches used in certain other jurisdictions with respect to ombudsman programs, licensing for management, alternative dispute resolution, governmental regulation, owner education, and owner access to condominium documents;
- (2) Extend the deadline for the final report and the cease date for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force to June 30, 2026; and

- (3) Make an appropriation for the study.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Condominium Property Regime Task Force established by Act 189, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, requested the Legislature to task the Legislative Reference Bureau with studying and reporting on several specific subjects relating to condominium property regimes that would enable the Task Force to thereafter recommend legislation suitable to Hawaii's needs on an informed and objective basis. Therefore, this measure requires and appropriates funds for the Legislative Reference Bureau to complete the requested study of condominium subjects in other states and provides additional time for the Condominium Property Regime Task Force to complete its work based on the Legislative Reference Bureau's future findings and recommendations.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting a general fund appropriation amount of \$200,000 for the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct the requested study;
- (2) Making an appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 from the Condominium Education Trust Fund established pursuant to section 514B-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct the requested study, subject to certain conditions;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2726, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Sayama, Kitagawa, Hussey-Burdick, Tam and Pierick.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Hussey-Burdick, Pierick).

Senators Keohokalole, Fukunaga, Moriwaki and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 177-24 on S.B. No. 2085

The purpose of this measure is to establish and appropriate funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal to direct statewide efforts in preventing and responding to fires throughout the State.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State Fire Marshal position was abolished in 1979 and replaced by the State Fire Council, composed of the Fire Chiefs of the four counties, Fire Chief of the State Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Unit, and a representative of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee on Conference further finds that while the State Fire Council acts as the de facto State Fire Marshal's office, the members serve as non-compensated volunteers, and can only meet on a quarterly basis due to the high demand of their leadership positions within their fire respective services. Therefore, this measure establishes the Office of the State Fire Marshal to provide critical input and oversight to the State's Fire Code, coordinate with county fire departments and other agencies in promoting fire safety and the efficient deployment of fire operations in the State, and oversee the training and certification of fire inspectors and investigators in the State, among other duties.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the State Fire Marshal to be appointed by the State Fire Council, rather than by the Governor;
- (2) Requiring the State Fire Marshal to serve a term of five years rather than ten years;
- (3) Inserting language requiring the State Fire Council to meet expeditiously to select and appoint a new State Fire Marshal to serve the remainder of the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy;
- (4) Deleting language that would have required the State Fire Marshal to:
 - (A) Coordinate with county fire departments and other agencies in promoting fire safety and the efficient deployment of fire operations in the State; and
 - (B) Administer state-level fire protection training and aid in the establishment of training facilities and programs, including statewide standardization of certification and training levels for firefighters;
- (5) Inserting language that clarifies that the duties of the State Fire Marshal include:
 - (A) Coordinating fire protection efforts between local agencies for the State;
 - (B) Working with the State Fire Council on matters relating to fire services in the State;
 - (C) Working with state and county law enforcement agencies for enforcement of the State Fire Code;
 - (D) Reviewing and assessing the fire risk of the State;
 - (E) Reviewing and proposing amendments to the State Fire Code and submitting the proposed amendments to the State Fire Council for the Council's consideration in its adoption of or amendments to the State Fire Code;
 - (F) Reviewing the emergency resources that are available in the State to be deployed to address fires;
 - (G) Assessing whether the State would benefit from a statewide public fire safety messaging program; and
 - (H) Assisting in the disbursement of federal grants for structural fire protection purposes to the counties;
- (6) Clarifying that the State Fire Marshal may utilize the services of the State Fire Council, including its advisory committees and administrative staff, as appropriate;
- (7) Inserting language including the State Fire Marshal in the list of positions excepted from the application of chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the State's Civil Service Law;
- (8) Inserting language requiring the State Fire Council to establish the terms of employment for the position of the State Fire Marshal and appoint the State Fire Marshal;

