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FIFTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 9:23 a.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Cochran, who was excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. 881 through 886) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 881, dated April 25, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

H.B. No. 441, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 2, SD 2 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

Sen. Com. No. 882, dated April 25, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bills:

H.B. No. 830, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 2, SD 2 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 1052, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 2 Senator Aquino added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 1168, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 1 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 1298, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 3, SD 1 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 1409, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 1 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

S.B. No. 1434, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 1, HD 1 Senator Aquino added as Conferee.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Conferee.

S.B. No. 1526, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 2, HD 1 Senator Kanuha added as Co-Chair.
Senator Hashimoto discharged as Co-Chair.

Sen. Com. No. 883, transmitting H.C.R. No. 96, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO EVALUATE AND EXPAND ITS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR STUDENTS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 25, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 884, dated April 25, 2025, informing the House that the following bills have this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 1318, HD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 885, dated April 25, 2025, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.B. No. 1448, SD 2, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 886, dated April 25, 2025, informing the House that the Senate has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolution:

S.C.R. No. 121, SD 1, HD 1

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Quinlan introduced former Representative Ryan Yamane, director, Department of Human Services; and Luis Salaveria, director, Department of Budget & Finance.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced former House Chief Clerk's Office staff, Ross Miyasato Jr.

Representative Shimizu introduced members of the 2A community.

Representative Templo introduced her friend and mentor, former Georgia State Representative Sharon Beasley-Teague.

Representative Perruso introduced Henry Curtis and Kat Brady.

Representative Alcos introduced Nelson, Chris, and Fred.

Representative Holt introduced union leaders: Cody Sula, Kika Bukoski, Mike Pacheco, and Emmanuel Zibakalam.

At 9:30 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, we will first take up a few measures out of order. Please turn to page 36 and refer to CCR 98."

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representative Cochran was excused.)

ORDINARY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 98 and S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Kila offered Floor Amendment No. 4, amending S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 as follows:

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

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

""(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary and except as otherwise provided in this chapter, beginning January 1, 2025, whenever any motor vehicle is determined, by means of an automated speed enforcement system, to have ~~exceeded the posted maximum speed limit by not less than five miles per hour in violation of~~ violated section 291C-108, the State's third-party contractor shall cause a summons or citation, as described in this section, to be sent by first-class mail[that is postmarked within ten calendar days after the date of the incident, to the registered owner of the motor vehicle at the address on record at the vehicle licensing division. If the end of the ten-calendar-day period falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, then the ending period shall run until the end of the next day that is not a

Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. The registered owner shall be determined by the identification of the motor vehicle license plate."

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

Representative Kila moved that Floor Amendment No. 4 be adopted, seconded by Representative Grandinetti.

Representative Kila rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, in support. The floor amendment being offered today allows us to make sure we are passing non-conflicting statute and language. That's what we're doing."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 4, amending S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: " A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 9:47 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 4 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 46 and refer to CCR 198."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 198 and S.B. No. 1434, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1434, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Takayama offered Floor Amendment No. 5, amending S.B. No. 1434, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 as follows:

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

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

Representative Takayama moved that Floor Amendment No. 5 be adopted, seconded by Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy.

Representative Takayama rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Madam Speaker, in support. Madam Speaker, the reason for the floor amendment is that it clarifies that the money contained in the proposed state budget to fund this program goes into a special fund for that purpose rather than from the general fund. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 5, amending S.B. No. 1434, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: " A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 9:49 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please refer to CCR 199."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 199 and H.B. No. 1026, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1026, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Sayama offered Floor Amendment No. 6, amending H.B. No. 1026, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 as follows:

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

"SECTION 12. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined that at the beginning of the regular session of 2025, the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 was exceeded by \$8,551,795 or one per cent. The appropriations contained in Act 1, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025 caused the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by an additional \$30,334,159. Therefore, the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025 has already been exceeded by \$38,885,954 or 1 per cent.

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

Representative Sayama moved that Floor Amendment No. 6 be adopted, seconded by Representative Lee.

Representative Sayama rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This floor amendment would clarify that the appropriations contained in this bill would exceed the expenditure ceiling by 2%. Again, the appropriations of this bill is to pay for the hazard pay for the bargaining units listed."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 6, H.B. No. 1026, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: " A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 9:51 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Please turn to page 52 and refer to CCR 233."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 233 and H.B. No. 1483, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1483, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Tarnas offered Floor Amendment No. 7, amending H.B. No. 1483, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 as follows:

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

"(a) A person commits the offense of sending or receiving fireworks or articles pyrotechnic by air delivery if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sends or receives any amount of aerial devices, articles pyrotechnic, consumer fireworks, or display fireworks via any form of air delivery, including but not limited to any private courier,

commercial carrier, or mail or postal services; provided that a person possessing a current explosives license issued by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall not be prosecuted under this section if the person sends or receives the consumer fireworks, aerial devices, display fireworks, or articles pyrotechnic via any form of air delivery in compliance with federal law."

Representative Tarnas moved that Floor Amendment No. 7 be adopted, seconded by Representative Poepoe.

Representative Tarnas rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"In support, thank you. This floor amendment is to make it clear in this measure that companies who have a current explosives license issued by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives are exempt from the prohibition for shipping aerial devices, articles, pyrotechnic, and other display fireworks via air delivery. That way, these companies are able to bring in these aerial fireworks and other fireworks for special events, like concerts, by air delivery because these are done just in time. So, I urge members to support this floor amendment. Thank you."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 7, amending H.B. No. 1483, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: " A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representatives Cochran and Garcia being excused.

At 9:53 a.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 7 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure.

"Members, please turn to page 1, we will be taking up the state executive budget."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 45 and H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of House Bill 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1. First of all, I'd like to reiterate what I said when we passed the House Draft 1, that I really do appreciate all the support from you, Madam Speaker, and your leadership team as we move forward through this budget and your input through that. The chairs, I'd also like to thank all of you for all of your input through the process. And this is a critical part of putting together this budget.

"The Finance Committee members put in a lot of long hours. And we do appreciate, and they did input as we went through this process and finally finishing it up. Led by our vice chair who put in yeoman hours, and we were up till 1:30 a.m., 2:00 in the morning sometimes, and we worked on Easter Sunday to try and get the budget out in a timely manner. And I think we did okay. So, thank you very much, I really appreciate it.

"Also, our CIP chair. I've done it before, like I've said before, and I know what it takes, and it's a lot of work and a lot of time. So, I really appreciate everything she did on that budget. As well as our GIA chair, this is his first time, but I think he did a great job for us. So, everybody should thank all these people.

"The Finance staff, who is not in the audience today, but I'd like to thank them for all their long hours that they put into putting this budget together. There's a lot of detail that goes into this work, so a big thanks to them. As well as the WAM chair, this is the third year we have done it together. And I can say that our relationship is growing, and we are moving a little quicker, and have a better understanding of what both of us want to do to improve the state. So, I want to thank you very much, as well as his staff.

"And of course, to thank also the administration, the governor and his administration. There were, I was going to say that there were two directors this time, last time we only had one, but they left, so, I won't be able to say that. But we'd like to thank the administration for their input also. As well as the community, everybody gave us input as to the support of this budget.

"So, with that, just a few weeks ago, speaking on HD 1, I noted that the 2025 Session began with uncertainty and continues to show signs of major headwinds and challenges, and that this picture will become clearer after the Council on Revenues meets. Unfortunately, that's not the case today. Uncertainty remains, the challenges and headwinds have grown. This is why the conference draft of the state budget before you dedicates funds for core services, safety net programs, reserves a healthy carryover balance to shore up potential fiscal shortfalls in the upcoming months.

"The budget process was a thoughtful and deliberate effort that incorporated valuable input from the members and the broader community. Our focus throughout has been on doing what is best for the state. We remain committed to ensure core services are uninterrupted while addressing critical community needs, including agriculture, housing, natural resources, transportation, public safety, and economic development.

"Tens of millions of dollars have already been restricted or cut from federal grants. These grants support local businesses, provide non-profits with the ability to deliver valuable services to those most in need, enhance government services for safety net programs throughout the state.

"The federal government has frozen or terminated about \$30 million in grants to government. That affects programs and research. Here are just a few of the grants. Invasive species, climate crisis, advanced technology training in agriculture and food systems, energy resilience, environmental justice, Medicaid options for the state, Alzheimer's and dementia prevention and reversal, preservation of Native Hawaiian culture and oral history."

Representative Tarnas rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Yamashita continued, stating:

"Thank you very much. We have heard from several agencies that critical services are at risk and may be on the chopping block. Additionally, a reduction in force is a danger that we cannot afford to implement again. Money remaining in the ending balance can be prioritized as we get more definitive action and information from our federal partners, from our congressional delegation.

"We provided \$50 million in SB 933 to assist organizations providing core services across our state. The budget provides support for numerous core programs for the critical well-being of the people of Hawai'i.

"With this preparation, we simply do not have all the resources necessary to provide all things to all people. This budget puts us in position to make informed decisions as we head into the interim.

"Our work is just beginning, Madam Speaker. I ask for everyone's support on this budget. I think it is a well-thought-out budget. And I ask my colleagues on the Finance Committee to also give highlights into everything going forward. Thank you very much. And I yield to the vice chair."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In strong support. To start, I would just like to thank you, really quickly, and your leadership team for this really monumental opportunity, letting me vice chair alongside the Finance chair this year. It was not lost on me, and I appreciate the trust of you and the body to do this so early in my career. And thank you, again, to the Finance chair for really opening up a lot of learning opportunities for me and looking forward to another year alongside.

"This budget, Madam Speaker, makes investments to protect Hawai'i's families and our *keiki*. It strengthens the judicial system by enhancing public safety, improving correctional oversight, and ensuring support for families and children. It also focuses on education through expanded access to our public libraries and early learning opportunities that give our youngest *keiki* a strong start to success.

"Through the Department of the Attorney General, we invested \$590,952 and four positions to the Sex Offender Registry Program to keep the program up to date and bringing accurate timely information available to the public. We have \$4 million for litigation expenses to cover work that our attorney general is doing, including expert witnesses, outside counsel, trial costs, filing fees, discovery expenses, and all the materials and supplies that go along with promoting their work. \$468,308 and two positions for the Hawai'i Correctional System Oversight Commission to ensure the state's prisons and jails remain transparent and we operate safe humane prisons focused on rehabilitation. And there is \$6.2 million for child support enforcement services for the wellbeing of children and to offer financial and medical support for the health and stability of their families.

"In our public library system, there is \$868,000 for temporary locations for the Wahiawā, Pearl City, and Makawao libraries to ensure we continue access to library materials while much-needed refreshers are made to these popular locations. And \$750,000 to update their automated material handling system to speed up the labor-intensive process of sorting returned books and getting them back on the shelves for patrons to enjoy.

"Lastly, in the Department of Education through the Executive Office on Early Learning, there is \$13,264,299 and 108 positions for public pre-kindergarten expansion to continue the state's progress, ensuring that our *keiki* are getting the early help and support they need in their education and best prepare them for their future. So, in strong support. And now I'd like to yield to the Finance grant-in-aid chair, the representative from District 28."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. I rise today in strong support of this budget, which makes critical investments to strengthen Hawai'i's health and human services. This budget reflects our deep commitment to ensuring that Hawai'i's most vulnerable residents have consistent access to care, support, and resources they need. It also prioritizes our *keiki*, tackling the serious challenges they face within the welfare and protective services systems.

Under the Department of Health, Community Health, this budget allocates over \$248 million to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, ensuring that essential healthcare services remain available for residents of Hawai'i and Kaua'i islands. These funds will support hospitals and clinics that serve as lifelines for rural communities, especially where private healthcare options are scarce or nonexistent.

"We are also investing \$3.7 million and 21 new positions to support certification of community behavioral health clinics across O'ahu, Maui, Hawai'i, and Kaua'i. These certifications will unlock enhanced Medicare reimbursements through value-based care models, improving the quality of care while managing service volume.

"Turning to the Department of Human Services, this budget makes a transformative \$7 million investment to the Hi-THRIVE system, a comprehensive upgrade to our Child Welfare information infrastructure. With improved technology and user-friendliness, this system will help caseworkers better track progress and deliver timely interventions for Hawai'i's most at-risk youth.

"We are also addressing the workforce crisis in Child Protective Services with a \$6 million allocation for salary differentiation, recognizing the critical role and high demands placed for these workers who protect our *keiki* daily.

"Furthermore, \$28 million is provided for in-home and community-based services, which will empower *kūpuna* and individuals with disabilities to live independently with dignity. And with \$2 million dedicated to our youth mental health, we're responding to the alarming rise in anxiety, depression, and trauma among our youth, ensuring they receive support before crises escalate. To modernize our operations, \$4 million will go towards IT upgrades, keeping our systems current and equitable for all residents.

"And finally, we commit \$12.9 million to Disaster Case Management Project to continue recovery efforts from the Maui wildfires. This funding will help coordinate emergency response, case management, and ensure that affected residents are not left behind during this long road to recovery.

"Madam Speaker, this budget is not just a financial document, it's a reflection of our values, it's a promise to care for our *kūpuna*, to protect our *keiki*, and uplift our communities in time of need. I'm proud to support this budget and yield the floor to the representative from District 2."

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Madam Speaker, this area of the budget addresses urgent healthcare access needs, especially in rural areas, and invests in programs that saves lives and strengthens community health. It also focuses on improving emergency response and expanding healthcare education in underserved communities.

"This budget commits a little more than \$1.2 million and two positions to reestablish the State Oral Health Program to address dental health disparities for Hawai'i's *keiki*. The program will provide third graders basic oral health screening, surveillance, and a community-based school dental sealant program for high priority DOE school complex areas.

"This budget also commits \$7.6 million for collective bargaining for contracted services for 911 emergency ground ambulance and 911 emergency aeromedical ambulance services for the County of Maui. This fund ensures that Maui's communities continue to have access to reliable emergency medical services. I'm also excited to report that this budget commits \$3.5 million for ambulance services for North Kona, where access to primary healthcare services can be as much as 30 miles away. Funding for an additional ambulance will improve response time to 911 calls in an area, increasing the likelihood of successful outcomes for the community.

"We also have \$3.2 million to support continued operations of a second medic station and ambulance on Moloka'i. This funding addresses the island's previous reliance on one ambulance and ensures uninterrupted access to life-saving emergency medical services across the island.

"And of course, \$30 million for Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program to help recruit and retain high demand healthcare professionals by offering up to \$50,000 per year in student loan repayment for those who commit to serving in underserved communities across the State of Hawai'i for at least two years. This program will help address staffing shortages and ensure that families in rural areas have access to health care for their needs. It's for these reasons I stand in strong support of this. And now I yield to the distinguished House representative from District 50."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Strong support. This budget supports Hawai'i's workers and families by protecting worker rights and modernizing state employee structures. It also uplifts our local farmers, agricultural industry, and families in need by strengthening food security. For the Department of Labor Industrial Relations there's \$1 million for the Farm to Foodbank Program. This program will contract food banks to purchase local produce to provide food insecure families with nutritious Hawai'i-grown items, while also supporting Hawai'i's agricultural industry. \$750,000 for a Family Leave Study to estimate the costs and outcomes of implementing a paid leave program through an actuarial analysis of Hawai'i's workforce and legal analysis of ERISA, prepaid healthcare, and family leave laws.

"For the Department of Human Resources Development, \$12,006,375 for workers' compensation claims to protect workers from unexpected financial hardship due to work-related injuries. And finally, \$1,750,000 for a classification and compensation study to update executive branch civil service classes. The last comprehensive compensation study was completed over 30 years ago in 1990. This new study will ensure that our job classifications align with the actual duties performed today, creating a more accurate, fair, and competitive workplace, and improving both recruitment and retention in state jobs. I now yield to the good representative of District 20."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. By making strategic investments in transportation systems, this budget prioritizes public safety, transportation connectivity, and emergency preparedness, ensuring that our communities are resilient and accessible. It also focuses on creating safer

routes for our students and improving transportation infrastructure statewide. This budget commits \$2.46 million for automated external defibrillators and publicly accessible defibrillator units for airports to ensure that all state airports are fully equipped with AED and PAD units. These units are essential for providing emergency support.

"This budget also commits \$350,000 for the Moloka'i Air Subsidy Program to maintain continuous air service to the island of Moloka'i, ensuring that residents and visitors have reliable access to transportation. This helps support the local community, tourism, and overall connectivity to and from the island.

"\$15 million to the Highways Statewide Fire Mitigation Clearing for removing flammable brush, establishing fire breaks, and identifying alternative evacuation routes for use during an emergency. These actions help reduce fire risk, contain its spread, and ensure safe evacuation options in case of an emergency. \$13.46 million goes for Highways Safe Routes to School Program to identify, develop, and recommend safe routes for students to travel to and from school across the state. This initiative aims to enhance student safety, promote walking and biking, and improve overall transportation infrastructure for school children. I now yield to the House representative from District 29."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, this budget invests in workforce development, small business innovation, and programs which empower local startups to fuel sustainable development growth. This budget includes \$2.9 million for the Healthcare Workforce Development Program, which will help to train a greater number of high school students in the field of health care and to address the nursing shortage in our state.

"This budget also includes \$2 million for the Manufacturing Assistance Program, which would help local businesses gain assistance to grow and be more competitive in the global market. \$2 million for the Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research Phase II & III grants, which will support Hawai'i's innovation economy by leveraging federal funding, supporting commercialization, and fostering high-quality job growth.

"This budget also includes \$12 million for renovation costs for the King Kalakaua Building to accommodate offices for the State Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs and the downtown Post Office. Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I yield to the House District 1 representative."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. First, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Finance staff and leadership, chair and vice chair, and all of my fellow Finance members. It was a real learning experience as a freshman, and I'm grateful for that opportunity. This budget supports sustainable agriculture, protects our environment, and invests in the University of Hawai'i, supporting athletics, a nursing program, and cultural initiatives to preserve Hawai'i's rich history while promoting students' success.

"For the Department of Agriculture, we have \$26.6 million and 44 positions for the continued support to the Department for Agriculture's biosecurity program to control and prevent increasing threats of pests and enhance the department's ability to mitigate and manage invasive species. \$2 million to supplement the revolving fund for irrigation systems.

"And for the University of Hawai'i, \$7.04 million and four positions for the UH Mānoa athletics and their UH athletic programs. \$1 million for UH Hilo athletics, which will allow them to remain in the NCAA program. \$660,000 for the Practical Nursing Bridge program at UH Maui campus, which will help support the statewide shortage of nurses. This program provides certified nurse aides and other health professionals to the professional nursing experience and training opportunities. \$1.5 million and three positions for the 'Ulu'ulu Archives Moving Images, which is dedicated to preserving and sharing Hawai'i's moving images and digitizing films to reflect the rich history and culture of Native Hawaiians and the people of Hawai'i. \$1.26 million and three positions for the Pamantasan Council to support student success and retention services for Filipino students, promoting leadership and development and college success through the Pamantasan Internship Program and Pamantasan Ambassadors

Program. \$250,000 and one position for the UH Maui Water Quality Lab, which will continuously measure water quality and ensure it's free of harmful substances. I thank you and I now yield to the House representative of District 30."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This budget strengthens our investment in public safety. It focuses on protecting our communities and improving our ability to respond during emergencies. Key initiatives include upgrades to the State Emergency Operations Center, continued support for the Youth Challenge Academy, expanded re-entry services for former inmates, increased law enforcement presence in Wahiawa, targeted action against illegal fireworks, and a gun buyback program to reduce firearm-related risks.

"The following appropriations highlight our commitment. With the Department of Defense, \$230,000 will go to the Distributed Antenna System at the State Emergency Operations Center, enhancing emergency communication. And \$4.5 million for the Youth Challenge Academy to support at-risk youth through mentorship and training.

"With the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, \$8.2 million will go to reentry services to assist former inmates with housing, obtaining vital documents, and mental health and substance use treatment.

"And with the Department of Law Enforcement, \$1.3 million and six positions will provide law enforcement at the new Wahiawa District Court and Civic Center. \$5.2 million and eight positions will establish a new unit to combat illegal fireworks and related crime. \$2.4 million to support the Illegal Fireworks Task Force and boost enforcement. And \$825,000 for a gun buyback program to remove unwanted and illegal firearms from our communities.

"With these investments, we affirm our commitment to keeping Hawai'i safe. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I now yield the floor to the representative from District 36."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Madam Speaker, this budget supports modernizing Hawai'i's emergency and financial systems with investments in expanding 911 services, upgrading the state's accounting infrastructure, and establishing a new business transformation office. It also prioritizes protecting Hawai'i's natural resources by funding wildfire prevention and strengthening conservation enforcement.

"For the Department of Accounting and General Services, the budget commits the following. \$10 million to support the expansion of 911 services through emerging technologies. The funding will provide all public safety answering points across the state with the necessary resources to implement, operate, and maintain these services. \$3.3 million and six positions for redevelopment of the FAMIS accounting system, which will develop subject matter expertise in the system, configuration, and design, enabling ongoing support for the Enterprise Financial System Project and reducing reliance on external consultants.

"In addition to what was mentioned, \$1.6 million and 10 positions establishing the Business Transformation Office to manage the implementation of the new Enterprise Financial System and to provide support staff and training for the state once the system launches.

"Additionally, for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the budget also commits the following. \$14.8 million and 22 positions for Fire Protection Program. By expanding capacity, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife will be able to better manage forest landscapes to help prevent fires from occurring, mitigate their impact, and aid in fire and emergency response. \$800,000 to support vital hydrologic studies to revise sustainable yields to manage our most critical resource, helping to secure clean water, healthy ecosystems, and resilient communities across the islands. \$5 million for the Dam and Appurtenances Program to ensure these vital structures meet safety standards so that they can continue serving important roles, supporting fire protection, and helping manage flood risks, keeping our communities safe.

"Lastly, Madam Speaker, \$6.9 million and 21 positions for the Department of Land and Natural Resources conservation and resource enforcement officers. With increased staffing and resources, DOCARE officers can more effectively safeguard our forests, coastlines, wildlife, ensuring their continued vitality for current residents and future generations alike, a critical investment in the stewardship and sustainability of Hawai'i. I now yield to the House representative of District 10."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Madam Speaker, this budget strengthens Hawai'i's government operations and prioritizes securing stable housing for our most vulnerable populations. For the Department of Budget and Finance, \$465,084 and five positions for the Office of Federal Awards Management to assist the state with tracking changes to federal policies. \$3,307,382 to increase salaries for the Office of the Deputy Public Defender, in order to bring the public defenders on par with other public service attorneys such as Attorney General and Prosecutor's Offices.

"For the Department of Human Services, \$3.1 million for the family assessment centers in Wai'anae and Puna, which offers temporary housing and case management services focused on civic engagement for homeless families with minors while working to secure permanent housing. \$7.5 million for the Housing First Program, which targets chronically homeless individuals supporting their success in rehabilitation and ultimately enhancing their health, quality of life, and ability to pursue personal goals. \$3.5 million for Outreach and Civil Legal Services to identify and support unsheltered homeless individuals by connecting them with outreach programs, assisting them in obtaining identification documents, and helping them apply for public benefits. \$7.5 million for the Rapid Re-Housing Program to offer short- to medium-term rental assistance and services, helping homeless households to secure housing quickly, enhance self-sufficiency, and maintain stable housing.

"Last but not least, I now yield to the House majority floor leader and good representative of District 17."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. This budget strengthens Hawai'i's public education system by addressing school maintenance needs, expanding Hawaiian language programs, supporting student athletics, improving security, and enhancing summer learning and workforce readiness opportunities. It ensures safer schools, healthier students, and better preparation for Hawai'i's future generations.

"\$150 million for deferred maintenance of public education facilities. For decades, the Legislature has attempted to provide resources to the department in order to address the longstanding backlog of preventive maintenance in our public schools. With this appropriation, we can begin making progress on proper maintenance of state-owned school facilities while at the same time addressing issues when they are small, rather than waiting for them to grow into large issues that require more capital improvement funds to address.

"\$4,002,384 and 13 positions for Ka Papahana Kaiapuni in order to support the department's K-12 Hawaiian Language Immersion Program, which delivers instruction through the Hawaiian language and connects future generations Hawaiian ways of knowing and being. \$11,781,786 for athletics, including increases for travel, increases in coaching salaries, increases in athletic training supplies, flag football, and adding an athletic trainer to Kūlanihāko'i High School.

"\$41,980,000 for summer learning programs, helping to ensure that students have equitable access to robust summer learning programs that address specific needs of students ranging from remediation to advancement. \$7,550,000 for workforce readiness, which will prepare our students for their future by providing opportunities and creating skilled, attractive job candidates by developing students into high skill, high-wage, in-demand, and future-focused ready *keiki*.

"\$20 million for Skilled Nursing provided to students based on their Individualized Education Program, or EIP, or Section 504 Plan. \$927,248 and six positions for mathematics and financial literacy, curriculum

initiatives, and for instructional support for classroom teachers. \$13 million for increased nighttime security at schools and school security enhancements to ensure a safe learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. \$49,380,000 for food and nutrition shortfall and menu development and training, helping to ensure that the department has the proper amount of funding for meal services. That was a lot of money. I would now like to defer to the CIP chair."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. First, I'd like to start off by thanking you, Madam Speaker, and the leadership team, as well as members of this body, for the opportunity to work on CIP this year. I'd also like to thank the Finance chair, vice chair, GIA chair, for all of their hard work and support on this budget, as well as thank the Finance Committee for their hard work and input in crafting this CIP budget.

"The biennial CIP budget includes about \$1.9 billion in general obligation and general obligation revolving bonds, and about \$5.7 billion when you consider all means of financing. The CIP budget addresses many important issues in our state and prioritizes areas such health and safety, affordable housing, education, and preparing for the future. I'd now like to highlight a few of the items that are included in this CIP budget.

"The CIP budget includes \$380 million for affordable housing projects statewide, including funding for the Ka Lei Momi Development Project, Kupuna Supportive Housing, and an infusion of funds to both the Rental Housing Revolving Fund and the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. \$70 million for land acquisition to improve Hawai'i's agriculture initiatives and to improve our state agriculture irrigation systems and reservoir systems. \$35 million to support the third Hawai'i State Veterans Home on Maui. \$36 million to support repairs and upgrades to the Hawai'i Convention Center.

"\$29 million for post-harvest and food processing facilities. \$21 million for a small animal slaughterhouse, processing, and storage facility. \$432 million for the Department of Education for various improvements and repairs to school facilities, including funds to address deferred maintenance, health and safety, ADA and Title IX compliance, as well as funding to expand our pre-kindergarten classroom capacity.

"\$20 million for Hawaiian Home Lands. \$115 million for healthcare services statewide, including \$25 million for the new Kea'au Benioff Medical Center, and \$13 million for Kona Community Hospital's new emergency department.

"\$71 million for land and natural resources statewide, including watershed protection, rockfall mitigation, health of drinking water aquifers, and state parks and small boat harbors. \$52 million for state libraries, \$84 million for various public safety and correction facilities, and \$273 million to support higher education and the University of Hawai'i System.

"Madam Speaker, this CIP budget is something that we can all be proud of. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this budget. I'd now like to yield to the GIA chair."

Representative Holt rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Still in support. Serving as the grant-in-aid manager was a very tough but rewarding experience this year. Over the past couple of months, I've had the honor to review 374 applications, totaling \$192 million in requests, and the unenviable task of trying to fit the needs with a \$30 million budget. Each grant represented more than funding, it represented trust, hope, and partnership, from youth programs to health clinics, food security to cultural preservation. These investments help turn local visions into lasting impacts.

"I witnessed firsthand the power of public investment when aligned with community good, whether it was a health clinic in rural Ka'u, children's theater programs on Moloka'i and Lana'i, or a program based in Hawaiian culture to restore dormant ag land on the west side of Kaua'i. These grants were catalytic. It was humbling to read the stories, meet the advocates, and see the heart and hope behind every request.

"*Mahalo* to House leadership, the Finance chair, for their confidence, and all the members who assisted me in this difficult process. To all the non-

profits, advocates, and community leaders who have brought passion and purpose to the table, *Mahalo*. This experience reaffirmed my belief that public service, when done right, can transform lives. Thank you, Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. I just want to thank the Finance Committee for all of their hard work. I know there are a lot of difficult decisions that had to be made. I know that all of my constituents, there are so many services that they're going to be benefiting from. I know there's so many services that they'll be benefiting from and so many facilities that they'll be utilizing. So, thank you for all of the hard work.

"I just wanted though center some of why I support this budget and why I have reservations. Earlier this month I mailed out a survey to my district, and the survey basically asked my constituents to identify on a spectrum if they wanted us to invest more in more bigger jails, longer sentences, if that's the better way of addressing public safety, or if we should invest in root causes that lead to crimes, such as mental health services, drug abuse treatment, housing. We had almost 600 responses, and of those 600 responses, over 70% sided on the side of investing in the root causes behind crimes. So, that's the lens I use when I look at the budget.

"So, I just want to thank the Finance Committee and the chair and leadership for allocating \$8.2 million for reentry services, for allocating \$37 million for Kauhale development projects. And again, my reservations now stem with the \$30 million for planning to replace OCCC jail when there are more cost-effective alternatives that exist. Also, diversion infrastructure and pre-trial reforms can eliminate overcrowding and reducing costs. So, for these reasons, I do support and also hold on to reservations. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support with comments. So, in 2019, a mere six years ago, when I first entered the building, you know at that at that time, the 'Aina Pono pilot program report was first issued. And in that report, they provided an estimation of \$19 million to renovate all 172 school production kitchens in the DOE so as to be able to do scratch cooking and support farm to school. Going through COVID, we saw, again, the increased importance of farm to school and farm to state.

"And in 2023, the former deputy superintendent of facilities for the DOE officially committed the department to the centralized kitchen model. And when challenged about his reasoning, said that his estimations of doing the work described above in the pilot report actually amounted to more than \$100 million. So, his argument to support the centralized kitchen model rather than a decentralized approach was that of fiscal responsibility.

"Reflecting on that and considering the inclusion in this year's budget of \$55 million for the expansion of the centralized kitchen in my district, I wanted to make sure the body understands that this second allocation of funding to the only centralized kitchen that we are actually building and has not yet actually broken ground and is located in a tiny village in my district, they were allocated \$35 million last year. And this year, with the \$55 million, the total estimation for that singular centralized kitchen is \$90 million. So, coming on close to the \$100 million that it would have cost, even with the former deputy superintendent's estimation of \$100 million for all 172 school production kitchens.

"And if we extrapolate out using this model, especially considering that land acquisition will have to be taken into account, these huge industrial sites cannot be built on school properties, we can estimate that it's going to cost us about \$450 million to do this on every island for work that if we had adopted a more decentralized approach, according to the 2019 report, would have cost us about \$20 million. So, I acknowledge that this is the approach that we have adopted, recognizing this plan and approach is not initiated by this body. I just want us to be aware of the fiscal commitments that we're making. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thank you for the previous two speakers and their comments, I value open discussion. Madam Speaker, I rise in support with reservations. First of all, also *mahalo* to the Finance chair, vice

chair, committee members, and staff for the incredible efforts in reviewing and processing this budget with funding appropriations.

"As we've heard, there are many good and worthy causes being funded. And of course, we may not agree with certain line items. We are challenged with the desire to spend more for the needs of our people, yet balance fiscal responsibility, which includes decisions to cut back and even withhold monies. Madam Speaker, I am hopeful that in my time of service here that I can learn how to assist the process and outcomes to better contribute, facilitate, and secure funding for continued progress and outcomes to make a difference in our lives and families. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support with reservations. I support this bill, Madam speaker, in large part because of the investments we are making, as described by the previous speakers. In particular, and in opposition to the vice chair of Public Safety, I really do appreciate the investment of \$30 million for the new facility. And the reason is this, as we look at the building and rebuilding of prisons, facilities, rehabilitation centers across the nation, they cost a lot of money. San Quentin in California is looking at a \$239 million appropriation. I can only imagine what they might be getting in other funding as well. So, a \$30 million investment in the new prison where we have the opportunity to continue to push the department to move towards rehabilitation services is an important step. And so, for that, I am very supportive.

"Madam Speaker, my reservations lie in the fact that the budget, unlike any other bill, is such a massive bill that is built on many assumptions. And my concern is that because we need a balanced budget, this bill moves along with the many, many appropriation bills we are about to consider in the coming hours, hour, I hope. Because of that, this is a budget that is built on what we know will be restrictions and possible lapses that will impact the appropriation of funds to other programs. And for that reason, my concerns exist. I do hope that we will be able to address this as we move forward into the year, but it's because of that lapsing and the threat to potential other programs that we have appropriated funds for, and we will appropriate funds for, that I have deep concerns about this budget. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Good morning, Madam Speaker. In opposition. You know, Madam Speaker, if I embarrass myself today, I apologize, but listening to this award-winning performance this morning on this budget. Affordable housing, I challenge anybody sitting in this room right now to show me one community that has a truly affordable house for sale today. But it's in our budget again. Critical operations, I keep hearing critical, critical, critical operations. The only thing critical in Hawai'i is our people, and they cannot afford to live here. But I heard over 70, if I counted correctly, new positions being created. Not of those new positions being created had the title of holding people accountable.

"I can go on and on, but as you can probably see, I'm shaking. I'm pretty angry hearing a lot of this stuff, repetitively. It's on YouTube, we can go back over the years and years and years, all of this stuff that we talked about, most of them is in the previous budgets. Nothing got done. With that being said, I'm in opposition. The only critical thing in Hawai'i is our people. We need to focus on keeping them home. Because without Hawaiian people in Hawai'i, we don't need to worry about the future. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. And I want to thank the Finance chair, Finance vice chair, and all the members of the Finance Committee for your hard work. And I would like the words of the representative from Makiki inserted into the record as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In opposition. So, with much respect to the representative from Wai'anae, I have a similar speech. Basically, we have

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about \$40 billion in this budget or almost \$20 billion for each year allocated towards solving the issues of our state, housing, homelessness, the roads, potholes, education, cost of electricity, the cost of gas. I am curious to know if in one year or two years from now after we spend \$20 billion of the taxpayers' money, if all of these problems will be solved or even decreased significantly.

"So, with a history of our state not solving these issues with the state budget because of a framework of government that hasn't proven itself successful compared to the other 50 states, I'm voting no. Knowing that this budget probably isn't going to solve the issues because the framework is let's build the government to give services to the people versus let's decrease the government, decrease regulations, so the private sector can grow and flourish."

At 10:45 a.m., Representative Matsumoto requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Iwamoto, Shimizu, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 10:46 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

At 10:47 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:13 a.m.

At this time, the Chair recognized the Clerk who announced:

"Madam Speaker, I have been informed by a representative of the President of the Senate that the Conference Committee Report for House Bill No. 300, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, was adopted, and said House Bill, Relating to the State Budget, passed final reading in the Senate.

"In addition, I have been informed by the Assistant Clerk of the House that at 10:49 a.m. on this day, House Bill No. 300, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1, has been duly transmitted by the Legislature to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, Section 9 of the Hawai'i State Constitution."

CONSENT CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be no discussion as these are items agreed to by this body for placement on the consent calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5 and S.B. No. 1377, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1377, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8 and H.B. No. 1093, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1093, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9 and H.B. No. 874, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 874, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PERFORMERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10 and S.B. No. 1452, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1452, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 12 and S.B. No. 88, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 88, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 14 and S.B. No. 601, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 601, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 16 and S.B. No. 326, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 326, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REVOLVING FUNDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 17 and S.B. No. 1464, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1464, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 19 and H.B. No. 1099, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1099, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 21 and H.B. No. 984, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 984, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 23 and S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 24 and S.B. No. 385, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 385, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 25 and S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"I rise to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1602.

"This legislation establishes the Keauhou Aquifer System Monitoring Pilot Project, directing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to install monitoring wells and assess groundwater levels and quality in the Keauhou Aquifer System. This initiative is crucial for the Kona community, as it provides the necessary data to manage our water resources sustainably, with the hopes to have enough water for more housing for local families.

"The Keauhou Aquifer lies beneath areas designated for future urban growth, including much of the Kona Urban Growth Area. By implementing this monitoring program, we can ensure that water availability aligns with our housing and infrastructure development plans, thereby supporting the construction of new homes and addressing the housing needs of our residents. Future *keiki* in Kona will not be able to find a house to buy if we do not plan for new housing in Kona, all hinging on the available of water resources.

"*Mahalo* colleagues for supporting SB 1602, as it represents a vital step toward balancing development with the sustainable management of our precious water resources in Kona. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KEAUHOU AQUIFER SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 28 and S.B. No. 332, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 332, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORECLOSURES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 30 and H.B. No. 1291, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1291, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for House Bill 1291.

"This measure addresses a critical issue affecting our local coffee industry—counterfeit labeling of Hawai'i-grown coffee, particularly roasted products. By extending the offense of false labeling to include roasted coffee and imposing a mandatory fine of \$7,500 for each separate offense, HB 1291 serves as a robust deterrent against fraudulent practices that undermine the integrity of our coffee brands.

"For Kona coffee farmers whose livelihoods depend on the reputation of their high-quality, region-specific products, this legislation is especially vital. It ensures that consumers receive authentic Kona coffee, thereby protecting our farmers from economic harm caused by deceptive labeling and preserving the esteemed identity of Kona coffee in the global market.

"This bill reinforces our commitment to safeguarding Hawai'i's agricultural heritage and the economic well-being of our local farming communities. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1291, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 33 and H.B. No. 320, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 320, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 320.

"First, I would like to thank the House chairs of Human Services and Homelessness, Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, and their Senate counterparts for their thoughtful work in moving House Bill 320 forward. I appreciate the collaboration that brought this important measure to the floor today. I also want to send my deepest gratitude to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and all the advocates who worked on this measure.

"House Bill 320 would allow adults with a disability, mentally ill adults, and adults 65 years of age or older to make their own decisions with the help of trusted supporters.

"Madam Speaker, this bill is one of several recommendations from a working group convened by your House Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs, initially to examine the merits of a uniform guardianship law. After determining that a uniform guardianship law would not be a good fit for the state, instead of concluding there, they continued to explore the issue.

"What emerged from that work is the idea that we can do better by honoring the voices of those we aim to protect. Through HB 320, we can promote greater autonomy and dignity for these adults and minimize the need for more restrictive measures. By providing a formal framework for supported decision-making, we give individuals, families, and service providers a meaningful tool to preserve rights while ensuring safety.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 320. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 320, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 34 and H.B. No. 703, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 703, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"As a co-convenor of the Kūpuna Caucus, I rise today in strong support of House Bill 703.

"First, I would like to thank the House chairs of Human Services and Homelessness and of Finance, as well as their Senate counterparts, for their work in moving this measure forward.

"Madam Speaker, this bill extends the sunset date for the State Rent Supplement Program for Kūpuna, originally established by Act 98 in 2023, from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2028.

"This program provides vital support to qualified individuals who are currently experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. By extending this program, we ensure continued access to critical rent assistance to help *kūpuna* remain stably housed and connected to care.