- (9) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$172,000 for the following:
- (A) \$120,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent State Fire Marshal position;
 - (B) \$40,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.00 FTE) permanent position to support the State Fire Marshal; and
 - (C) \$12,000 for training, office supplies, rent, and other operating and administrative costs to support the State Fire Marshal;
- (10) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (11) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (12) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2085, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Ichiyama, Matayoshi, Poepoe, Kila, M. Mizuno and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 6. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Wakai, Hashimoto and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 178-24 on S.B. No. 2991

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to adopt rules establishing criteria and procedures for the creation of new bargaining units;
- (2) Require the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to issue a decision and order upon making a determination of whether or not to approve the petition, and if approved, submit a report for the Legislature to consider and enact the establishment of the new bargaining unit; and
- (3) Appropriate funds for the development of the criteria and procedures for the creation of new bargaining units and to establish an unspecified number of new positions within the Hawaii Labor Relations Board to implement the criteria and procedures.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Legislature currently holds the exclusive authority to establish a new bargaining unit through legislation. Your Committee on Conference also finds that there is no path or process for those wishing to create a new bargaining unit to follow. Therefore, this measure will establish clear criteria and procedures to create new bargaining units as well as transfer a portion of the screening authority for prospective bargaining units from the Legislature to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$95,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) staff attorney position (LBR 161), exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, within the Hawaii Labor Relations Board;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024;
- (3) Inserting a repeal date of July 1, 2027; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2991, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Garrett, Martinez, Sayama and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Rhoads, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 179-24 on S.B. No. 2782

The purpose of this measure is to require the Office of Enterprise Technology Services to develop multilingual accessibility standards and appropriate funds to establish an unspecified number of program manager positions within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services.

Your Committee on conference finds that electronic information technology is rapidly replacing print media, emphasizing the importance of ensuring access to technology for all residents to participate fully in state programs, services, and activities. Providing equal access to state services and information for individuals with limited English proficiency upholds fundamental fairness principles and when diverse communities can fully engage with state resources, it promotes entrepreneurship, workforce participation, and consumer spending, thereby benefiting the economy. Therefore, this measure will provide clear technical guidance related to public access to vital information and documents and standardize performance criteria and technical requirements across the State's enterprise technology systems.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent program manager position within the Office of Enterprise Technology Services;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2782, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Perruso, Matayoshi, Lamosao, M. Mizuno and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Kanuha and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 180-24 on S.B. No. 2787

The Purpose of this measure is to establish the Immigration Services and Access Unit within the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' Office of Community Services and appropriate funds for the unit, including funding for new positions.

Your Committee on Conference finds that Hawaii is one of the most culturally diverse states with one of the highest proportions of non-English speakers in the nation, many of them being immigrants and migrants with limited English proficiency. Your Committee on Conference further finds that English proficiency, or the lack thereof, has a great impact on people's economic and social activities, and health literacy and wellness. Therefore, this measure will allow the Office of Language Access to further improve language access within state government, provide a critical link for communication, and make State services accessible to individuals with limited English proficiency.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$450,000 to fund the Immigrant Services and Access Unit within the Office of Community Services, to be expended as follows:
 - (A) \$80,000 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Unit Supervisor Position;
 - (B) \$48,000 to establish one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) Fiscal Clerk position;
 - (C) \$12,000 as operation funds, including funds for on-site monitoring, legal review costs, printing costs, and travel expenses to attend conference training;
 - (D) \$300,000 to expand the Immigration Resource Centers to provide more direct client assistance for naturalization fees and replacement of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Records, and to specifically provide further assistance to immigrants affected by the August 2023 Maui wildfires; and
 - (E) \$10,000 for furniture and equipment for the newly established positions;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2787, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Lamosao, Garrett, M. Mizuno and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (M. Mizuno).