"It is no secret, Madam Speaker, that housing insecurity among older adults is a growing concern across our state. With this bill, we take one more step toward protecting our most vulnerable *kūpuna* and preserving their dignity and well-being.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 703. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 703, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 35 and H.B. No. 359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COVERED OFFENDER REGISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 36 and S.B. No. 140, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 140, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 37 and S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 40 and H.B. No. 3, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 3, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 41 and H.B. No. 420, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 420, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMEDIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 43 and H.B. No. 70, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 70, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 44 and H.B. No. 544, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 544, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PET INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 46 and S.B. No. 405, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 405, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 47 and S.B. No. 1651, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1651, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 48 and S.B. No. 752, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 752, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 49 and H.B. No. 799, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 799, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 50 and H.B. No. 511, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 511, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 53 and H.B. No. 1348, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1348, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 55 and H.B. No. 399, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 399, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 56 and H.B. No. 401, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 401, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57 and H.B. No. 648, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 648, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 58 and H.B. No. 727, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 727, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO THE WOMEN'S COURT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 59 and H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 60 and H.B. No. 398, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 398, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 62 and H.B. No. 1259, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1259, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 63 and S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 64 and S.B. No. 850, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 850, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISABILITY HEALTH DISPARITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 66 and S.B. No. 102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTAURANTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 67 and S.B. No. 1281, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1281, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 1281.

"First, I would like to thank the House chairs of Health, Consumer Protection and Commerce, and Finance, along with their Senate counterparts, for their work in moving this measure forward.

"Senate Bill 1281 extends the sunset date of Act 107, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2023, to December 31, 2027. This act allows for the continued reimbursement of telehealth services delivered through interactive telecommunications systems.

"Madam Speaker, this bill supports the continued expansion of telehealth across our islands—an essential tool for maintaining timely access to care, especially in rural and remote communities. It also aligns our state law with Medicare regulations, ensuring that Hawai'i residents can benefit from consistent, modern standards of care delivery.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 1281. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1281, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEHEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 70 and S.B. No. 1454, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1454, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAGE AND HOUR LAW," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 72 and S.B. No. 1343, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1343, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 73 and S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EARLY LEARNING BOARD," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 75 and H.B. No. 1031, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1031, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 76 and H.B. No. 162, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 162, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 80 and H.B. No. 1422, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1422, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 83 and S.B. No. 1245, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1245, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 91 and S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 92 and S.B. No. 1095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B.

No. 1095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 96 and S.B. No. 1522, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1522, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE TITLE TRANSFERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 101 and S.B. No. 597, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 597, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DRIVERS LICENSE REVOCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 103 and S.B. No. 1365, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1365, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 104 and S.B. No. 1536, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1536, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 106 and H.B. No. 396, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 396, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 107 and H.B. No. 1091, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1091, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEWER TRANSMISSION LINES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 110 and S.B. No. 693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 112 and S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"I want to express my strong support for Senate Bill 1186.

"This measure establishes a Statewide Interagency Food Systems Coordination Team and an Interagency Food Systems Working Group within the Agribusiness Development Corporation. By fostering collaboration among key stakeholders—from farmers and distributors to

policymakers and community organizations—this initiative aims to develop a cohesive strategy to enhance Hawai'i's food security and resilience.

"Given that Hawai'i imports approximately 85% to 90% of its food, costing the state about \$3 billion annually, it is imperative that we take decisive action to reduce our dependence on imports. SB 1186 provides the framework to coordinate efforts across various sectors, ensuring that our agricultural lands are utilized effectively to meet local food needs.

"The appropriation of \$100,000 for the operating costs of the coordination team and working group is a prudent investment towards achieving our goals of sustainability and self-sufficiency. I urge my colleagues to support SB 1186, as it represents a significant step toward a more sustainable and secure food future for Hawai'i. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 114 and S.B. No. 1422, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1422, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NON-GENERAL FUNDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 119 and S.B. No. 65, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 65, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 121 and S.B. No. 304, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 304, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 122 and S.B. No. 428, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 428, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESS FEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 124 and S.B. No. 572, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 572, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 125 and S.B. No. 576, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 576, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 126 and S.B. No. 1221, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1221, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS," passed Final Reading

by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 130 and H.B. No. 1406, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1406, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 131 and H.B. No. 341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 135 and S.B. No. 465, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 465, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 136 and S.B. No. 479, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 479, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ABLE SAVINGS PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 139 and H.B. No. 1170, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1170, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 142 and S.B. No. 336, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 336, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 143 and S.B. No. 742, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 742, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DATA SHARING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 145 and S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SKILLS-BASED HIRING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 146 and S.B. No. 1491, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1491, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 147 and S.B. No. 1567, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1567, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garrett voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 148 and S.B. No. 1367, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1367, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSTALLMENT LOANS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 149 and H.B. No. 1370, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1370, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 150 and H.B. No. 505, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 505, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RED HILL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 151 and H.B. No. 1316, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1316, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 152 and H.B. No. 1220, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1220, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 155 and H.B. No. 1179, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1179, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 156 and H.B. No. 1365, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1365, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 157 and H.B. No. 400, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 400, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 161 and S.B. No. 1048, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1048, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 163 and H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 164 and H.B. No. 1424, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1424, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 166 and H.B. No. 1052, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1052, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 167 and H.B. No. 1027, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1027, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 168 and H.B. No. 1028, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1028, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 169 and H.B. No. 1029, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1029, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 170 and H.B. No. 1030, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1030, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 171 and H.B. No. 1032, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1032, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 172 and H.B. No. 1033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B.

No. 1033, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 173 and H.B. No. 1034, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1034, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 174 and H.B. No. 1035, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1035, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 175 and H.B. No. 1038, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1038, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 176 and H.B. No. 496, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 496, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise to express my strong support for House Bill 496.

"This bill is a significant step toward protecting Hawai'i's agricultural heritage and ensuring the integrity of our local products. By establishing clear labeling requirements for *māmaki* tea, it safeguards consumers from misleading representations and supports our local farmers who cultivate this culturally and ecologically important plant.

"*Māmaki* is Hawai'i's only indigenous tea plant. It is found nowhere else in the world, and it has been used for generations in Native Hawaiian healing practices. As demand for *māmaki* tea continues to grow, this bill ensures that products marketed under that name genuinely reflect local cultivation and cultural integrity.

"The appropriation for a measurement standards inspector position within the Department of Agriculture is a prudent investment. This role is critical not only for enforcing *māmaki* labeling regulations, but also for strengthening the enforcement of all labeling laws across Hawai'i's agricultural products. Accurate labeling helps preserve consumer trust and upholds the global reputation of Hawai'i-made goods.

"I urge my colleagues to support HB 496, as it reinforces our commitment to local agriculture, cultural respect, consumer protection, and the authenticity of Hawai'i-grown products. *Mahalo.*"

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 496, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MĀMAKI TEA," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 177 and H.B. No. 534, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 534, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 179 and H.B. No. 1296, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1296, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 182 and H.B. No. 72, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 72, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 183 and H.B. No. 713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 713, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 184 and H.B. No. 1477, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1477, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 1477.

"First, I would like to thank the House chairs and Senate counterparts who have advanced this measure, particularly those on the Committees on Health and Human Services and Finance, for their continued commitment to improving long-term care in our state.

"Madam Speaker, HB 1477 takes important steps to support individuals living in long-term care facilities, as well as the providers who care for them. Specifically, it increases the domiciliary care rate for certain providers and clarifies that both the needs allowance and domiciliary care rate are included within the state supplemental payment ceiling.

"This clarification is critical. It ensures that individuals receiving long-term care can retain their monthly needs allowance without it being offset by any increases in the state supplemental payment to providers. In doing so, we resolve a long-standing ambiguity in current law that has, in some cases, penalized both residents and providers when the intent was to support both.

"Madam Speaker, these funds are essential. The needs allowance allows residents to maintain a small but meaningful measure of financial independence—something that contributes to their dignity, autonomy, and quality of life. At the same time, providers of domiciliary care rely on adequate reimbursement to continue delivering the level of care our *kūpuna* and vulnerable residents deserve.

"By correcting this discrepancy and ensuring both the allowance and care rates are honored within the state ceiling, HB 1477 brings clarity, fairness, and sustainability to a system that touches the lives of many.

"For these reasons I stand in strong support of House Bill 1477. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1477, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 185 and H.B. No. 280, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 280, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 186 and H.B. No. 943, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 943, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 188 and H.B. No. 705, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 705, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"As a co-convenor of the Kūpuna Caucus, I rise today in strong support of House Bill 705.

"I would like to thank the House chairs of Human Services and Homelessness and of Finance, along with their Senate counterparts, for their work in moving this measure forward.

"Madam Speaker, House Bill 705 establishes a Medi-Medi Project within the Executive Office on Aging to assist older adults, Medicare beneficiaries, individuals with disabilities, and other underserved populations in accessing low-income subsidy programs for which they may qualify.

"The bill also appropriates funds to create a one-year pilot project targeting the Kalihi Valley catchment area—an underserved community where many *kūpuna* and families may benefit from direct support in navigating program eligibility and enrollment.

"With HB 705, we can increase access to essential health care and benefits for those who may otherwise fall through the cracks, whether due to lack of awareness, language barriers, or difficulty completing application and renewal processes.

"Finally, Madam Speaker, House Bill 705 reflects fiscal responsibility. Once fully implemented, the Medi-Medi Project is expected to become self-sustaining and will no longer require additional state funding.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 705. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 705, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 190 and S.B. No. 223, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 223, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 202 and S.B. No. 1500, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1500, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 203 and S.B. No. 1009, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1009, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 204 and S.B. No. 1526, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1526, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 207 and H.B. No. 1156, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1156, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL FACILITY REVENUE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 209 and H.B. No. 860, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 860, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIABILITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 222 and H.B. No. 934, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 934, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 224 and H.B. No. 735, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 735, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 232 and H.B. No. 1045, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1045, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL COSTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 238 and H.B. No. 778, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 778, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 241 and H.B. No. 961, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 961, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 248 and H.B. No. 1439, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1439, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 250 and H.B. No. 987, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 987, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 252 and H.B. No. 700, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 700, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Chun's written remarks in support of the measure are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 700.

"First, I would like to thank the House chairs of Health, Human Services and Homelessness, and Finance, along with their Senate counterparts, for their work in moving this measure forward.

"House Bill 700 establishes, with certain exceptions, standardized cognitive assessments for qualified Medicare beneficiaries. It also creates a two-year Dementia Data Pilot Program within the Executive Office on Aging to collect and analyze cognitive assessment data.

"Madam Speaker, this bill is a meaningful step toward improving the detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in Hawai'i. By standardizing assessments and collecting data, we can help promote earlier diagnoses and better health outcomes for our aging population. This effort also aligns with the state's broader strategic plan to address Alzheimer's and related dementias.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 700. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 700, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 254 and H.B. No. 712, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 712, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 258 and H.B. No. 237, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 237, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 259 and H.B. No. 474, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 474, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

At 11:16 a.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 1377, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1093, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 874, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1452, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 88, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 601, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 326, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1464, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1099, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 984, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 385, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 332, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1291, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 320, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 703, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 359, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 140, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 3, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 420, HD 3, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 70, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 544, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 405, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1651, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 752, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 799, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 511, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1348, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 399, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 401, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 648, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 727, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 398, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1259, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 850, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1281, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1454, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1343, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1031, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 162, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1422, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1245, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1095, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1522, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 597, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1365, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1536, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 396, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1091, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 693, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1422, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 65, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 304, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 428, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 572, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 576, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1221, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1406, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 341, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 465, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 479, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1170, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

S.B. No. 336, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 742, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1491, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1567, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1367, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1370, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 505, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1316, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1220, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1179, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1365, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 400, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1048, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 1439, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 987, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 700, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 712, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 237, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 474, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please remember to submit to the Clerk the list of House and Senate Bills on the consent calendar for which you will be inserting written comments in support or in opposition. This must be done by adjournment of today's Floor session."

ORDINARY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please refer to page 34. CCR No. 85 will be moved to the end of the calendar."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 and S.B. No. 401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

By unanimous consent, action was deferred to the end of the calendar.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3 and H.B. No. 1051, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1051, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4 and S.B. No. 15, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 15, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Poepeo voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6 and S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7 and H.B. No. 1098, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1098, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. And I believe this is to relating to crimes against protected services workers. So, Native Hawaiian families are disproportionately overrepresented in interactions with the foster care system. That paired with the high rates of unsubstantiated complaints contained or recorded in the Department of Human Services data, I think we should be very mindful that the system is coming to a family home and perhaps taking a child out of the arms of their parents. For those who are not guilty of abuse, the majority of them who are not guilty or abuse or neglect, it might be very shocking to have that experience.

"Imagine if you found yourself in such a situation and trying to hold on to your child that you accidentally smooch a social worker against the door frame to your home. Now imagine going to jail for this, especially if you were innocent of the claims that initiated the incident. This is exactly the time that social workers, case workers should apply deescalating tools and not move with any sort of arrogance that they can somehow throw a parent into jail for protecting their child. And those are my reservations, thank you."

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

"In opposition. We're trying to protect them, and I agree that we should to some measure. However, I see no introduction of any type of bill or anything protecting little Ariel and so many others like her that were placed into homes by CPS. So, that's the reason for my opposition."

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

"In strong support. This is not a bill about the moment of removal of a child from a home that's been found to be dangerous to that child. This is about ongoing threats which are real, not imaginary, made to staff verbally, in writing, through the internet, stalking their families, making people not want to work in our government. We need these people to do this job for us, and if we don't protect them, they will not come and work for us. So, this is a really critical bill, and I urge this body to support it."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1098, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AGAINST PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 11 and S.B. No. 176, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 176, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUNTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 13 and S.B. No. 222, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 222, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Alcos and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 15 and S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"No one disagrees that intimidation should have no place in elections. The issue with this measure is that it is overly broad by allowing intimidation to be assumed from merely carrying a weapon unconcealed within a 200-foot radius of a voter service center or place of deposit without requiring any other evidence of threats or aggression.

"This bill overlaps significantly with existing statutory restrictions which prohibit even the concealed carry of a firearm at government buildings, parks, or voter service centers. However, it goes further to consider the act 'election fraud,' which has serious consequences. Under HRS section 19-4, the penalty for committing election fraud is not only a hefty fine and possibility of imprisonment of up to 2 years, but also disqualification from voting and holding office.

"For such a serious potential penalty, this measure should be narrowly tailored - but it is not. And for that reason, I am voting no."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 18 and H.B. No. 692, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 692, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 20 and S.B. No. 31, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 31, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 22 and S.B. No. 79, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 79, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 26 and S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPEDITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 27 and S.B. No. 281, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 281, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. So, I have served as a licensed therapeutic foster parent, so I know what happens when children are neglected and abused to the point of torture. What I learned providing this service is that no matter what trauma my foster kids went through, whatever they were subjected to, they were going to resume a relationship with their biological parent.

"Instead of spending money on, again, locking more people up, having mandatory minimums, we should be making sure that these parents get the services that they need to heal from their own trauma and to be a better person for their children who will seek them out one day. This bill will remove judicial discretion and impose a sort of a three-strikes felony A for multiple counts of heinous acts that can be prosecuted individually. And they can also do them, all of the acts, all of the heinous crimes listed in this particular bill can be prosecuted individually and sequentially. For these reasons, those are my reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 281, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 29 and S.B. No. 1373, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1373, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. So, this has to do with removing, giving the Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs the authority to remove certain professional licenses from individuals who are on the sex offender registry. And so, I understand when customary professional situations requires the individual being in a small room in, potentially, a state of undress and close physical contact, that there might be a problem with the delivery of those professional services if the person's on the registry.

"But there are professions that require licensing that do not put a potential victim in harm's way. For instance, a hairstylist at a busy salon where there's multiple stations in a crowded salon, many of us wouldn't feel like we're vulnerable to a transgression. Or even a manicurist, that requires a license. And if somebody's on the registry, we have to think about, they served their time, they're on the registry, perhaps forever, but they still need to pay their rent, maybe even provide child support for a child. They need to live, they need to be able to sustain themselves.

"And there's also other ways to mitigate the harms that we're trying to protect the public from, such as posting a sign. So, if it's a hairstylist, for instance, they could put a sign at their station indicating that they're on the registry and maybe what they did to kind of inform people, but they can still make a living. Because I think the worst-case scenario would be that they are put into a position that they rely on taxpayers to support them. That would be the worst-case scenario. So, for those reasons, I have reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1373, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE ACTIONS AGAINST SEX OFFENDERS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 31 and H.B. No. 345, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 345, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 32 and H.B. No. 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. The adoption today of HB 958 would designate *Laulau* Day not as a holiday, but as a symbolic observance. It's something small on paper, but there's so much meaning. For our *lāhui* and local families across Hawai'i, *lauau* is more than food. It is tradition, it is healing, its resilience, and it's one of those things that has stuck through everything and is still here today.

"The state recognized other cultural observances such as Buddha Day, Sakada Day, Kimchi Day, and these are rightfully so recognized, moments where we stop to honor people and the culture behind their food. But this bill follows the same path. Because just like kimchi, *lauau* also tells a story. It reminds us of who we are and where we come from. It's wrapped with intention, a tea leaf or foil to save money. It takes time though, and it brings people together. These are folks' fundraisers, their baby *lū'aus*, their graduations, and sometimes even funerals. It's some how folks make a living, and for others it teaches our kids values. Patience, respect, and hard work. For many, their first lesson in business is with a fundraiser for *lauau*. To pay for uniforms, to travel, for school, and it's where sometimes our ethic and community mindsets come into focus.

"I know it personally, 12 years ago, my dad held a *lauau* fundraiser to help send me off to college. That's how we covered the first expenses for flights, my bedding, my school supplies. It was a way forward. And today, a decade later, my dad continues to still do this. But it has now turned from a fundraiser but our hopes for survival. But even more than that, it healed him. My dad struggled with addiction. But when he found *lauau*, he found purpose. In some ways, it kept him grounded. And it connected him to something ancestral and something bigger than him. And that, Speaker, is the power of food and the power of culture.

"When I first introduced this bill, the day chosen was May 1st. And I do want to clear up, I never intended to take away May Day. But I do want to acknowledge, I chose May 1st as my dad's birthday. I wanted to honor him and thank him. But as we move forward, it would designate the first Friday of May as *Laulau* Day.

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"And this is more than just one dish, Speaker. The Legislature has done amazing work over the last two years under your leadership to support local food systems. We pushed farm-to-school, food hubs, farmer trading, our native crop support, and funding to keep our food supply strong and grounded in Hawai'i. And I believe Laulau Day is just a part of that. Because when we uplift food, we uplift people, and we uplift knowledge, and we uplift the culture. And as we advance food sovereignty, the right to grow and to prepare food in our own values, this is more than just recognition, it's reclamation. *Laulau* is just not a side dish, Madam Speaker, it's a main plate. It's our go-to, it's our grind, it's how we survive and celebrate. And no offense, but if you go to a baby *lū'au* and there's no *laulau*, it's a little suspicious.

"But with that, Madam Speaker, even it's significant that *kalo* was designated as a state plant back in 2007, but due to something it didn't get adopted till this year. But in some ways, that's the same way that *hāloa* grows, it takes time. And I hope that this is just the beginning. We always make space for local food, our Hawaiian products and policies, and that we can continue seeing cultural preservation. It's proactive and not just performative, but it's a building a stronger Hawai'i for generations to come.

"So no, I want to clarify, we do not get a day off to eat *laulau*. But it gives us a day to remember who we are and to recognize something our people have always known. That when *laulau* is more than ingredients, it's our legacy, strength, and it's still here. So, when we pass this bill, it is for the *kūpuna* who measure recipes in handfuls, it's for the *keiki* who choose to sell *laulau* to start a dream, it's for the people who live every day in Hawai'i. And for every *'ohana* that knows, when you open the pot and you see the steam, you are home, and you are in Hawai'i. And those are my reasons for support."

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I have reservations regarding House Bill 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1. In my opinion, *laulau* is not the quintessential 'Hawaiian food' like Kimchi is to Korean culture. The Legislature passed Kimchi Day into law last year and it is now celebrated in Hawai'i on November 22nd of each year. Why *laulau*? It would have been a welcomed opportunity if input was sought from the Native Hawaiian Caucus as to what food item would best represent our Hawaiian culture and customs. I would have preferred a day to celebrate *kalo*—perhaps poi day. It is interesting and curious how we landed on Laulau Day. Moreover, three days of observance were moving and being considered this legislative session—HB 194, HD 1, Maritime Day, which I introduced on behalf of the newly formed Maritime Caucus, HB 458, HD 2, SD 1, Brother Joseph Dutton Day, and this bill, Laulau Day. I think we should have made it a priority this session to pass legislation honoring Hawai'i's rich maritime history and our port workers, as well as honoring Brother Joseph Dutton who worked alongside Father Damien in Kalaupapa."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAULAU DAY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38 and S.B. No. 1263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative

Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 39 and S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 42 and H.B. No. 529, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 529, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 51 and H.B. No. 732, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 732, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Poepoe's written remarks are as follows:

"I appreciate the work done on this bill in conference maintaining a \$500,000 valuation if the development is situated on a shoreline parcel or parcel that is impacted by waves, storm surges, high tide, or shoreline erosion. This is definitely an improvement to the bill, which I appreciate. However, I am still very concerned that the incremental increases to valuation over time based on inflation undermines the intent of the Special Management Area designation to ensure that hazards, environmental concerns, and public input are thoroughly considered during the permitting process. Furthermore, the process used to determine a projects valuation can be arbitrary and left to the applicant or their agent to estimate, which unless caught by the planning department or commission, can result in the undervaluation of a project to avoid surpassing a threshold that would require a higher level of permitting. For these reasons, I am in opposition."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 732, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AREAS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Hussey, Iwamoto, Perruso, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 52 and H.B. No. 1137, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1137, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Madam Speaker, with reservations, brief remarks. Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support, my reservation stems from language that was introduced in Senate Draft 1 that said, 'provided that emergency erosion protection structures constructed pursuant to permits issued by the department shall not be deemed abandoned property.'

"This raises concerns for me because the department issues numerous permits for all types of shoreline beach restoration, and I'm concerned that this language, which was then changed in the conference committee that added, 'provided that emergency erosion protection structures constructed pursuant to permits issued by the department and that continue to provide the protection for which they were permitted shall not be deemed abandoned remnant materials.'

"It concerns me that this might create liability that we are not clear about, so that there might be large unintended consequences for this measure. Just simply because there is so much happening at our shorelines and the department permits many, many, things, I would want to proceed with caution with this kind of measure. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Poepoe rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Poepoe's written remarks are as follows:

"I support the original version of House bill 1137. However, the CD 1 adds language that I believe conflicts with the original intent of the bill. My particular concern is the additional language added to Section 2, (3) which states, 'provided that emergency erosion protection structures constructed pursuant to permits issued by the department and that continue to provide the protection for which they were permitted shall not be deemed abandoned remnant materials.' This added language creates a loophole that could allow outdated or harmful shoreline hardening structures to remain indefinitely, even if they contribute to long-term beach degradation. By shielding such structures from being classified as 'abandoned,' the CD 1 undermines the very restoration goals the bill seeks to advance. Maintaining the original language would have ensured that restoration efforts focus on truly rehabilitating natural systems rather than prolonging reliance on artificial shoreline defenses that may hinder natural coastal processes."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1137, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Belatti, Iwamoto, Perruso, Poepoe, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 54 and H.B. No. 103, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 103, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with brief comments. I want to thank and acknowledge the introducer, the chairs, and appreciate all of the hard work and the intent behind this bill. However, Madam Speaker, I believe the current process and consequences are appropriate and we should allow our judges, as they hear and evaluate evidence on a case-by-case basis, the freedom to exercise their expertise and experience in handing out appropriate sentences and not dictate to them what they can or cannot do. That's my position of opposition. I thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 103, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 61 and H.B. No. 277, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 277, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICULAR PURSUIT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 65 and S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 68 and S.B. No. 1431, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1431, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VIRAL HEPATITIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 69 and S.B. No. 1433, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1433, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I have previously spoke at length in opposition and giving comments. And as a courtesy to this body, I will spare them a reiteration of that floor speech, but permission to enter written comments into the Journal, please."

Representative Shimizu referenced his previous remarks on this measure made on April 4, 2025, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1782.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1433, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARM REDUCTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 36 ayes to 13 noes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Chun, Garcia, Kila, Kong, Lamosao, Lee, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Olds, Pierick, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 71 and S.B. No. 694, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 694, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DETENTION OF MINORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kila, Lamosao, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 74 and H.B. No. 806, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 806, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Madam Speaker, I rise today in respectful opposition to this measure, which proposes \$2.5 million for sting operations and the establishment of explosives and firearms lab to combat illegal fireworks. Now let me be clear, I do not support illegal fireworks. They are dangerous, they pose risks to our communities, our first responders, and our

environment. But I cannot, let me repeat, I cannot, ignore the larger crisis that surrounds us every single day. A crisis that this bill does not address.

"We are facing an epidemic of drug addiction, violent crime, and an ever-worsening crisis of homelessness in nearly every community across our state. These are not seasonal issues like fireworks. These are daily emergencies. And our constituents are living in fear, frustration, and desperation. We're proposing \$2.5 million for fireworks enforcement and a lab, yet we cannot find the same dollars to expand drug treatment and prevention programs or increase patrols and investigate resources to address violent crimes. Fireworks may be loud and visible, but the silent suffering caused by drugs, crime, homelessness is far more devastating and more enduring.

"If we want to invest in public safety, let's start where the pain is most acute. Let's fund detox, outreach, and real-time criminal enforcement to tackle fentanyl, crystal meth, and other items that are killing the people in our streets. Let's not send a message that illegal fireworks are a greater threat than the addiction, violence, and homelessness displacing and plaguing our communities every day. I urge my colleagues to reconsider our priorities. This is not about ignoring the problem of fireworks. It's about responding first to the problems that are killing us now and every day."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 806, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 77 and S.B. No. 38, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 38, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with comments. Simply, this bill prohibits the legislative body of a county from imposing stricter conditions than the HHFDC, stricter area median income requirements, or a reduction in fee waivers to housing development proposals that would increase the cost of the project. Base simply put, this bill seeks to override county home rule to protect their residents, potentially in favor of developers. For this reason, I oppose this bill."

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

"In opposition, and I've also shared my thoughts on this measure in previous floor sessions."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I just to clarify, we spoke about this bill previously, but there is currently two discretionary view processes written into the law in 201H-38. And the legislative branch of the county still has the full authority to reject any of these projects if they so choose. So, the bill clarifies that counties have to be allowed the opportunity to submit written comments on 201H-38 projects. HHFDC should be reviewing those written comments and proposing projects that have the highest likelihood of passing at a county level, but the counties still have that opportunity to reject if they so choose. Thank you."

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

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

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

Representative Poepoe's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill significantly reduces a county's ability to participate in certain housing development projects by prohibiting the legislative body of a county

from imposing stricter conditions than the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, stricter area median income requirements, or a reduction in fee waivers to housing development proposals that would increase the cost of the project. Part of the intent of this bill is to hasten the process and timeline in which projects are approved. However, denying the county's participation throughout the process and restricting their ability to set certain conditions may actually result in tying the hands of the county to where the only option they have is to deny the project outright, when perhaps their involvement during the process would have yielded an agreeable outcome. This bill also takes away a home rule authority that I believe is best left with the counties. They know their communities, and lands, and resources, much better than the HHFDC, and this bill may actually prolong the process it is intended to expedite. For these reasons, I am in opposition."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 38, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Perruso and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Grandinetti, Hussey, Iwamoto, Olds, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 78 and S.B. No. 66, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 66, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 66, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Poepoe, Shimizu, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Iwamoto and Perruso voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 79 and H.B. No. 1162, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1162, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTORCYCLE INSTRUCTION PERMITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 81 and H.B. No. 226, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 226, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 226, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WINDSHIELD TINTING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Souza voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 82 and H.B. No. 228, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 228, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 228, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 84 and S.B. No. 104, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 104, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 86 and S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 87 and S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I vote in opposition because this measure violates two guiding principles of Mental Health of America, which is the nation's leading national nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of mental health, well-being, and prevention. First, that people with mental health conditions deserve the same degree of personal autonomy and legal protections as other people. Second, that involuntary treatment of any kind should be used in only limited circumstances and only as a last resort.

"The proposed measure will increase involuntary hospitalization, transportation by armed law enforcement, and involuntary or forced medication with less due process checks and balances in place simply because a person has mental illness or co-occurring disorders. Although this bill does not specifically mention our affordable housing crisis, this bill is intended to target our houseless neighbors.

"Ideally, we should have a judge making the final decision and a public defender representing the best interests of the individual. We currently have an administrative rather than judicial process, which includes a panel of three medical professionals to order medication with no one representing the individual. However, this bill seeks to reduce this panel from three to one medical person, thereby removing minimal procedural safeguards. And the individual has no attorney provided, no court-appointed special advocate, no guardian *ad liem*. In their incapacitated state, they are given a phone and invited to call an attorney.

"This is a serious due process violation under our federal and state constitutions. Other states with assisted community or outpatient treatment

laws provide legal counsel. And just a note, this right was taken away a few years ago. So, I'm not saying forced treatment is never a solution, but we must comply with procedural safeguards. We need an investment into programs that are holistic, community-driven, and voluntary, not punitive, especially in a trauma-informed state such as Hawai'i. For these reasons, I'm voting no on SB 1322."

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

"Madam Speaker, with reservations in support. Madam Speaker, we've been working a lot on assisted community treatment, so I want to acknowledge the opposition from the previous speaker. I have reservations because some of the changes in this bill, while it seems to be allowing for transport and commitment to programs in other facilities other than our emergency rooms, I don't believe we have those kinds of systems and places for care in place at this time.

"So, the default, the default when this bill comes into play is going to be that more and more folks experiencing mental illness will be actually diverted to our emergency rooms. And then coupled with the 72-hour extension of time to be able to stay in those emergency rooms, we are actually going to see our hospitals further taxed.

"Now, if we had more facilities out in the community, which I think this body is committed to building but we might not have them yet, then measures in this bill would work. So, with those, Madam Speaker, with reservations, because I think we really, really need to start investing, like the previous speaker said, in community-based programs. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. This proposal was submitted by the governor in an effort to clarify the emergency procedures for those persons suffering severe mental health or substance abuse disorders. It does several things. Number one, it emphasizes the role of mental health emergency workers at hospital emergency departments to ensure that their role is recognized in diverting persons who may not be appropriately treated in emergency rooms or departments and could be better diverted to other facilities.

"Secondly, it provides that persons who are being treated through assisted community treatment programs can be held in hospitals. Current law provides up for up to 48 hours, this measure extends it to 72 hours but allows for the person to be discharged earlier if the certifying facility finds that that person has been stabilized and is no longer in need of ACT.

"Finally, in reference to a previous speaker, it is true that there is language in this bill that authorizes a single psychiatrist rather than a panel of three to provide authorization for medical treatment over the objection of a patient. This only applies to those patients who are already committed to the state hospital. So, with that, Madam Speaker, I ask members to support this measure. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 9 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Poepoe, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Chun, Garrett, Grandinetti, Iwamoto, Perruso, Reyes Oda, Souza, and Takenouchi voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88 and S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Todd moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88 and S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Takayama rose to speak in support of the motion to recommit, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, there is general agreement that this measure before us is needed, but also agreement that several provisions need further refinement. And for that reason, I support the recommitment of this measure and promise that in the interim we will address the provisions in need of further consideration. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and Conf. Com. Rep. No. 88 and S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representatives Cochran and Hussey being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 89 and S.B. No. 1429, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1429, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1429, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Iwamoto and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 90 and H.B. No. 410, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 410, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I am in support of H.B. 410, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) does not receive nearly enough funds each year from the state in the pursuit of carrying out its mandates to its beneficiaries. Ultimately, it is disappointing that House Bill 1358 and/or Senate Bill 903 did not progress to final reading this session. We need to provide OHA with its pro rata share of ceded land revenues. Doing so will help Hawaiians thrive."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with comments. I continue to acknowledge and honor the needs of our Native Hawaiians. It is imperative that our state departments, legislature, and executive branch work together to lift the outcomes and standing of our host culture. We know that Native Hawaiians have the highest numbers in many areas of need, so investment into the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, I would believe and pray, is directly addressing our people who are most in need. I want to reiterate that every dollar we provide OHA has a matching dollar from their trust fund. So, our investment is doubled and well spent. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 410, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 93 and S.B. No. 1102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This bill changes the current fire chief of the Hawai'i State Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Unit of the Airports Division position from a civil service position to a process where three qualified candidates are submitted by the director of Transportation for consideration by the State Fire Council and subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

"As we have experienced with the Senate in crossover review and conference committee, this adds a significant layer of bureaucracy that I believe in this situation is unnecessary. If this change were to be made, this decision should be left to the State Fire Council and the Department of Transportation alone. That's my position. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIRE FIGHTING UNIT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, Poepoe, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 94 and S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with a brief comment, very brief. The purpose of this bill is to improve pedestrian safety. Although I see the loss of street parking as problematic, especially in certain areas where parking is scarce as it is, I must prioritize safety over inconvenience. So, I rise in support. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto, Poepoe, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Garcia, Muraoka, Olds, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 95 and S.B. No. 1216, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1216, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 97 and S.B. No. 30, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 30, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 30, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused

At 12:04 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1051, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 15, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1098, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 176, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 222, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 692, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 31, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 79, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1170, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 281, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1373, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 345, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 957, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1263, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 529, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 732, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1137, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 103, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 277, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 532, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1431, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1433, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 694, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 806, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 38, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 66, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1162, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 226, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 228, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 104, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1429, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 410, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1102, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1195, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1216, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 30, HD 2, CD 1

At 12:04 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:23 p.m.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please turn to page 47 and refer to Conference Committee Report No. 200."

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 200 and S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, Representative Tam offered Floor Amendment No. 9, amending S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 3, CD 1 as follows:

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

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

"(e) Notwithstanding the tax rates established in subsections [(a)(5)] (a)(6) and [(e)(3);] (c)(4), the tax rates levied, assessed, and collected pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) shall be [10.25] eleven per cent for the period beginning on January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2030; provided that:

- (1) The tax revenues levied, assessed, and collected pursuant to this subsection that are in excess of the revenues realized from the levy, assessment, and collection of tax at the [9.25] ten per cent rate shall be deposited quarterly into the mass transit special fund established under section 248-2.7; and
- (2) If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the amount of county surcharge on state tax revenues deducted and withheld by the State, pursuant to section 248-2.6, violates statutory or constitutional law and, as a result, awards moneys to a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand, then an amount equal to the monetary award shall be deducted and withheld from the tax revenues deposited under paragraph (1) into the mass transit special fund, and those funds shall be a general fund realization of the State.

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

Representative Tam moved that Floor Amendment No. 9 be adopted, seconded by Representative Temple.

Representative Tam rose to speak in support of the proposed floor amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a friendly floor amendment. The amendment would basically change an error that is not the intention of the bill under the bill that is currently written. The language of the conference draft inadvertently reduces the TAT allocation to the Mass Transit Special Fund. This floor amendment will correct that."

The motion that Floor Amendment No. 9, amending S.B. No. 1396, SD 3, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and carried, with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 12:25 p.m., the Chair noted that Floor Amendment No. 9 was adopted.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note the 48-hour notice for this measure."

At 12:25 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:20 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 99 and S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 100 and S.B. No. 344, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 344, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 344, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 102 and S.B. No. 1008, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1008, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. By the way, thank you for the great lunch. Madam Speaker, I found it very difficult at times, even frustrating, to weigh the merits of a bill and examine the pros and cons to try and discern what is the right thing to do. I agree with the purpose of this bill to authorize counties to adopt ordinances to enforce accessible parking space requirements reserved for those with disabilities. However, my reservation is for any additional parking provision requirements for electric vehicles, my apologies to you, Tesla owners, which carries a \$50,000 to \$100,000 cost per station. That would be a financial burden on businesses. So, I am hoping that the counties are listening to this, seriously taking this into consideration, and adopt ordinances to prioritize parking for those with disabilities only. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1008, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Reyes Oda and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 105 and H.B. No. 1055, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1055, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 108 and H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. I agree with the purpose of supporting career paths for our youth, providing employment opportunities, and promoting diversification of our economy. I would love to see this type of program and funding to be expanded to a broader range of workforce development to make an even greater impact for our youth and economy. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 109 and H.B. No. 506, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 506, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 111 and S.B. No. 960, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 960, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Muraoka and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 113 and S.B. No. 447, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 447, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations and comment. So, I take this from the testimony provided by HGEA regarding the positions within SR-10 and lower, they are generally clerical and administrative positions that should not be exempted from civil service. Although HGEA recognizes that these types of positions are hard to fill due to its uncompetitive salary, we must stress that these positions be repriced to a competitive salary range rather than exempting them from civil service. For these reasons, I have reservations."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 447, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Garrett, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 115 and S.B. No. 1300, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1300, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. Permission also to insert written comments, and brief comment. Because of this bill, fewer kids will sit in the classroom distracted by hunger, and more families, especially those who make just a little too much to qualify under outdated rules, will no longer have to worry, knowing their children will eat at school free of charge. Starting next school year, students on reduced price lunch will receive meals for free, and the families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level will also receive access to free school meals.

"In a state where the cost of living keeps rising, this is one of the most meaningful things we can do for working families. Just want to *mahalo* all the chairs for working so hard on this measure and to House and Senate leadership. But I also want to recognize the incredible work of our advocates, especially the young students from across the state who showed up at the Capitol, day after day, during the final stretch of session to make sure we didn't forget how important this bill is. Their voices, their presence, and their stories helped carry this bill over the finish line. *Mahalo*."

Representative La Chica's written remarks are as follows:

"SB 1300 is more than a school meals bill—it's a commitment to ensuring that no child in Hawai'i sits in a classroom hungry because their family falls just short of qualifying for assistance. Because of this measure, fewer children will face the school day distracted by hunger, and more working

families—especially those who earn just above the current limits—will know that their children are fed, cared for, and supported.

"Starting in the 2025 school year, students who currently receive reduced-price lunch will receive meals for free. And the following year, this bill expands access even further—to include families earning up to 300% of the federal poverty level. At a time when the cost of living in Hawai'i continues to rise, this is one of the most meaningful and practical steps we can take to relieve the burden on families and support student success.

"SB 1300 recognizes what educators, parents, and health professionals already know: a well-fed child is a child ready to learn. And when every student receives the same meal, there is no stigma, no shame, and no child left behind. I'm proud to stand with my colleagues in advancing this measure and laying the groundwork for what I hope will one day be universal free school meals in Hawai'i."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. I just want to thank my fellow legislators for passing this bill. As you know, it's been years that I've been fighting for free school meals, and I think this is a good, huge step forward on this issue. This bill is really an investment in our future, and I want to acknowledge all of the advocates that fought for it over the years, especially, again, the students who came year after year, asking us to do this.

"But some of the voices that were not heard as loudly I think will benefit the most from this. And those are the teachers and the small businesses. Teachers, any teacher will tell you, when a kid is in your classroom and they're hungry, they're disruptive. And then when you have a disruptive kid in your class, no one's learning. Not that kid, not any of the other 30-plus kids in your class. So, what this does is it really ensures that our kids have the right mindset to learn and don't affect the rest of the kids in the class. It's not just feeding one hungry kid, what you're doing is you're allowing an entire classroom of kids to learn.