Senators Aquino, Kanuha and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 181-24 on S.B. No. 2461

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize medical cannabis dispensaries to purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products from other dispensaries without any showing that the purchase is necessary for a qualifying patient's continuous access to cannabis for medical use, or the cannabis and manufactured cannabis products are for medical, scientific, or other legitimate purposes; and
- (2) Require the Department of Health to adopt rules regarding medical cannabis products within a certain timeframe.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State's medical cannabis dispensary program is intended to ensure that qualifying patients have safe and legal access to medical cannabis, which can be enhanced through the efficiencies derived from wholesaling. Notwithstanding, under existing law, a medical cannabis dispensary can only purchase cannabis and manufactured cannabis products directly from another dispensary if they can demonstrate a specific need for the purchase and obtain prior approval from the Department of Health. Your Committee on Conference finds that by authorizing sales between dispensaries of cannabis products as a matter of course, without having to demonstrate a specific need and obtain approval, this measure will increase the availability of medical cannabis, lower costs for patients, and improve the administration of the State's medical cannabis dispensary program.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Health to adopt rules regarding medical cannabis products no later than nine months after a product is permitted to be manufactured and distributed pursuant to section 329D-10(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes, the state law governing the types of manufactured cannabis products;
- (2) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (3) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2461, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Gates, Belatti, Morikawa, Kahaloa, Takenouchi and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Keohokalole and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 182-24 on S.B. No. 63

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits for six-month periods to out-of-state licensed practical nurses and registered nurses or nurses who hold a multistate license issued by another state, territory, or foreign country, under certain circumstances;
- (2) Provide an exception from licensing requirements to nurses who are licensed in another state, territory, or foreign country and accompanying a patient from out-of-state for a period of less than two weeks and who are not employed or affiliated with a health care entity in the State; and
- (3) Appropriate funds to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to implement the regulation of nurses as required by this measure.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State is experiencing a chronic shortage of medical professionals statewide. This measure establishes a streamlined procedure for certain nurses who are not licensed in the State to practice in the State under a temporary permit valid for six months, and requires the Board of Nursing to issue temporary permits within ten business days of the date the completed application is received to help alleviate the strain on the existing nursing workforce.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language clarifying that the Board of Nursing may issue a temporary permit to a practical nurse or registered nurse licensed in another jurisdiction who meets certain criteria;
- (2) Inserting language clarifying that the Board of Nursing may issue a temporary permit to a nurse who currently holds a multistate license issued by another state, territory, or country; provided that the individual meets certain criteria;
- (3) Deleting language that would have provided that temporary permits issued pursuant to this measure would in no case be valid for more than a period of six month from the date of issuance and that a new and separate temporary permit may be issued under certain conditions;
- (4) Inserting language that, beginning July 1, 2025:
 - (A) Allows an out-of-state registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to apply for a temporary permit simultaneously with an application for a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in the State;
 - (B) Requires any out-of-state registered nurse or licensed practical nurse applying simultaneously for a temporary permit and license to practice to submit only one application with a single, non-refundable fee as prescribed by the Board of Nursing; and
 - (C) Requiring the simultaneous temporary permit to be issued within ten business days of the date the completed application is received by the Board of Nursing under certain conditions and to be valid until the time the Board of Nursing approves the individual's application for a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, but no longer than one year;
- (5) Inserting language allowing the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to employ necessary personnel without regard to chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes, including one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) permanent Office Assistant, for the purposes of this measure;
- (6) Deleting language that would have made an appropriation;
- (7) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2024; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 63, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Belatti, Matayoshi, Nakashima, Takenouchi and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Alcos).

Senators San Buenaventura, Keohokalole and Shimabukuro.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 183-24 on S.B. No. 3139

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program within the Department of Health to expand existing services to divert those with mental health issues to appropriate health care services;
- (2) Require the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and training and certification for crisis intervention officers;
- (3) Define "mental health emergency worker" and "crisis intervention officer"; and
- (4) Appropriate funds.

Your Committee on Conference finds that thousands of people in the State are cited or arrested each year for offenses such as drinking liquor in public, loitering in public parks after hours, and camping on sidewalks, beaches, and other restricted public places. Most of these people suffer from issues relating to drugs, alcohol, or mental illness and may be better served through the health care system, rather than the criminal justice system. This measure establishes a Crisis Intervention and Diversion Services Program to ensure that persons having mental illnesses or co-occurring mental illnesses and substance use disorders receive appropriate treatment.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting language that would have required the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate crisis intervention training for state and county law enforcement agencies and crisis intervention officers;
- (2) Deleting language that would have included in the list of positions excepted from State's Civil Service Law, three Crisis Intervention Coordinator positions in the Department of Law Enforcement;
- (3) Amending section 334-59, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which governs emergency examination and hospitalization of persons who are deemed imminently dangerous to self or others, by inserting language that:
 - (A) Clarifies when a law enforcement officer may gain control of the person and the procedures the officer shall take to call for assistance from a mental health emergency worker;
 - (B) Requires a Crisis Intervention Officer to call a mental health emergency worker if the Officer has probable cause to believe that the person is imminently dangerous to self or others, to determine if the person should be transported by ambulance or other suitable means to a behavioral health crisis center designated by the director; and
 - (C) Defines "crisis intervention officer";
- (4) Deleting language that would have appropriated funds;
- (5) Amending section 1 to reflect its amended purpose;
- (6) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (7) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3139, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Takenouchi, Marten, Tarnas, Nishimoto, Garrett, Lamosao and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 7. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators San Buenaventura, Moriwaki and Rhoads.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 184-24 on S.B. No. 582

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations, and reallocate certain state moneys, to fund the State's response to the August 2023 wildfires on the island of Maui.

More specifically, the measure:

- (1) Makes emergency appropriations for certain Federal Emergency Management Agency-eligible and Federal Emergency Management Agency-ineligible costs related to the August 2023 Maui wildfires;
- (2) Makes an emergency appropriation to fund the One Ohana Bank Trust Account to compensate Maui wildfire victims;
- (3) Repeals the general obligation bond appropriation for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund and the Pension Accumulation Fund;
- (4) Temporarily lifts various restrictions on the use of the Major Disaster Fund and extends the lapse date of certain disaster relief funds to allow continued expenditures for the wildfire relief efforts; and
- (5) Requires the state Department of Defense and the Governor to submit reports on expenditures and federal reimbursements related to the August 2023 Maui wildfires.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the State's total expenses for Hawaii's response to the August 2023 Maui wildfires are expected to exceed the \$199,100,000 allocated to the Major Disaster Fund for initial wildfire response and recovery efforts. The emergency appropriations and reallocation of funds authorized by this measure are necessary so that the State may continue to aid displaced individuals and families, restore crucial infrastructure, and implement measures to prevent future wildfires.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the appropriation to the Departmental Administration and Budget Division of the Department of Budget and Finance for noncongregate housing and other expenses related to the Maui wildfires by:
 - (A) Changing the appropriation amount from \$292,400,000 to \$297,000,000; and
 - (B) Providing that no funds shall be transferred unless matched by at least \$40,000,000 in private funds;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation to the Departmental Administration and Budget Division of the Department of Budget and Finance for services, goods, or construction that are eligible for partial federal reimbursement via certain public assistance programs;
- (3) Deleting a provision repealing the general obligation bond appropriation for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund and the Pension Accumulation Fund;
- (4) Deleting a provision limiting the use of federal reimbursement moneys for the Maui wildfires disaster to expenditures for the State's share of services, goods, or construction that are eligible for partial federal reimbursement via certain public assistance programs, and making conforming amendments;

- (5) Deleting reporting requirements for the Governor and state Department of Defense on expenditures and federal reimbursements relating to the August 2023 Maui wildfires disaster;
- (6) Changing the effective date from July 1, 3000, to upon the measure's approval;
- (7) Changing the repeal and reenactment date of sections 37-41.5 and 127A-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, from July 1, 2029, to July 1, 2026;
- (8) Changing the lapse date from July 1, 2029, to June 30, 2026, for any unencumbered trust account moneys retained in the account to be used for the recovery efforts from the Maui wildfires disaster that began on August 8, 2023;
- (9) Reordering certain sections of the measure for clarity; and
- (10) Making technical nonsubstantive changes for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 582, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Kitagawa, Nishimoto, Poepoe and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Hashimoto, DeCoite and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 185-24 on S.B. No. 3091

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for its food service operations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that meals provided to students at Department of Education schools are critical to the development and well-being of Hawaii's students, which have become increasingly essential for thousands of students who rely on school breakfasts and lunches. This measure provides the Department of Education with critical funding to continue food service operations at public schools.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Department of Education to cover its food service operations;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, La Chica and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 186-24 on S.B. No. 3092

The purpose of this measure is to make an emergency appropriation to the Department of Education for charter school operations.