"And the other thing I want to point out is, when I was Labor chair last year and the year before, I would say every single small business, large business, you name it, every business that came to me was saying that they were short of qualified employees, every single one. And what this bill does is it allows us to educate our kids so that they can graduate, and if they don't go to college, then they can enter into the workforce and be prepared to actually live and make a living and again help our businesses. So, I think this bill has broad bipartisan support, and I really want to thank everyone for making this happen."

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

"Thank you, Madam Chair. In support and appreciation. This bill, it helps so many in my community. And I just want to appreciate that the chairs of the committee who got this thing through and over the line, our community, the community I represent, sincerely thanks you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. May I adopt the words of the vice chair of the Committee on Education as if they were my own. And I just want to say that this bill really came down to supporting *keiki*. And it's such a commitment from this body to be able to say that this is something that we're going to put forward and that we will support *keiki* in every aspect of their lives when it comes to uplifting their educational access. And all session, I've looked forward to trying to find small wins and bright spots, and this is, I think, one of the biggest that has come out of this session. So, thank you to everyone who worked on this," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1300, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 116 and S.B. No. 1304, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B.

No. 1304, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 117 and S.B. No. 1502, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1502, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1502, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Grandinetti, Perruso, Pierick, and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 118 and S.B. No. 583, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 583, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Reyes Oda rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. I understand this is a revenue-generating bill, and I want to thank introducer Senator Wakai for looking for a different way of generating revenue without taxing residents. I know that many, if not all, stadiums and convention centers around the country lease naming rights. My primary concern is that allowing any public or private entity to lease the naming rights to our stadium and convention center undermines the unique identity and sense place that is so vital to the people of Hawai'i.

"These buildings are more than just structures. They represent the culture, heritage, and pride of our community. Leasing the naming rights to just any entity could risk turning these cherished spaces into mere commercial assets, which doesn't align with the values we hold dear. I won't list out corporate names that could replace what we now know as the Aloha Stadium and the Hawai'i Convention Center, but I want us to consider the opportunity these venues give to teach our residents and visitors about our own history.

"Imagine if instead of a corporation, we named a venue after Timoteo Ha'alilio, a true Hawaiian statesman who rose to such prominence that his birthright did not allow. Ha'alilio was sent abroad in 1842 by K3 to gain recognition and secure our independence and be the first non-European nation to do so.

"As the only state with a palace, we are special. Naming our stadium and convention center using names from our cultural history is part of preserving our heritage. The financial gain from naming rights often pales in comparison to the long-term value of preserving a community-focused identity for these facilities."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 583, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NAMING RIGHTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Grandinetti, Perruso, Reyes Oda, and Tam voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 120 and S.B. No. 264, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 264, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS," passed Final

Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 123 and S.B. No. 1469, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1469, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX COLLECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 127 and S.B. No. 933, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 933, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. This bill provides for legislators with all the discretion to award \$50 million in grants. Although I'm really excited about the end use, I'm concerned for, I want to make sure that we're providing more transparency and more accountability for the selection process. And I just think that taxpayers may want more input, more accountability when it comes to allocating the \$50 million. Thanks."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support with reservations. Madam Speaker, I want to be very clear, I support the allocation and appropriation of \$50 million for what we anticipate are going to be very difficult times in the months ahead. But my reservations stem from the fact that this conference draft bill creates, in fact, a committee of four. A committee of four to decide who gets \$50 million of precious state resources. This committee structure came out of a conference draft. It was not before any of the prior committees, so I was very surprised when it came up.

"This is constitutionally deficient. Article III, Section 12 of our state constitution says, 'every meeting of a committee in either house or of a committee comprised of a member or members from both houses held for the purpose of making decision on matters referred to the committee shall be open to the public.' That is in our state constitution. Our House Rules further state, verbatim, mirroring the constitutional language, Rule 20, '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.'

"Senate Bill No. 933, CD 1 creates first a committee that takes the responsibility away from all of the members of the House and the Senate. And it explicitly says, 'the meetings of the evaluation and selection committee shall not be subject to part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes.' Those are the important provisions that provide for notice and open meetings.

"Now, Madam Speaker, I believe this leadership team actually has a solution for this, which is why I'm with reservations, because I firmly believe that we can fix this constitutional deficiency. By memo of the Speaker of this House on March 13, 2025, we were informed for potential special sessions, August 25-29, September 29-October 3, November 17-21 of this year. Madam Speaker, I request that I be able to insert into the Journal this memo."

At 1:34 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"May I request, Madam Speaker, the insertion into the Journal, the March 13, 2025, memorandum that I've referred to," and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"Thank you. So again, Madam Speaker, I believe that we actually have a solution to this constitutional problem, which is to come back into session. And I know that there are going to be people who say, well, the mechanism that we need has to be one that can respond throughout. Well, the dates of the special sessions give us enough time, and then will give us time to be able to follow the more correct grants-in-aid process that should be adhered to. Otherwise, I fear that some people will say, well, who's going to challenge this. Any nonprofit who does not be able benefit from this fund will be able challenge the way we've administered it.

"For those reasons, Madam Speaker, I speak with strong reservations, and truly hope that we can fix this as we move forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Belatti submitted the following:

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March 13, 2025

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All House Members

FROM: Speaker Nadine K. Nakamura *NKN*

SUBJECT: Potential Special Session Dates

There is considerable uncertainty regarding the forthcoming federal budget, and it is unlikely to be finalized prior to Sine Die. If federal funding is reduced it may be necessary to convene a special session during the interim to address unexpected budget shortfalls. House and Senate Leadership have agreed to reserve the following dates for a potential special legislative session:

- August 25 - 29, 2025
- September 29 - October 3, 2025
- November 17 - 21, 2025

Members are respectfully requested to reserve these dates on their calendars. Should you anticipate any conflicts during these periods, or if you have any inquiries, please contact my office at your earliest convenience.

cc: Brian L. Takeshita, House Chief Clerk
Rod Tanonaka, House Sergeant at Arms
Casey Hines, Director, House Majority Staff Office
Cathy Lee, Director, House Majority Communications
Thomas Kunz, Director, Minority Research Office
Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Legislative Reference Bureau

Representative Perruso rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Iwamoto rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki and the co-chair of the Good Government Caucus be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. After the many meetings I had with all of the nonprofits across of our state, it's very apparent to me that we have much need, even before we face these federal cuts. I appreciate those who worked very hard to craft this measure. It was difficult to come to get to this point where we have a bill where we have people to assist us in this process going forward.

"This money is not going to be enough for everybody to go around, but it's going to definitely help ease the pain for some of the effects felt across of our state. These are real people who have real jobs, who are going to be

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out of work. A lot of our community projects, just a lot of things that face uncertainty. And this measure is very important so that we can have the flexibility to respond to these things. And I urge our members to vote in support. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 933, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Belatti, Iwamoto, Perruso, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 128 and H.B. No. 774, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 774, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks are as follows:

"*Mahalo*, Speaker. I rise today in strong support of House Bill 774, Conference Draft 1.

"This measure establishes a statewide Food and Product Innovation Network within the Agribusiness Development Corporation, designed to empower local entrepreneurs and small businesses to develop, scale, and commercialize value-added products. By providing access to shared manufacturing facilities, specialized equipment, and expert guidance, we enable communities to transform Hawai'i-grown resources into globally competitive products.

"Importantly, this bill directly supports our rural communities, where entrepreneurs often face the greatest barriers to accessing costly infrastructure. Shared manufacturing facilities help level the playing field, allowing rural farmers and producers to bring value-added goods to market without the burden of high overhead. This means more jobs, more local food on shelves, and more economic activity where it's needed most.

"The network will include facilities across the islands, ensuring geographic equity and accessibility for *kama'āina* across Hawai'i.

"HB 774 also enhances the visibility and credibility of products labeled 'Made in Hawai'i,' strengthening our brand identity and supporting economic diversification. By fostering innovation across the state, including in our rural communities, we take a major step forward in building a more resilient and food-secure Hawai'i.

"I urge my colleagues to support this vital legislation. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 774, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 129 and H.B. No. 650, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 650, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA SALT PRODUCTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Chun being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 132 and H.B. No. 990, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 990, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Belatti rose, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. May I request to be excused from the voting on this matter as on March 4, 2025, I had requested a declaration of a conflict and it was determined that I do have a conflict of interest on this bill and I had been granted the right to be excused from the vote on this bill," and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 990, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Belatti and Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 133 and H.B. No. 97, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 97, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 97, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 134 and S.B. No. 383, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 383, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition. According to testimony by the State Procurement Office, doubling the minimum threshold for all purchases of goods, services, and construction from \$25,000 to \$50,000 would diminish transparency, reduce competition, potentially increase costs, introduce procurement irregularities, and heighten the risk of parceling, which is the deliberate and artificial division of purchases of goods, services, and construction, in order to circumvent statutory competitive requirement.

"Hundreds of transactions fall into this price category. In fiscal years 2023 and 2024, transactions under \$50,000 were valued at between \$15 million to \$18 million. This would be \$15 million to \$18 million of taxpayer money spent that would not be viewable or available to all vendors that could be considered, and requests for quotes and bids may be solicited to the limited group that a procuring agency deems to be on the favorites list. The public wants greater transparency and accountability and fairness. And they want to reduce the potential or appearances of favoritism and potential corruption. Thank you."

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

"In support, Madam Speaker. Inflation."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 383, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL PURCHASES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 137 and H.B. No. 718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 718, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 138 and H.B. No. 1169, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1169, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 140 and H.B. No. 1171, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1171, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 141 and H.B. No. 1300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, today in the Legislature, we are funding what will be the first multi-ethnic cohort study to look at cancer and how it affects not just the State of Hawai'i, but our disproportionately lack of disaggregated data for Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos. We know for a fact that cancer doesn't affect everyone equally. Native Hawaiian women have the highest rates of breast cancer, Filipino women lead in ovarian and thyroid cancer, and Pacific Islander are often diagnosed too late and face the worst outcomes. As the Office of Hawaiian Affairs put it, the lack of this data is a form of structural racism.

"This bill's funding gives us a way forward. And I want to thank the Legislature for making this a priority. The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Center in the Pacific. The study will focus on lifestyle, resilience, and environmental exposures, including the health risks of families living near landfills.

"This is not a one-off investment, but it lays the foundation for long-term funding, better health outcomes, and the opportunity for us to not just respond, but look for a way forward to support our families. We heard from McKayla, a young Native Hawaiian woman from Wai'anae, whose family has been through it all, Becki, who lost her family and now serves on the UH Cancer Center's Advisory Board, and Mark, a survivor of three different cancers.

"When we are moving this bill forward, we are reaffirming our commitment to communities and we're saying to our survivors and caregivers that you folks matter and your story matters. This is a chance to act on prevention, early detection, and root causes. And this bill starts a conversation with data and community at the center. So, colleagues, in Hawai'i, we are taking care of our people no matter what's happening. And I want to thank our legislature for putting this forward."

Representative Chun rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Nānākuli be entered into the Journal as his own, and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Chun's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 1300.

"First, I would like to thank the introducer of this measure, as well as the House and Senate chairs of Higher Education and Finance, for moving House Bill 1300 forward. I appreciate the time and collaborative effort it took to craft this bill and bring it to the floor for consideration.

"With a background in cancer research advocacy, I have seen firsthand the importance of using science and data to better understand how environmental and social factors affect our health. HB 1300 calls for

University of Hawai'i Cancer Center to conduct a multiethnic cohort study focusing on the social determinants of health, lifestyles, environmental exposures, and resilience factors of Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos, including an analysis of the health effects and risks of individuals living near landfills in Nānākuli, O'ahu.

"Madam Speaker, Hawai'i has a truly unique population—one that cannot be replicated elsewhere in the country, or even the world. That uniqueness gives us an opportunity—and a responsibility—to study how cancer and chronic illness affect Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, and Filipinos.

"This bill also directs specific attention to the impacts of living near landfills. Understanding the health risks and outcomes in these communities is a critical step toward making better and more informed decisions as each county wrestles with the impossible decision of where its next landfill should be.

"I believe the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is one of our greatest assets. Its work must be supported and elevated so that it can continue producing research that is by our people, for our people.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 1300. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1300, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 144 and S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 153 and H.B. No. 133, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 133, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SURFING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 154 and H.B. No. 1378, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1378, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. My concern is that this bill may effectively reduce funding for the arts in Hawai'i. And because we don't have fiscal notes, I can't be sure. But just the mere change in funding sources from 1% of all state fund appropriations for capital improvements designated for the construction renovation costs, and we're moving it to just 1% of all general obligation bonds for capital improvement appropriations designated for the construction or renovation of state buildings after each agency receives the general obligation bond funds. I'm concerned that there may be less funds, less predictability of how much and when the funds will come available. For those reasons, I am in opposition."

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

"In support. Madam Speaker, at a recent community forum focused on the implications of the actions of the new federal administration on working families, we heard very clearly that our communities see the arts and humanities as a bulwark against authoritarianism. Primarily because they foster diversity of creative expression, critical thinking, and interconnectedness.

"DOGE has already eliminated all of the National Endowment for the Humanities grants and is currently attacking the National Endowment for the Arts. I am aware of the reasoning behind the shift in funding for our own State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, and I appreciate the efforts of the chair of that committee and the vice speaker to preserve existing state funding. Understanding that moving forward, this will be an area where we will need to be vigilant because the foundation is dependent on federally funded positions."

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

"In support with just a brief comment. I understand this bill is necessary to bring us into compliance and I really appreciate the huge amount of work and care that went into maintaining arts funding through an understandably scary and uncomfortable transition. But I just rise only to say that I hope we can remain committed to fully funding the arts beyond this session and into future sessions regardless of the means of financing. Because times are going to be tough and those tough times are when we need the arts the most. Thank you."

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

"I rise with reservations for the reasons set forth by the representatives from Wahiawa and Kaimuki. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support and I would like to request to adopt the words of the representative from Wahiawa because, you know, oligarchy and DOGE. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

"In opposition, and I'd like to thank the speaker previous to the last for helping make my decision."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. I would first like to take the opportunity to thank our House Speaker for the opportunity to chair the Committee on Culture & Arts and to tackle this measure that has been long outstanding. I would also like to thank you for your guidance and support that you've given a first-time chair trying to tackle something that is very complicated. I'd like to thank our Finance chair and his team for their attention in getting this measure correct. And I'd like to thank the Department of Budget and Finance, the Attorney General's team, and the State Foundation, the Governor's Office, and the many artists who shared their voices over this session."

"This measure fully funds the State Foundation's positions, the museum, also known as Capital Modern, the Artists in the Schools program, and community grants program based on the numbers provided by the State Foundation. This bill protects and preserves the historic 1% given from capital improvement from that mechanism and simply clarifies that money flowing into the Works of Art Special Fund will be comprised of only general obligation bond funds. And it also introduces a new cap mechanism for the Works of Art Special Fund, transferring an annual amount of the lesser of \$3 million or \$15 million minus the unencumbered fund balance from the prior fiscal year."

"This measure makes sure that the money in the account is manageable for the comptroller while still ensuring that there is an adequate amount of money to support the Works of Art Special Fund for the commissioning and acquisition of new art. By clarifying the use and authorization of the special fund through the cap and transfer mechanism, and fully funding the foundation's needs, we not only bring the state into compliance with federal IRS bond requirements, but also ensure that the capital in the special fund is not left idle or used improperly. Instead, this measure guarantees that the

money is spent annually on commissioning and acquiring new art, directly supporting our local artists."

"This bill does not take away from the important programs of the foundation and what the foundation offers to our state. Instead, it secures longevity and the capability of it."

"Additionally, I am incredibly excited about this measure, including performing arts grant funding that ensures \$300,000 to support performing artists and performing arts events across our state. The dance teacher and choreographer in my heart is leaping with joy."

"Finally, I have heard some of the hesitancy, I understand and acknowledge the concerns, but I'm incredibly proud of this bill because it shows our deep commitment as a body to uplifting the arts and providing stability and protection for the future of arts funding. Change is hard. It's scary, and it's uncomfortable. But it's incredibly necessary, and this measure is a stepping stone to ensure that clearer lines of communication between the State Foundation and the Legislature exist so that we can better support the good work of the foundation as we all work collectively and collaboratively to increase arts funding and arts access across Hawai'i."

"As someone whose life has not only been shaped by dance but was truly saved by it, it is a privilege to have worked on crafting this measure. In dark times, I think the world needs something beautiful to light a path forward. Art is that path because art is life. And this measure ensures our commitment to help light that path for everyone in Hawai'i."

Representative Todd rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Quinlan rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Tam rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative La Chica rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair the representative from Kaimuki and be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kusch rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of his fellow Hawai'i island representative be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Olds rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Culture & Arts chair be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Belatti rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Second time with reservations and just a brief comment. I wanted to connect this bill with my comments previously on the budget. One of the things I am concerned about is that because we're restructuring the State Art Museum and State Foundation and we're shifting them to A funds, the fact that our budget is going to be built potentially on presumptions of restrictions and cuts and lapses that will have to occur so that we have a balanced budget. I hope that the funds for arts in this budget process, in this year, in the next year, are not going to be further cut and are somehow preserved. Because, like so many of the speakers ahead of us, arts

are the things that are already being chopped. And we know that they are, in fact, lifelines to so many in our community. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1378, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representative Belatti voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Hussey, Iwamoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 158 and H.B. No. 134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 134, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 159 and H.B. No. 550, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 550, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 160 and S.B. No. 934, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 934, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 934, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 162 and S.B. No. 935, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 935, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, in opposition. I'm very concerned that this bill targets a co-equal branch of government. I understand some of the policy reasons why we may want to reduce the multiplier for the Judiciary. But I think if we are going to go down this approach, we should be looking at the executive and the legislative branches as well. For those reasons, Madam Speaker, I stand in opposition. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in opposition. Understanding that this measure, like the plan for farm-to-schools, did not originate in this chamber. I am still particularly concerned about the way in which it undermines the balance of powers and the constitutional necessity of three equal branches.

"I think that it's important that we understand that unlike elected officials, judges already face strict outside income bans and a mandatory retirement age of 70. Retirement benefits, therefore, loom fairly large in their consideration of total compensation. And we know that applications have fallen statewide since 2019, especially for neighbor island seats, which leads to repeated deadline extensions and long-running vacancies. Hopefully the salary commission's changes will help to alleviate some of that.

"But challenging the salary commission's recommendations, I think undermines the possibility for positive outcomes. And I understand that the salary commission already understood the multiplier that all of those in Class A benefit from, and they did not choose to reduce the pension compensation for judges. So, I worry that Article XVI, Section 3.5 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, in creating the salary commission, the intention was to de-politicize compensation across the branches. So, targeting judges, which this bill clearly does, reverses that safeguard. And it really does invite branch-to-branch retaliation and erodes public confidence in an impartial judiciary. So, for those reasons, I am opposed to this measure."

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

Representative Iwamoto rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Wahiawa be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Souza rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representatives from Makiki and Wahiawa be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Shimizu rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Wahiawa be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 935, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 39 ayes to 10 noes, with Representatives Amato and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Garcia, Hussey, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Shimizu, and Souza voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 165 and H.B. No. 430, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 430, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. I'm just really excited about this bill. Wanted to *mahalo* the Speaker for truly championing this bill. But it provides tremendous opportunity for our students to gain the necessary experience, both in the public and private sectors, the experience that they need to succeed in their pathways, in their careers. So also, permission to insert additional comments."

Representative La Chica's written remarks are as follows:

"HB 430 is a powerful workforce development measure that expands opportunities for students and recent graduates to gain hands-on experience in both public and private sector careers. By creating structured, paid internships across high-demand fields, this bill helps bridge the gap between education and employment, preparing young people for real-world careers in areas like construction, health care, and government service.