Your Committee on Conference finds that the Department of Education has a statutory mandate to provide proportional funding to charter schools commensurate with the respective school's student enrollment. This measure provides critical funding to support the operations and educational opportunities for students at Hawaii's public charter schools.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$6,600,000 for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the Department of Education to provide funding for charter schools;
- (2) Making it effective upon its approval; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, La Chica and Garcia.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Kidani, Kim and Richards.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 187-24 on H.B. No. 2340

The purpose of this measure is to satisfy several claims against the State, its officers, or its employees.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding the requisite information for making an appropriation in excess of the general fund expenditure ceiling pursuant to article VII, section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Deleting the appropriation of \$800,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Schweitzer v. State of Hawaii;
- (3) Appropriating \$35,000 in general funds for a settlement in the case of Ralph Fukumoto v. State of Hawaii, Department of Public Safety;
- (4) Authorizing the payment of \$36,536.06 in general funds appropriated to the Department of the Attorney General for a settlement in the case of State of Hawaii v. The Honorable Jeffrey P. Crabtree and the Sierra Club;
- (5) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Tarnas, Yamashita, Takayama and Souza.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 4. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Rhoads, Moriwaki and Awa.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Awa).

Conf. Com. Rep. 188-24 on H.B. No. 40

The purpose of this measure is to provide a tax credit to taxpayers and appropriate funds for fiscal year 2023-2024 to be deposited into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund and Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund pursuant to Article VII, section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing the provisions that provided an income tax credit;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$300,000,000 to be deposited into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund and making the appropriation for fiscal year 2024-2025;
- (3) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$135,000,000 to be deposited into the Pension Accumulation Fund and making the appropriation for fiscal year 2024-2025;
- (4) Adding the requisite information for making an appropriation in excess of the general fund expenditure ceiling pursuant to article VII, section 9, of the Hawaii State Constitution and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 40, S.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Kitagawa and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 2. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Conf. Com. Rep. 189-24 on S.B. No. 3068

The purpose of this measure is to make various appropriations to facilitate Maui's recovery from the August 2023 wildfires, including for repairs and replacement of infrastructure that will reduce the risk of future wildfires.

Specifically, this measure:

- (1) Appropriates \$200,000,000 from the state risk management revolving fund for disbursement of wildfire insurance claim payments;
- (2) Appropriates \$186,160,000 as a set-aside for wildfire recovery costs;
- (3) Authorizes the Governor to transfer funds to other state agencies and requires the Governor and the departments receiving those funds to report those transfers to the Legislature;
- (4) Appropriates \$10,000,000 for fire and emergency response equipment; and
- (5) Authorizes the Director of Finance to issue \$63,560,000 in reimbursable general obligation bonds for various projects on Maui.

Your Committee on Conference finds that in August 2023, the island of Maui suffered devastating wildfires that resulted in one hundred one confirmed fatalities, sweeping destruction of homes and businesses, and catastrophic impacts to the Maui community. Your Committee believes that the recovery of