"This program is especially meaningful for students who may not otherwise have access to professional work experience. By connecting them with employers through coordinated internships, it allows students to explore different career paths, build job skills, and envision their futures here in Hawai'i. It also strengthens partnerships between state agencies, schools, and private industry—creating a broader talent pipeline that supports the state's long-term workforce needs.

"With a starting pay of \$20 an hour, the program doesn't just prepare students—it invests in them. HB 430 is a bold step toward building the next generation of Hawai'i's workforce by giving young people the support and experience they need to succeed."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 430, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 178 and H.B. No. 1064, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1064, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 180 and H.B. No. 800, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 800, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 181 and H.B. No. 250, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 250, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 187 and H.B. No. 613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 613, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 189 and H.B. No. 431, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 431, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 191 and S.B. No. 589, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 589, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 192 and S.B. No. 662, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 662, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I have reservations about Senate Bill 662, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1. The purpose of this Act is to authorize county police officers to enforce the statewide traffic code on all public streets, roadways, and highways within the state.

"The bill states the following: '§291C- County police officer authority. Each county police officer may enforce this chapter for any violation of this chapter that occurs on any federal, state, or county street, roadway, or highway.'

"I wonder about the jurisdiction issues that may occur when this bill becomes law. The state is mandating county police officer authority on not only state and county streets, roadways, and highways, but on federal streets, roadways, or highways. This could be problematic. This bill started off with the inclusion of the transfer of the roads in the Villages of Kapolei from the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) to the City and County of Honolulu no later than January 1, 2026. The transfer section was removed, and rightfully so, as the transfer negotiations have already commenced and should continue separate and apart from legislation. The transfer to the City and County of Honolulu would place the Villages of Kapolei roads within its jurisdiction. Perhaps we should do first things first, and roadways should be within the jurisdiction of the entity enforcing its rules."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 662, SD 1, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representative Amato voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 193 and S.B. No. 739, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 739, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with comments. Private development of housing or mixed uses on private land as contemplated by this act shall be exempt from all applicable state and county procurement requirements, impact fees, and other exactions. While it's not defined in this bill what an exaction is, it is a government-imposed requirement that a project developer provide certain public benefits to offset the impacts of the project on the public. So, I'm concerned that this bill will supersede a county's home rule to require developers to pay certain fees or to help the public in a certain way, and this bill will allow the private developer to bypass those requirements. For this reason, I am opposed to this bill."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 739, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND EXCHANGE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Amato and Hussey voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Belatti, Garcia, Iwamoto, Muraoka, Pierick, Poepoe, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 194 and S.B. No. 865, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 865, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 195 and S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1146, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ALA WAI CANAL," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 196 and S.B. No. 1220, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1220, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1220, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 197 and S.B. No. 1252, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1252, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Chun's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of Senate Bill 1252.

"First, I would like to thank the Senate for introducing this important measure, and to recognize the House chairs of Higher Education and Finance, as well as their Senate counterparts, for their thoughtful work in moving Senate Bill 1252 forward.

"Madam Speaker, this measure appropriates funds to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine, specifically the department of geriatric medicine, to conduct training on Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia. It will also support the development of a new, updated dementia curriculum to be incorporated into existing programs at the University of Hawai'i.

"As someone who has long advocated for cancer research and treatment in Hawai'i, I've seen firsthand how investments in specialized medical education can lead to lifesaving outcomes and a better quality of life for our residents. This bill has the potential to do the same for those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

"About 31,000 people aged 65 and older are currently living with Alzheimer's or a related condition here in Hawai'i. This bill will create a locally informed dementia workforce that serves *kūpuna*.

"It is essential to take care of our *kūpuna*, especially those suffering from dementia-related diseases. As a co-convenor of the Kūpuna Caucus, I believe this bill is crucial in taking the necessary steps to combat Alzheimer's and dementia related diseases.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of Senate Bill 1252. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1252, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 1:59 p.m., Representative Quinlan requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:11 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 321, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 344, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 1008, HD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1055, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

H.B. No. 506, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 960, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1
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S.B. No. 1252, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 201 and S.B. No. 1501, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1501, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1501, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 205 and S.B. No. 1578, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1578, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 206 and S.B. No. 1044, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1044, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 208 and H.B. No. 235, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 235, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 210 and H.B. No. 1159, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1159, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 211 and H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 960, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representatives Amato and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 212 and H.B. No. 667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Souza's written remarks are as follows:

"I have reservations regarding House Bill 667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1. I want to be clear that I strongly support the intent of this bill but feel that the language falls short of rectifying the problem it seeks to solve in the first place. The preamble of this bill states that '[b]y enacting this legislation, the legislature affirms its commitment to animal welfare and responsible procedures for handling lost or deceased pets.' Oddly, this bill makes no mention of the actual handling of lost or deceased pets—as far as the physical remains are concerned. It merely talks about the Department of Transportation (DOT) and counties' responsibilities in relation to notification when an animal is deceased on a roadway. It does not specify what the notification entails as far as the substantive nature. It makes no mention of returning the pet remains to the owner or the specific process through which that occurs. All this bill requires, is that when feasible, the DOT and counties make reasonable efforts to contact the registered owner of a deceased animal if microchip information is obtained.

"The bill states that (when enacted) this Act shall be known as the Milo Microchip Identification Act. On February 8, 2025, a Honolulu Star-Advertiser article described the real-life events that appeared to have inspired this bill. The following is a quote from that article: 'Mila was the pet puppy of a Waianae couple — [I will leave out their names here for privacy]— that was struck and killed on a roadway Nov. 6, 2024, after getting loose while the couple was at work. The pup's body ended up in a landfill and wasn't recovered by the couple.'

"This is supposed to be a bill that bridges the gap between finding a deceased pet and returning that deceased pet to its owner.

"This bill makes glaring assumptions. One assumption here is that the deceased animal will be kept and preserved for proper transfer to the pet owner so the pet owner can dispose of the deceased pet in the way they wish after possession and have an opportunity to essentially, say goodbye. Another assumption is that the disposal of the deceased pet will occur only after reasonable efforts are made to contact the registered owner and the registered owner will have an ample amount of time to retrieve the pet remains before it is disposed of as well. This bill does not mandate the DOT or the counties to keep the deceased pet for the owner to retrieve—it strictly discusses notification, and it ends there.

"We can do better for pet owners who find themselves in this situation. Providing clear directives in legislation and ultimately, the law, is necessary. In this instance, the state or counties could face liability if there is any misstep once DOT or the counties identify the owners via the microchip. Owners will demand that the deceased pets' remains are returned with dignity, and rightfully so. I suggest we fix this situation with additional legislation addressing this issue in the next legislative session upon this bill likely becoming law now that it has passed final reading.

"This legislation would have benefitted from a referral to the JHA or JDC committees in the House and Senate, respectively. The only subject matter referrals were in the transportation committees in both chambers. This perhaps contributed to the lack of evaluation of this measure from a legal lens."

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

Representative Kila's written remarks are as follows:

"I rise today in support of HB 667, CD 1, also known as the Mila Microchip Identification Act.

"This bill was born from heartbreak - and love. Mila was a beloved dog. Her family, Patricia and Cole, searched for her when she went missing, hoping for answers. What they didn't know at the time was that she had been struck and killed on a public roadway - and her body removed without being scanned or identified. No one called. No one knew. She was quietly disposed of.

"What Patricia and Cole went through - that not knowing - is something no family should ever have to endure. They will never get Mila back. But because of their courage in sharing her story, we have the opportunity to ensure that other families don't experience the same pain.

"This bill is simple - but meaningful. It requires the Department of Transportation and each county to scan cats and dogs found deceased on public roadways for a microchip, record basic information, and report that to the proper animal services. Those agencies can then make reasonable efforts to contact the registered owner.

"And we should remember - since 2022, it's already the law that all cats and dogs in Hawai'i must be microchipped. What we're doing here is closing the loop. Following through on a promise. Giving families the respect of knowing - and the chance to say goodbye.

"We've heard powerful testimony in support - from residents, the Hawaiian Humane Society, Paw Posse 'Ohana, Lucky Paws, and dozens of families who've searched for lost pets, sometimes for weeks, sometimes for years.

"They've reminded us: for many, that animal is more than a pet. It's a companion. A protector. A child. A constant presence in their home and their heart.

"When a beloved animal goes missing, not knowing is the hardest part. The grief becomes open-ended. The questions never stop. The heartbreak just lingers.

"This bill also supports public safety. When residents try to recover animal remains themselves - on busy roads, at all hours - they put themselves at risk. State and county road crews are trained and equipped to handle these situations safely. All we're asking is that, when they do, they take a moment to check for a chip and help bring a little peace to someone waiting at home.

"In Hawai'i, we talk a lot about *aloha*. But *aloha* is action. It's what we choose to do with the power we're given. And this bill is a small act of *aloha* that will mean everything to someone who's searching, grieving, and trying to find closure.

"We cannot undo what happened to Mila. But we can make sure her story leads to change. And today, with this vote, we do that - with compassion, with responsibility, and with heart.

"To Patricia and Cole - *mahalo* for your strength. You took the hardest chapter of your lives and helped ensure that other families will have answers where you had silence. That is a legacy of love.

"To my colleagues - let's pass this bill with *aloha* in our hearts. Let's affirm our belief that pets deserve dignity, families deserve closure, and that Hawai'i can lead with care. Let this be Mila's legacy. *Mahalomui*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 213 and H.B. No. 862, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 862, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong support. I rise today with deep gratitude and strong support for House Bill 862, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1. Since I first joined this body, I worked on fixing the school bus crisis. And I know many of you are sick of hearing of me speaking about the school bus issue. I know the department is very much so sick of me talking about the school bus issue. But it's really because I've heard firsthand from many of the families in my district and from across the state of how many students have been left without reliable transportation.

"But today I'm proud to see this bill make it to final reading, but I'm even more grateful to our Education chair, who was a true partner in helping me shepherd this bill across the finish line in the very, very final hours. I also want to thank House leadership and the Transportation and Finance chairs and Ways and Means chairs in both the House and Senate. This couldn't have been passed without their support.

"House Bill 862 makes permanent governor's emergency proclamation that expands the pool of qualified drivers by allowing vans, small busses, and motor coaches, not just your traditional yellow school busses, to be used for student transport under specific safety standards. This measure also opens the door for new vendors and drivers who want to help get our students safely to school and gives our Department of Education the flexibility it needs to respond to driver shortages.

"In fact, the department just held a press conference yesterday highlighting how this very bill builds on emergency efforts that have already helped restore 125 bus routes this year. This is a meaningful step forward for families who have faced daily uncertainty just trying to get their kids to school on time. So big *mahalo* again to this body, and I encourage my colleagues to support this measure. Permission to insert additional written comments."

Representative La Chica's written remarks are as follows:

"Since joining this body, I've made it a priority to help fix the school bus crisis because I've heard directly from families in my district whose children were left without reliable transportation. I'm proud to see HB 862 reach final reading today, and even more grateful to our Education chair, who was a true partner in helping shepherd this bill across the finish line. I also want to thank House leadership and the Transportation and Finance chairs in both the House and Senate—this measure would not have been possible without their support and collaboration.

"HB 862 makes permanent the core provisions of the governor's emergency proclamation by allowing the Department of Education to use motorcoaches, vans, and small buses—not just traditional school buses—to

transport students, as long as key safety and licensing requirements are met. It also expands eligibility to public charter schools and private schools, and allows students to be picked up and dropped off at designated locations. The bill includes oversight measures, requiring annual reporting and adherence to Department of Transportation safety rules, while also providing flexibility to address real-time challenges like driver shortages and unavailable vehicles.

"On April 29th, the Department of Education held a press conference highlighting how the emergency approach this bill codifies has already helped restore 125 bus routes. HB 862 builds on that momentum and gives our schools the tools they need to ensure students can get to class safely and reliably. This is a meaningful step forward for families who've faced daily uncertainty, and I'm proud to have helped contribute to this effort."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 862, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 214 and H.B. No. 1231, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1231, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Kong, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 215 and H.B. No. 958, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 958, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. I want to first thank House leadership for allowing me the opportunity to work this session chairing the Transportation Committee. I think one of the largest consequential pieces of legislation to address was what is and what is not an e-bike.

"Across the island, one of biggest things we've heard throughout the state is that we haven't kept up with the laws of the streets. Riders are confused, parents are worried, and officers cannot enforce what needs to be defined. Our pedestrians, our *kūpuna*, and *keiki* need to feel safe. Right now, we have no framework to regulate the proliferation and influx of what has been known as e-bikes and illegal e-bikes. This bill is an opportunity to change that.

"This is a result of months of hard work by not just the Legislature, the agencies, and the people as well who has participated to try to make this a uniform act to move forward. That after this bill is enrolled and hopefully signed by the governor, that the police department and communities across the state have the opportunity to feel safe.

"We're going to be moving forward by making sure that we ban vehicles that are not classified for road usage as electric bicycles. They look like an electric bicycle, but they are not. This establishes, also, the safe riding rules for all these vehicles. It protects our youth to make sure that they're safe while using these vehicles. But we're also going to make sure that these e-bikes are no longer allowed in certain places and certain spaces.

"Also, with the adoption of this measure, we're going to be working closely with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and the individual counties to allow them to expand the rule-making processes to address all of these things that have occurred and that are rising. I want to make clear that this bill also does preserve and does not apply to any mobility devices protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"These provisions will take effect upon approval, but we do have a delayed start date for labeling and signage. I want to give a sincere gratitude to Director Ed Sniffen, Department of Transportation, the Honolulu Police Department, the retailers who worked with us, the parents and educators and

safety advocates, my Senate counterpart in transportation, Senator Lee, my vice chair, and every other chair and vice chair that worked to help make this measure better. With HB 958, we're not just catching up. We are setting the standard. And we listened, we partnered, and we delivered. At this time, I'd like to yield to my vice chair for further comments."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support, thank you. As vice chair of Transportation, I want to *mahalo* my chair for his leadership and the countless hours of work that went into bringing this bill to its final form. This measure is very technical, but it will have an everyday impact on our streets, sidewalks, and the lives of our constituents.

"For years, we've seen the proliferation of e-bikes and scooters with very little guidance and regulation. And while these technologies offer exciting advancements in sustainable micromobility, they've also led to a lot of frustration. Door knocking in my district, I heard from *kūpuna* who are concerned about teens flying down our roadways without helmets, pedestrians frustrated with e-bike zooming past them on our sidewalks, avid cyclists, like my dad, who are very confused by regulations and very frustrated by the increasing numbers of unsafe riders on our roads, and law enforcement officers who are unclear about their ability to enforce.

"This bill addresses many of these concerns. It provides clarity for retailers, protections for consumers, and fairness for law enforcement. It gives counties the tools they've asked for and riders the information they deserve. And it gives our *keiki* the safeguards they need to learn and ride safely. This bill brings structure, consistency, and fairness to the e-bike conversation. And I'm personally really excited about the way that this added clarity will aid our efforts to expand micromobility and create streets that are safe for all those who walk, drive, roll, or pedal. I respectfully urge my colleagues to support HB 958. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 958, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representative Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 216 and S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. First, I want to thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to chair your Committee on Tourism. Second, I want to also thank the chair of Economic Development and Tourism in the Senate, as well as the previous Tourism chair and now our current majority leader for their help in working on this bill and their previous service to this committee.

"Madam Speaker, this bill represents our efforts to restore public trust to the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. Tourism remains one of our leading industries and economic markets, but for too long, we have allowed the actions of this authority to operate without the appropriate level of oversight and accountability.

"Tourism in Hawai'i is changing, and as we usher in this next era of mindful visitors and tourism into our home, we must do so with a renewed sense of responsibility. While this may not solve all the issues that is outstanding, this is a step in the right direction to ensure that the authority carries out its intended goals of destination management and ensuring that we continue to have a sustainable tourism economy. Madam Speaker, I ask that we all vote in support of this measure."

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. May I adopt the words of the chair of Tourism, especially the part about thanking me," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Reyes Oda voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 217 and S.B. No. 1249, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1249, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. I too would like to thank my committee chair and all those who helped this bill move forward, and by the Senator from North Hawai'i Island. It's SB 1249, also known as Duke's Law. It's a bill that takes decisive action to protect Hawai'i farmers and strengthen our agricultural security. Agricultural crime, whether it's theft, vandalism, trespassing, or illegal hunting, it's a growing problem that puts immense pressure on the very people we depend on for food security, economic stability, and land stewardship. These crimes are often difficult to prosecute, they're under-reported, and poorly tracked.

"So, this bill establishes an Agricultural Crime Prevention Program within the Department of Agriculture and allows us to coordinate efforts, collect data, provide education, and issue grants to support those most vulnerable in these offenses. It also strengthens and clarifies penalties to ensure real deterrents are in place.

"This measure is named Duke's Law in honor of Cranston Duke Pia. He was a dedicated rancher who lost his life and a legacy that reminds us of the importance of protecting those who feed our communities. It's not just about punishment. It's about prevention, respect, and investing in the future of local agriculture. By passing this bill, we send a strong message. Hawai'i stands with its farmers. Let's give them the support they deserve. And I urge my colleagues to vote in favor. Thank you so much."

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

"In strong support. May I please adopt the words of the vice chair of the Committee of Agriculture & Food System, with a brief comment," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kahaloa continued, starting:

"Thank you. I just want to acknowledge all the words of our vice chair, but also recognize that throughout session for any member who sat on the committees that heard this measure, that the Pia family sat in all of those hearings, including conference committee, as well as other ranchers who feel the impacts of what happens when we do nothing with agricultural crime, when theft of animals, which is their financial livelihoods, or when family members perish because of the inability to manage agricultural crime.

"So, I think this measure is deeply personal for many. When the bill passed conference committee, we had members cry after passing the measure. So, I just want to thank everyone who worked on this bill. I think there's a lot more work to continue to strengthen agricultural crimes statute and legislation. But in the meantime, we work really hard to start this omnibus bill for agricultural crime. So, I'm really proud of all the work everyone did, including the Attorney General's Office, they deserve a really big shout out for their help in really making this a bigger and better piece of legislation. Thank you."

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in strong support also. And would request that the words of the Agriculture chair and the vice chair from the Hawai'i Island be adopted as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1249, SD 1, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 218 and S.B. No. 825, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 825, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 825, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EVICTION MEDIATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kusch, Lee, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 219 and S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. Madam Speaker, there are three main parts of this bill, and two of them are totally fine. We colloquially call this bill the securitization bill because that's really what it started off as. And the securitization portion of this bill I think is fantastic. And I really want to give credit to the chair of EEP for her work in narrowing the securitization concept down to just wildfire hardening, which has a direct nexus in lowering electricity bills for all ratepayers across the state. I think that portion of the bill is very strong, and I would honestly love to see that portion of the bill made into law.

"There's a second portion of the bill requiring a study to be done. Again, a great idea. A lot of states across the nation are dealing with wildfire problems right now, from the East Coast to the West Coast, and it's a good idea to take a look at what other states are doing. And not only that, but to take a look at what they're doing, whether what they're doing affects the electric utilities credit rating, which then directly impacts the amount ratepayers are paying for electricity. So, in that sense, I think that's a great idea to do the study, I think we need more information, and that will help guide our future decisions.

"The portion of the bill that I am in opposition for, and therefore must unfortunately be in opposition of the entire bill, is the limitation of liability section. And this section has gone through many iterations throughout the course of the session. What it landed on, Madam Speaker, is, I think, a mistake. We are, as a body, delegating our authority to the Public Utilities Commission, the PUC, to make two decisions. One, how high the limitation of liability should be. And two, whether the limitation of liability should be on a per-occurrence basis or on a timeframe basis.