Maui will require additional moneys and programs along with authorizations for the expenditure of various federal funds. Your Committee further finds that a prudent recovery should include infrastructure repairs and replacement that will help to prevent future wildfires.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending the purpose section to reflect current efforts to support the Maui wildfire recovery and the reduction of future wildfire risks;
- (2) Adding an appropriation of \$62,500 in general funds for a temporary library to be located in Lahaina, Maui;
- (3) Adding an appropriation of \$424,344 in general funds for six full-time equivalent temporary positions within the Department of Human Services;
- (4) Adding appropriations of \$13,370,000 in general funds and \$12,751,554 in federal funds for emergency management related to the Maui wildfires;
- (5) Adding an appropriation of \$521,473 from the conservation and resources enforcement special fund for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, for the Maui wildfire recovery efforts;
- (6) Adding an appropriation of \$1,000,000 from the public utilities commission special fund for consultant contracts for utility dockets, to be expended by the Public Utilities Commission;
- (7) Adding an appropriation, or authorizing the expenditure of federal moneys received by the State, of up to \$20,000,000 for wildfire response, recovery, and prevention measures;
- (8) Adding an appropriation of \$7,425,000 in general funds for fire response and rehabilitation, and wildfire fuels reduction, contracts;
- (9) Adding an appropriation of \$1,412,928 in general funds for twenty-two full-time equivalent positions within the Native Resources and Fire Protection Program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
- (10) Deleting from the measure the authorization to issue reimbursable general obligation bonds in the amount of \$63,560,000 for various projects on Maui since the authorizations for those projects were recently included in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2024;
- (11) Adding an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in general funds for fire and emergency response equipment;
- (12) Adding an appropriation, or authorizing the expenditure of federal moneys received by the State, of up to \$3,549,000 for fire and emergency response equipment;
- (13) Adding an appropriation of \$900,000 from the public utilities commission special fund for consultant contracts for utility dockets, to be expended by the Division of Consumer Advocacy;
- (14) Adding amendments to the General Appropriations Act of 2023, Act 164, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, as amended by House Bill 1800, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, passed by the Legislature during the Regular Session of 2024, to:
 - (A) Require that of the general fund appropriation for the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, \$400,000 shall be expended in accordance with chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and also requiring that the moneys shall be used to match extramural funding for stormwater management for drought resiliency and reducing wildfire risk, along with requiring that the Department of Land and Natural Resources submit a report to the Legislature accounting for the usage of the moneys;
 - (B) Require that of the general fund appropriation for amelioration of natural disasters, the sum of \$194,000 shall be expended for civilian auxiliary aviation services; and
 - (C) Require reimbursement to the State from the County of Maui for certain wildfire recovery projects;
- (15) Adding an appropriation of \$2,334,681 for the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization to conduct a multiethnic cohort study on the health effects of the August 2023 Maui wildfires and to develop and maintain a registry of those affected by the wildfires to assess their long-term health and well-being and the impacts on communities;
- (16) Requiring the lapsing of appropriations in the measure that are unencumbered as of June 30, 2025;
- (17) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2024; and
- (18) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3068, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Yamashita, Cochran, Kahaloa, Kila, Kitagawa, Miyake, Poepoe and Ward.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 8. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Wakai, Hashimoto and Elefante.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. 190-24 on H.B. No. 2374

The purpose of this measure is to make emergency appropriations for:

- (1) Collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (2), (3), (4), (9), (13), and (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025; and
- (2) The public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, and various legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Appropriating a total of \$449,016,917 for collective bargaining cost items for the members of Bargaining Units (2), (3), (4), (8), (9), (13), and (14) and their excluded counterparts, including the cost of salary adjustments negotiated between the State and the bargaining unit representative for fiscal biennium 2023-2025;

- (2) Deleting language that would have appropriated an unspecified amount for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining and belong to the same compensation plans as those officers and employees within certain bargaining units;
- (3) Deleting language that would have appropriated an unspecified amount for salary increases and other cost adjustments by the Chief Justice for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining and belong to the same compensation plans as those officers and employees within certain bargaining units;
- (4) Deleting language that would have appropriated an unspecified amount for salary increases and other cost adjustments for state officers and employees who are excluded from collective bargaining, assigned to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and belong to the same compensation plans as those officers and employees within certain bargaining units;
- (5) Appropriating a total of \$7,800,000 for fiscal biennium 2023-2025 for the public employment cost items and cost adjustments for employees of the Senate, House of Representatives, and various legislative agencies who are excluded from collective bargaining;
- (6) Inserting the amount and percentage of exceedance of the appropriation over the general fund expenditure ceiling;
- (7) Changing the effective date to upon approval; and
- (8) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2374, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1.

Signed by the Chairs on behalf of the Committee.

Representatives Matayoshi, Yamashita, Garrett, Kitagawa and Alcos.

Managers on the part of the House.

Ayes, 5. Noes, none. Excused, none.

Senators Aquino, Moriwaki and Fevella.

Managers on the part of the Senate.

Ayes, 3. Noes, none. Excused, none.