"Per-occurrence basis, I think everyone understands. A wildfire happens, as soon as you get the liability cap for economic damages, it stops and the public utility, in this case HECO or whatever utility, or maybe KIUC on Kauai, would not be liable for economic damages beyond that point for that wildfire.

"The second option is a timeframe option. So, PUC would be responsible for determining how long a time frame, let's say five or ten years, and all catastrophic wildfires within that time period would stack up until you reach that point where the limitation of liability cap is, and everything after that would be gone. So, if you are unfortunately in the second or third wildfire within that time period, you may be left with almost no cap left. The bill unfairly favors certain wildfire victims over others. And honestly, I don't even think we should be pitting wildfire victims against each other to begin with.

"Unfortunately, when I spoke to the PUC and asked them their opinion on what they were leaning towards, the PUC told me that if given the choice, they were going to be leaning towards the timeframe option because they thought that was more predictable. And they're right, that it would make HECO's liability more predictable in that time frame because it would be capped. But I honestly think that that's the wrong choice. And when we delegate our responsibility to another body, I think that we are not doing our job as legislators here in this body.

"There's one fairly fatal flaw I want to point out in the bill, in just the drafting. In Section 1, under 269-B, PUC rulemaking, the term electric utility in this section is defined as only co-ops. So, it would not apply to HECO. The chair of EEP put in a lot of good work that I really appreciate and agree with in putting a lot of restrictions on what the PUC must consider. Very vital things like the impact of the state's insurance market, impact to credit rating, impacts on future plaintiffs, customer utility rates, and the list goes on. Because Section 1 defines electric utility as just a co-op, all of these requirements would not apply to HECO were the PUC to proceed with this for a limitation of liability cap to HECO.

"Not only that, but one of the checks that we put on the PUC, which was allowing the governor kind of a final veto, a final yes or no on whatever limitation of liability cap applies--"

Representative Holt rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matayoshi continued, stating:

"Thank you. The restriction that we put allowing the governor that last say would not apply to HECO. It would only apply to an electric co-op. So that restriction, I think, which again, I agree with, would not apply in this situation were we to pass this bill without amending it. The appeal process to the Supreme Court is in Section 1. It would only apply to an electric utility, which is defined as a co-op. So again, it would not apply to HECO. A lot of these restrictions that we've put in to try to control this process don't apply here. And I think that's a fatal flaw in the bill, and I really urge my colleagues to take a look at that when considering whether this bill is in a form that adequately protects the public, that adequately protects the ratepayers in your district.

"Again, the per event language really disturbs me. The judicial mechanism for determining damages doesn't really work in the case of a time frame. If a fire happens in year one, and a fire happens in year two, I don't know how the courts consolidate all the claims and fairly decide who gets what under the cap, there's just no real way of knowing yet. But again, we kind of leave that open to the, I'm guessing the PUC, because if we apply what's in the bill, I think a lot of wildfire victims are going to be left holding the bag.

"And lastly, HECO's credit rating. The whole point of doing this is to lower HECO's credit rating so that they can get loans at a lower rate so that don't have to pass as much of a financial burden onto the ratepayers. Noble goal, something I completely agree with. I think everyone wants HECO to have a better credit rating, to pull itself back up, to be able to lower electricity rates for everyone. But HECO has never told me and never shown me that a limitation liability cap would actually be factored into the credit rating agency's consideration, or it would actually lower their credit rating.

"So, what are we doing here? I struggle to understand why we are possibly disenfranchising future wildfire victims in order to kind of take a stab at a maybe. I think honestly, I think we've got to know what we're voting for here. And I want everyone here to really think about what they're voting for. I think at the end of the day, what we're doing is we're voting on whether or not to possibly leave future wildfire victims without recourse for economic damages. This doesn't touch torts, this doesn't touch personal injury, this

doesn't touch wrongful death. But those people in our state that are underinsured or uninsured may be left holding the bag, and that's something I cannot support at this time. Not for the reasons given by HECO, not for the reasons given by other people advocating for this bill. So, I urge my colleagues to please vote against this. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Okay, there's a number of things to address there, and I would just start with, some of the major concerns seem to hinge around the idea that there's an incorrect definition of electric utility. We ran that by the attorney general yesterday, they are comfortable with the definition and that it would apply to investor-owned utilities and cooperatives. So, they are the body tasked with interpreting these laws. So, I'm comfortable with the definition that's in the bill now and that the safeguards that we put in there surrounding electric utilities will stand.

"Okay, there's a lot to say about this bill. And I did not write a speech, so bear with me. The securitization piece, again, all along I've said this is kind of, to me, the easier part of the bill. Even though the word 'securitization' over the course of the past years has gotten conflated with some give to the utility. Securitization is a tool used by, I think, more than 30 states to give electric utilities access to low-cost financing. Typically, it is used for things like infrastructure investments, which is what we're authorizing it for here. And I'm very comfortable with that, because it's a direct savings to ratepayers and it also ensures that that work of implementing the wildfire mitigation plan and doing infrastructure work gets done at the lowest possible cost to ratepayers.

"The original conception of the bill, which was Hawaiian Electric's vision of it, included this Wildfire Recovery Fund. And that's the part that ongoing through session many of us were not comfortable with. Because what that did was put a fee on ratepayer bills to fund this recovery fund that would go towards paying future liabilities. So, in effect, you're putting ratepayers and future victims on the hook for footing the bill to pay for their own claims.

"And I think that when you look what happened post-Lahaina, where the utility to the extent that was reached in the settlement, and I think the extent that they felt they were capable had to dig really deep to come up with the funds, and they're still trying to figure out how to come up with the funds for the settlement to pay victims. And so, I think leaving it open and not establishing that fund is a much better approach.

"So, that third part of the bill, the study, I'm kind of ambiguous on because I don't think I support the idea of establishing a fund that way. If it's something HECO wants to do on their own to have some set aside, they can do that. If they want to do it without using ratepayer funds or state funds or other forms of funding besides their own funds, they do not have to come to the state for authorization.

"The liability cap part of the bill, and I think this is the stickiest part, and certainly there's a lot of open-ended questions. And I think that that's the reason why we ended up where we did, because this is an emerging issue across all the Western states who are kind of grappling with how to deal with increasing wildfire events in Western states. And the stress that that puts on electric utilities who are tasked with an obligation to provide service to their customers and who need to be financially solvent in order to continue to do that at low cost to ratepayers.

"And so, I think as we progressed through session, it became clear that we couldn't just sort of pick an approach out of thin air and that it required a little more time and deliberation. And so, I think that I'm comfortable with this idea of passing it on to the Public Utilities Commission to do this through a rule-making process, which could take a couple years, and has a lot of opportunity for input from stakeholders to consider all the possible approaches. Whether it is a number that we pick, like a billion dollars have been discussed during session, whether the liability limitation is based on a percent of the market cap of the company, or the revenue stream, their rate base, or some other kind of approach some states have done per individual.

"And I think that the question that was raised by the chair of the Consumer Protection Committee about the per event versus per time period I think is a legitimate concern. Because when I look at it, I think that I agree, and I think most people who take some time to think about it will agree that the per-event approach is the one that makes sense. And that was always the House

position. I think that we ended up just leaving it, again, open-ended as we did with many other factors in the bill where the PUC can look at these different options and weigh the pros and cons and hear from experts and do the analysis."

Representative Todd rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Lowen continued, stating:

"Thank you. I don't know if I've ever given a speech I had to have time yielded for before, in 13 years. And so, I don't disagree with what I think is a preferred approach. But I think that it's appropriate to let that be considered in a deliberative way. And I also spoke to someone, I spoke to the chair of the PUC yesterday, just to confirm with them after this claim had been made, that the PUC has not even yet established the framework for the rulemaking process, let alone having a predetermined outcome of what they expect the outcome to be. So, I don't know where the miscommunication was there, I assume it was just a miscommunication. But I think the idea that the PUC, in advance of us even having passed this bill off the floor or having it go to the governor for signature, has already decided on the outcome is a bit hard to believe, and that is not the answer I got when I spoke with the PUC. So, I just want to make that clear to everyone because were that the case, that would be very concerning.

"And then finally, this bill has very clear, well, first of all, in the bill directly, in establishing the liability cap, that comes with a couple contingencies. One is that the utility must have a wildfire mitigation plan, and that has to be being implemented on a timeline that's approved by the commission. And the second is that they need to be compliant with any conditions that are placed on the cap by the PUC throughout the rulemaking process. And we laid out very clear directives in the bill for the PUC to look at factors to place conditions on this. And this is kind of our opportunity to really push the public utility to do better. So that includes looking at affordability, looking at how hard they're working to achieve our clean energy and climate goals, looking at reliability, company management, interconnection, costs, and all of these things.

"And so, I think that every state has taken a little bit different approach. So, when people make claims this has never been done anywhere before, I mean, you can say that about any state that's struggling with how to address this issue. But I do think that with the process that we're setting up, we're going to have an opportunity to give this difficult question the kind of time and analysis and resources that it deserves and that we really can't do in the time frame of a legislative session.

"And so, it's not perfect. But it's my firm belief that we're doing something positive for customers here and we're really trying to find a way to move forward. I think that the concern, I understand the idea of a liability cap is concerning to victims or potential future victims. But the reality is that there's a real liability cap already. It's not like the utility paid an unlimited amount in the current settlement for Lahaina. And so, I think it's not necessarily that we want to provide less than that, but just providing some certainty to the utility allows them to move forward and recover financially in a way that will also benefit all the ratepayers in the state and just provide us more stability. So, I'll wrap it up there, hopefully you won't hear from me again. Thanks."

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

"In strong support and I'd like to have the words of the chair of EEP entered into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Thank you. Rising in opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do support the intent behind this bill to reduce wildfire risk and ensure the financial stability of our utilities. These are obviously important and timely goals. But like the chair of the Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee, I have serious concerns about one aspect of this measure, and it's that it delegates the authority on the important issue of liability caps for catastrophic wildfires to the Public Utilities Commission with only the governor's approval. That is not a minor detail.

"Decisions of this magnitude, decisions that affect the rights of wildfire victims and the financial liability of major utilities should not be outsourced to an appointed commission. Those decisions belong here, in this chamber, where the process is deliberative, public, and accountable to the people.

"Madam Speaker, we were elected to make hard choices. Deferring this kind of responsibility to unelected regulators undermines the Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of government. We should not punting decisions that carry this level of consequence. For that reason alone, I must vote no. Thank you."

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

Representative Lowen's written remarks are as follows:

"In addition to the remarks that I made on the floor, it is important to clarify the intent of Part 1 of this measure as was agreed to by the conference committees, due to some unintentionally ambiguous language in the bill. The intent is that the public utilities commission rulemaking process be allowed to consider the merits of various approaches to a limitation on liability for the utility. This bill does not mandate that one approach be taken over the other, particularly in regard to whether the cap should be set per event or per a period of time, but simply that the commission analyze the options and determine which approach is most in the public interest. It is my personal belief that a per-event cap rather than per-period of time is the better approach, but the commission will be tasked with gathering data and stakeholder input and making this determination.

"The language in the bill on page 6, subsection (e) referencing a 'set period of time' refers to the ability of the commission to put a sunset date on any liability cap established, and is not intended to mean to a liability cap that is presumed to be applied per period of time rather than per event. This language is understandably confusing, and had we had more time in conference I would have preferred for this to be made more clear, but, upon consulting with Attorney General Lopez, I was advised that it should be sufficiently clear to achieve the intended purpose and that the addition of these comments into the Journal would help to further demonstrate the legislative intent. That intent is that the commission can determine the structure of the liability cap and that the commission can determine the length a sunset date for this cap, after which a new rulemaking process would have to take place to reestablish the cap. The language referencing the 'set period of time' on page 6 in subsection (e) means the period of time before the sunset date.

"So, for example, the commission could decide upon a cap of X dollars per event (or X% of the rate base, or whatever approach is determined to be the best option), and allow this cap to stay in place for a number of years of their choosing (let's say 15). During that 15-year time period, if a catastrophic wildfire event occurred more than once, each event would have a liability cap of X dollars. At the end of 15 years, this cap would sunset and the PUC could review whether it was in the public interest to commence a new rule-making process to maintain a cap or not.

"Nothing in this bill is intended to presume that the cap will be structured a specific way, but rather the intention is that the commission shall consider

the various approaches and other factors described on pages 2-5 of the bill in subsection (b), and, in addition may consider setting a sunset date."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 39 ayes to 10 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, Garrett, Ilagan, La Chica, Matayoshi, Pierick, Poepoe, Tam, and Templo voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 220 and H.B. No. 427, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 427, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. Colleagues, I rise in strong support to support House Bill 427. Thank you, members, for allowing me to help steward one of our House majority package bills relating to biosecurity. Hawai'i's unique ecosystems, fragile agriculture, and isolation demand a robust and proactive approach to biosecurity.

"Invasive species threaten our environment, food security, and way of life. This measure takes a bold and necessary step by formally renaming the Department of Agriculture as the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity. This change is far more than symbolic. It centralizes and strengthens our response to invasive pests and plant diseases under a unified department with clear leadership. HB 427 also creates a deputy chairperson for biosecurity, ensuring dedicated, high-level oversight of biosecurity operations.

"This bill empowers rapid response through a new biosecurity emergency declaration mechanism, and lays the groundwork for transitional inspection facilities modeled after New Zealand's successful system. It also strengthens reporting requirements, creates a pest dashboard, and pest management plans. These reforms enhance our ability to prevent harmful organisms from ever entering our islands and provides tools to respond effectively when they do and when they've started to make home here in Hawai'i. And by consolidating biosecurity authority, we eliminate, hopefully, bureaucratic fragmentation and put our resources where they're most effective.

"I'm grateful that between this bill and the budget, the Legislature has funded over \$26 million towards a comprehensive plan for biosecurity, funding the Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, Hawai'i Ant Lab, and the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response Team at UH. Passing this bill will make it clear, Hawai'i is serious about protecting our natural and agricultural resources. *Mahalo*, members, for your support of HB 427. Let's make Hawai'i a national model for biosecurity excellence. *Mahalo*."

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

"Thank you, Speaker. I would like to adopt the words of the Agriculture & Food Systems chair as if they were my own. In support, strong support. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request in support. And just want to take this opportunity to say what a pleasure it's been working with the chair of the Agriculture Committee and being on the committee. And even though I had expressed concerns about the move, the biosecurity measures I think in the representative from Kona's hands were all in good hands. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

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

"Same request, Madam Speaker. And then may also provide some further comment. I just want to thank the chair of Agriculture for her hard work in this subject. And when the governor vetoed a part of the funding last session, our agriculture industry took a really big hit. And I am so happy that we further committed more funds to biosecurity. So, I am in very strong support. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"I rise in support, but with some reservations. I don't have any reservations about the work of this House and our Agriculture chair. I am concerned about the move of HISC from DLNR to DOA, to our new DOA and Biosecurity. The reason being that invasive pests are a problem in our oceans and our natural area, not just in our agricultural areas. And we have had some issues in the current Department of Agriculture with addressing invasive pests. So, I do vote with reservations only out of concern that we don't see these changes that I hope happen before HISC is moved. Thank you."

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

"Speaker, I rise in support with a small reservation. But first I want to thank the chair of Agriculture for her incredible work here, and ask that her comments be entered into the record as my own. My concern is regarding transitional spaces. Obviously, that would be a huge financial burden to put on the individual private entities. And it is something that we as the public and stewards of the environment, we should be collectively paying for these transitional spaces to prevent the spread of invasive species. So that's my only reservation, and I hope maybe it's something we could work on moving forward," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Speaker. In strong support. May I please adopt the words of the vice chair of Water & Land and the words of the chair of Agriculture," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 427, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BIOSECURITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto and Marten voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 221 and H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Todd moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 221 and H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong support, Madam Speaker. Mistakes were made. Well, one mistake was made. Although I am truly dedicated to this measure and I think it's an important avenue for us to be able to get our value-added goods into the European Union, a member of the conference committee was unable to show up to vote, which we did not realize until afterwards. So, procedurally it is correct to recommit this bill and I promise you all I will try again next year."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and Conf. Com. Rep. No. 221 and H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRADE," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representatives Cochran and Pierick being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 223 and H.B. No. 242, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 242, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 225 and H.B. No. 750, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 750, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 226 and H.B. No. 879, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 879, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSIONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 227 and H.B. No. 969, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 969, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support with reservations. The original language of this bill was intended to protect our aquifers from putting any kind of landfill above it. Today, it seems like the CD 1 is solely focused on ag lands, which yes, we also need to protect, but I am concerned about the aquifer situation, we need to protect our water. Thank you."

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

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

Representative Garcia's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to House Bill 969, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1. I support protecting our precious water! However, this bill would result in the continued operation of the Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill past 2028, placing even more burden on the people of West O'ahu.

"For over three decades, our communities in Wai'anae and Nānākuli have hosted this landfill and carried more than their fair share of O'ahu's waste. They were told it would be temporary, yet the closure keeps getting delayed. It's time we prioritize our West O'ahu families and commit to a real, long-term solution."

Representative Reyes Oda rose to respond, stating:

"I rise with comments, reservations and comments. Thank you. While I agree that it is imperative to protect our agricultural lands and water resources from potential contamination from landfills, this measure leaves the City & County of Honolulu with no options for where to site a new landfill. The county has consistently testified that passing a measure like this would lead to an illegal expansion of the Waimānalo Gulch Sanitary Landfill. The west side of O'ahu has had to house O'ahu's waste facility for far too long, and I cannot fully support a measure that would prolong their burden."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support. I'd really like to extend my thanks to the House and Senate chairs who worked on this measure. I want to point out that it still has very strong protections for our aquifers by using the underground ejection control line as a demarcation point. And in the human being's hierarchy of needs, water may be at the top, but food is a very close second. So, to protect our agricultural lands and to protect our precious, fresh drinking water, I'm in strong, support. *Mahalo*."

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In opposition. I rise today not in opposition to the intent of what this measure is trying to accomplish and not even into opposition to the introducer. The introducer is doing what any one of us would do, and that is responding to the needs and asks of their community. So, I want to be absolutely clear. I support protecting drinking water. I support preserving class A agricultural lands. So, my vote of opposition is not anything in that.

"The opposition is rooted in the fact what this bill will do and what it's going to prevent. If this bill becomes law, the proposed landfill site located inland will be rendered unusable. And that site, for all of its flaws, has been the only serious landfill alternative that we've had in a long time. And so, in plain terms, the Nānākuli landfill will stay open.

"Once again, the Wai'anae Coast will be the waste area. And we are now at the hands of delay in decision and deferred responsibility. Our residents have lived next to this landfill for decades, breathing it, driving past it, raising our families in its shadow. And now we are probably having to face the reality it's going to stay open longer.

"But I want to talk about and be honest on how we got here. The city's own landfill working group has missed multiple deadlines. The site selection postponement has been repeated. And instead of making a decision, there is no backup plan, there's no timeline, and no public commitment to phase out the Nānākuli landfill, or what is known as the Waimānalo Gulch Landfill.

"This isn't about land use. I want to go back to environmental justice. Because when the only viable option left for the Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander community of the west side of O'ahu, we're not just choosing land, we're finding out who's going to absorb this cost. And I want to be clear to my colleagues, my opposition is not to the intent. And I actually understand why we should support this measure. My vote of opposition is mine and I cast it on behalf of my district and the people who are now going to be facing this. We have not yet to reconcile a relationship with trash and waste. We burn what we can, and we bury the rest. And the same communities carry this burden while we stall on the decision. It's not sustainable, and Madam Speaker, it's not *pono*.

"So, I'm not voting no against water protection. I'm just voting no because we're removing one option without securing another. Nānākuli will be in the same situation with just little ways out. So, I'm calling on the city and county to please plan a landfill siting and transition plan to commit to the 2028 closure of the Waimānalo Gulch Landfill. Follow an enforceable timeline that the public can hold you folks accountable to. And let us find a statewide conversation how to reduce, manage, and dispose waste in a way that is fair, modern, and humane. I cast this vote in opposition, with difficulty, but please know it's for those reasons and those reasons alone."

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

"In opposition. I'll keep it real short. We don't need the landfill in Nānākuli anymore. We're sick and tired of being the trash can of the island."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 969, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE OR DISPOSAL FACILITIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Hussey, Iwamoto, and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Lee, Marten,

Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 228 and H.B. No. 1168, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1168, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"I rise in support with reservations and a brief comment. My reservations are with the over reliance on revenue bonds to pay for debt services related to prior revenue bonds. There's a quote taken out of this CD 1 draft and it says, quote, this is 'to help offset a portion of an increase in room and board costs that are due to increased debt service from said revenue bonds.' So, it's this whole tail chasing of credit and debt. And I think we need to find a better, more productive, healthier solution. Thank you."

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

"Thank you. With reservations and the same concerns noted by the representative from Kaka'ako."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1168, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Belatti and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 229 and H.B. No. 736, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 736, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 230 and H.B. No. 442, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 442, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 231 and H.B. No. 126, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 126, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 234 and H.B. No. 1409, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1409, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 235 and H.B. No. 422, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 422, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

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Conf. Com. Rep. No. 236 and H.B. No. 1298, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1298, HD 3, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 237 and H.B. No. 830, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 830, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Iwamoto and Poepoe voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 239 and H.B. No. 1007, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1007, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 240 and H.B. No. 1293, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1293, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 242 and H.B. No. 1153, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1153, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FUNDING ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PROGRAMS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Garcia and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 243 and H.B. No. 794, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 794, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. I am concerned, mostly, with the over-reliance on general obligation bonds to fund so much of what we're trying to do here in the state. The Hawai'i Constitution explicitly limits the amount of general obligation bonds we, the Legislature, may issue in a given year. Hawai'i Constitution Article VII, Section 13, states in relevant part, general obligation bonds may be issued by the State; provided that such bonds at the time of issuance would not cause the total amount of principal and interest payable in the current or any future fiscal year, whichever is higher, on such bonds and on all outstanding general obligation bonds to exceed a sum equal to eighteen and one-half percent of the average of the general fund revenues of the State in the three fiscal years immediately preceding such issuance.

"So, this bill in its CD 1 form mentions this particular article and section of the Constitution 12 times. And here's an excerpt from the CD 1. As it is not possible to predict with a reasonable degree of certainty when a guaranty will change from a contingent liability to an actual liability, it is assumed in conformity with fiscal conservatism and prudence, that all guaranties not otherwise excluded pursuant to article VII, section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution will become due and payable in the same fiscal year in which the greatest amount of principal and interest on general obligation bonds, after exclusions, occurs. Thus, based on these assumptions, all of the outstanding guaranties can be excluded.

"One might argue that, just because a bill includes phrases like fiscal conservatism and prudence, it does not make that practice that is authorized by this bill fiscally conservative or prudent. And just because we base our spending policies on a list of assumptions, it does not verify the assumptions as true or correct. While HB 794, CD 1 declares that Hawai'i is not violating the Constitution by exceeding the debt limit, the data contained in the CD 1 ironically offers both the amount of debt limit from GO bonds or general obligation bonds that we cannot exceed, which for years 2024 through 2025, because our net general fund revenue is \$11 billion, then our 18.5% debt limit for the same fiscal year should not surpass \$1.9 billion.

"It would be erroneous to assume that we can issue \$1.9 billion in GO bonds this year because that would assume we have no debt from previous years when Hawai'i issued general obligation bonds that were not actually paid in the same fiscal year. In fact, on page 14 of the CD 1, it provides the exact total amount of general obligation bonds not otherwise excluded by Article VII, Section 13 of the State Constitution. For fiscal years 2024-25, we already carry GO bond debt of \$9.5 billion. Remember now, the constitution only permits \$1.9 billion in debt.

"While the attorney general submitted testimony on this bill, she did not mention, one way or the other, whether the final amounts listed in CD 1 conformed with the constitutional debt limit. I recently confirmed that in the past, Hawai'i would pay cash for CIP construction and renovations. However, more recently, we have cut tax revenue and are now forced to pay for things with credit. And this is exactly what a GO bond is. It is basically credit cards that future taxpayers need to pay back. In fact, many cities and states require voter referendums for GO bonds because it is a debt that future residents will have to pay back. Each individual GO bond is voted on. So, for this reason, my concern with the over reliance on debt, it's not economically healthy, and I'm concerned that it is also not constitutional. Thank you."

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

"With reservations for the concerns raised by the representative from Kaka'ako."

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

"Same request, and I wanted to thank the speaker from Kaka'ako for bringing to my attention something that I did not previously know about."

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

"Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In support. Annually or sometimes biannually, the state goes out to meet with the bond raters, S&P and one more. But anyway, every year we go out there, and every year the state does very well in its bond rating because of our responsible debt ceiling. And we stay well below the 18.5% and we always are commended by that."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 794, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representatives Belatti and Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 244 and H.B. No. 795, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 795, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today with serious concerns regarding House Bill 795, which appropriates \$1 million in general revenues to be deposited into the Emergency and Budget Reserve Fund, also called rainy day fund. Let's be clear, this is the only bill this session that puts money into the rainy day fund. The state's main budget bill, HB 300, does not include the \$200 million deposit, that was removed. But this bill,

HB 795, still sets aside \$1 million. And while that may seem modest, it represents a huge, missed opportunity.

"We are in a time when families across Hawai'i are struggling. The cost of groceries, rent, utilities, and everyday necessities continue to rise. People are working two, sometimes three jobs just to get by. Yet we talk about offering relief, like a tax credit, that could help pay for groceries or offset high utility bills. And then guess what, we don't do it. Instead, we squirrel away even more money into a fund that already holds nearly \$1.5 billion, with a B. Let me repeat that, our rainy day fund is approaching \$1.5 billion.

"How much more do we need to save before we acknowledge that it's already raining for our local families? In fact, it's storming for a lot of our local families. This moment demands compassion and courage. We should not allow financial orthodoxy to outweigh the immediate needs of our communities. \$1 million could make a real difference in food assistance, rental subsidies, tax credits. Yet we're choosing, choosing to hold it back. I cannot in good conscience support this appropriation when the people I represent are asking for help now."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 795, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 245 and H.B. No. 796, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 796, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Madam Speaker, in opposition. Madam Speaker, this bill raises a lot of concerns for me. It creates an automatic sunset on 13 tax credits. I received this information from the director from the Department of Taxation. And if I may, may I insert these credits into the Journal as remarks.

"I want to focus on five of these thirteen. Because what we're sending the message for to the community as we automatically sunset all of these credits is not something that I think we should be sending. We are telling them that we want to cut things like credits to small businesses. The Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit provides funds desperately needed by our small businesses. The Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit has moved the needle in us achieving our renewable energy goals.

"The Healthcare Preceptor Income Tax Credit, which ensures that we can have clinicians working with individuals in the community that we need, nurses, doctors, specialists. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, which yes, is supposed to sunset in 2027, but director does say that this could be affected because we could extend that. But we're telling people in the community, we don't want these tax credits. Another tax credit, very important, the tax credit for research activities that spurs innovation and research in our communities.

"Now, Madam Speaker, I don't understand why we're automatically setting these tax credits at this time. We have put into the budget, and we are supporting a study by UHERO to look at the effects and the economic effects of these things. To sunset these now sends the message to folks, folks who have come here and pleaded for us to do more with tax credits. It sends a message to folks in the film community, don't invest, don't come here, because we're not going to be committed to this, potentially.

"And that's troubling. That's very troubling, because legislators before us worked on these tax credits, because they saw value in them. And one last thing I will say, anyone want a tax credit next year? Don't come because we're putting this into law. We might get something next year for a tax credit, but it's going to be sunset. So, I think this is a really concerning measure, and I don't think that this is something that we should move on at this time. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Belatti's written remarks are as follows:

"My opposition to House Bill 796, Conference Draft 1 is based, in part, on the following list of credits that will be affected as was identified by Director of Taxation Gary Sukanuma in an e-mail to me dated April 29, 2025. This wide-ranging list of tax credits include the following:

- (1) HRS Section 235-4.5: Credit for Income Taxes Paid by Trust to Other States;
- (2) HRS Section 235-12.5 (and HRS Section 241-4.6): Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit;
- (3) HRS Section 235-17: Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit;
- (4) HRS Section 235-110.2: Tax Credit for School Repair and Maintenance;
- (5) HRS Section 235-110.25: Healthcare Preceptor Income Tax Credit;
- (6) HRS Section 235-110.32: Renewable Fuels Production Tax Credit;
- (7) HRS Section 235-110.6: Fuel Tax Credit for Commercial Fishers;
- (8) HRS Section 235-110.65: Ship Repair Industry Tax Credit;
- (9) HRS Section 235-110.7 (also HRS Section 241.4.5): Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit;
- (10) HRS Section 235-110.8: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit;
- (11) HRS Section 235-110.91: Tax Credit for Research Activities;
- (12) HRS Section 235-110.93: Important Agricultural Land Qualified Agricultural Cost Tax Credit; and
- (13) HRS Section 235-129: Tax Credit for S-Corp Shareholder.

"Because of the wide-ranging nature of these tax credits and that the automatic sunset or reduction of these credits by House Bill 796, Conference Draft 1 is premature before we even complete analysis and a study that is now being contemplated by this Legislature, I remain in opposition to this bill."

Representative Souza rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. This bill will put a blanket sunset date on a number of tax credits, without, in my opinion, adequately considering the real-world impacts that doing this will have. And specifically, for the Renewable Energy Technology Income Tax Credit, this will affect many businesses and hundreds of jobs across the state. And will make it more challenging, if not impossible, for Hawai'i's low and moderate-income homeowners to participate in savings from renewable energy.

"Critics of this tax credit, and I'm focusing on the Renewable Energy Tax Credit, sometimes claim this is a tax credit for the wealthy, but that is not accurate. When the tax credit was new, it was likely more heavily utilized by affluent customers and early adopters. However, that is no longer the case and has not been for some time. And if you look at the data for recent years, it's evident that this tax credit is being used to help Hawai'i's low- and moderate-income families. It's evident if you look at the zip codes in which permits are pulled. It's evident if you look at how many of the permits pulled are accessing financing via the GEMS program. It's evident if you look at how many of those applications are for solar leases for homesteaders and families living in low-income census tracts. And it's evident if you look at the amount of this credit claimed by corporations versus individuals, because those claims by corporations represent systems financed through lease agreements with solar companies, which are typically used by those who cannot afford to buy their systems outright and claim the credit directly. Eliminating this credit hurts our low- and moderate-income homeowners the most.

"Further, these tax credits are a net benefit to the state. They generate tax revenue and create jobs. And unlike some other tax credits, the benefits from the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit remain in our local economy. They are also helping us to achieve our renewable energy goals, which reduce costs for ratepayers and make Hawai'i more resilient and self-reliant. And this is a step backwards at a time when we need to be pushing forward and doubling down on building out distributed energy resources,

which was affirmed in the governor's executive order signed in January to promote and expedite the development of renewable energy.

"It's not just individual homeowners that are affected. Although utility scale projects have not had nor needed this tax credit since 2019, smaller-scale projects like community solar projects will be affected. Community solar projects are specifically designed to benefit low- and moderate-income demographics, renters, and condo dwellers. And these projects take years to permit and bring online. And making these tax credits a moving target by passing this bill today will likely derail projects in progress, another setback for energy equity, our economy, grid reliability, and our energy goals.

"The proponents of this measure claim it's just intended to be an opportunity to study the situation and that it won't have real impacts because we have time to come back and change the sunset date if we change our minds. But I say that is not a responsible approach to policy making. And if what is intended in a study, then just pass a bill for a study.

"My focus has been on the renewable energy tax credit, but each tax credit is unique and should be considered separately with input from stakeholders and subject matter experts. Let's have those conversations and include those impacted. Let's look at the data, let's make sure we understand the implications of our actions.

"So, we have to remember that the things that we do here are real. This isn't a game. There are real people on the other end of these bills that we passed. There are projects in progress. There are energy developers already struggling with a less than ideal climate for doing business here, for whom this creates even more uncertainty and could discourage them from wanting to do business in the state at all. There are local businesses with employees who will lose their jobs. And for an industry that is already in the middle of figuring out how they will be impacted by tariffs imposed from the federal government, these poorly considered actions by the Legislature will add fuel to the fire at the worst possible time.

"I believe that passing this measure today will be a disservice to our state and its citizens and I don't believe that its impacts have been adequately considered or accounted for. And for that reason, I'm voting no."

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the chair of EEP be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

"Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. In support. House Bill 796 balances support of economic development with fiscal responsibility. This bill requires that income tax credits in place as of December 31, 2025, include a five-year sunset provision or begin phase-out, reducing by one-third after year six. Social credits like EITC, food excise tax credits, and renter credits, which support our most vulnerable population, are not affected by this bill.

"The long-term goal of the approach is to allow the Legislature time to thoroughly review economic credits. Many of these tax credits were initiated and intended to jump-start a specific industry. As a responsible legislator, it is our duty to regularly assess whether these tax incentives are still delivering value to the state and residents of Hawai'i.

"This bill gives the Legislature the tools to review each credit's purpose, measure its effectiveness, and determine whether to extend, revise, or retire. We must consider whether this revenue the state is giving up will create jobs and economic activity, and in the end, increase revenue needed to support government services. Are these tax credits delivering meaningful long-term benefit for the state and its residents? Or is it time to reevaluate the effectiveness and return on investment.

"Publicly available data has shown that we are giving away \$1.26 billion in renewable energy technology credits over the past 19 years. That's about \$66.7 million per year. Meanwhile, in over 29 years, we provided for food excise credits statewide \$647.2 million or only \$22.3 million per years. That's \$1.2 billion versus \$647 billion. That's 19 years versus 29 years.

Annually we invest three times more in subsidizing the energy industry than we do our most vulnerable communities, a gap that raises some serious questions about our priorities.

"Unlike many other credits, the Renewable Energy Credit has no cap or controls. It can be taken multiple times. So, this credit from 2003, there are people now that are changing out their first system and putting another one. So, on the same home, we're doing it again. It's also projected to cost the state in 2027, remember I said earlier \$67 million, in 2027 is going to cost us about \$115 million, and this will only increase thereafter.

"Are credits like renewable energy credits causing market distortion? Are we allowing competition or are we subsidizing and then there is no competition? That is difficult to determine, but it is a start with asking the question and finding out effective ways to obtain the answer. This is the primary goal of the objective outlined in HCR 183, requesting the Department of Taxation and UHERO, in collaboration, to develop data-driven analysis and impact of tax policies and economic migration patterns, and other factors affecting public policy.

"In an ideal world, having a clean slate that would allow economists to more holistically model the impacts of overall tax policy choices, including tax credits, and impact on the economy and market behavior. At the end of the day, tax credits are just another form of expenditure, just like appropriations in the budget. However, there is one critical difference, especially in bad times. We look to budget cuts, but rarely do we look at tax expenditure cuts to balance the budget. Both should be treated equally."

Representative Kong rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Yamashita continued, stating:

"Thank you. If we are to find valuable taxpayer dollars in the budget are not being used to deliver services that we expect, we must cut the budget. Tax credits, more appropriately called tax expenditures, should face the same scrutiny. This bill reflects our commitment to being fiscally responsible and ensure long-term fiscal stability for the future of our state. And I ask for the support of this bill."

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

"Madam Speaker, reservations, and may I please adopt the words of the Finance chair as if they were my own. And then may I please adopt excerpts of the Environmental Energy Protection chair around the topic of low- to moderate-income families being affected, GEMS families being protected, and homesteaders, please. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Lowen rose to respond, stating:

"In opposition, brief comment. Thank you. I just want to point out that tax credits, to view tax credits as just a simple outflow is not an approach that would be taken by any economist. Tax credits are investments that generate economic activity that provide tax revenues to the state. And all I'm saying is that there needs to be time to understand the impacts, as has been said already by the Finance chair, I think prior to us taking this broad sweeping action without understanding those impacts. So, a conversation around these tax credits is certainly something that we should all be willing to have as legislators. But I just think that the actions that we're being asked to take today are a little bit rash."

Representative Belatti rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, second time in opposition. May I have the words of the chair from Energy & Environmental Protection, both times, entered into the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti continued, stating:

"I just want to echo the comment that yes, there's the outflows, but what are the economic benefits? And in looking at the last report from the Department of Taxation on tax credits, I just want to hone in on the Capital Goods Excise Tax Credit, which is a tax credit that is supported greatly by the Tax Foundation of Hawai'i, an organization that I normally don't see eye

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to eye with. This tax credit in 2022 was claimed on 4,324 tax returns. That represents likely 4,324 small businesses, potentially. Businesses in our community that needed and relied upon this tax credit to make their bottom-line meet.

"So, it's for these reasons that economic benefits, not simply just the money that we forgo. It's the economic benefits, the jobs generated, the businesses supported, the families supported, the people supported, that this rash action of automatically sunset setting all of these tax credits is not wise. We have a mechanism in place to do the study. Let's do the study. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition and ask that the words of both chairs for PBS and EEP for both of their time speaking be entered into the record as if it were my own. And I just want to share a brief comment. Initially, before hearing all the arguments, I thought I would be voting in support with reservations. I really appreciated the chair of Finance, because I believe when it was on third reading, I did stand up and say, hey, wait a minute, what about these tax credits for low-income families? And so, I really appreciate it that those modifications were made. So, I'm really grateful for that. But in hearing how the further impacts on business development and investments and specifically around renewable energy, it convinced me to oppose this bill. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Souza rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, thank you, Madam Speaker. Still in opposition. I would like the words of the chair of EEP, both times, to be entered into the record as my own. And in addition to the first time, I would like the second time that the representative from Makiki stood up and spoke those comments inserted into the records as my own as well. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you. With reservations, Madam Speaker. And I'd like to please have the first comments from the representative from Makiki as well as the representative from Kona inserted into the Journals as my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Hussey rose, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. Could you please change my vote on CCR 245 to a no. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 796, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX CREDITS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 27 ayes to 22 noes, with Representatives Kila, Lamosao, and Marten voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Amato, Belatti, Evslin, Garcia, Garrett, Grandinetti, Hussey, Ilagan, Iwamoto, Kapela, La Chica, Lowen, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Perruso, Pierick, Poepoe, Reyes Oda, Shimizu, Souza, and Tam voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 246 and H.B. No. 1173, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1173, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. This is relating to tax liens. I looked at the testimony submitted by DOTAX where they basically say that, hey, there are people still willing to resolve the lien because they want clear title. Meaning they're willing to hand over money that they do owe, even though the statute of limitations has gone by, they still see a

benefit in having clear title. So, given the economic hardships that we'll be facing under the current federal administration, I think we can't leave any money on the table.

"Furthermore, a lot of these properties are owned by the wealthiest families. And they could ride out any waiting game. They could ride out any statute of limitations to allow any tax lien to expire. And I don't think that's fair. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1173, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX LIENS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Iwamoto voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 247 and H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1369, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 43 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 249 and H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to declare a conflict. My employer represents a defendant in the litigation of the underlying measure. Actually, I asked to be walled off when that first happened, and they walled me off so well that it kind of slipped my mind. I would like to be recused from this measure," and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS RELATED TO THE MAUI WILDFIRES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran and Matayoshi being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 251 and H.B. No. 329, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 329, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES AUTHORITY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 49 ayes, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 253 and H.B. No. 1482, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1482, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. Many believe we have thus far done a very poor job regulating hemp production and processing. The Hawai'i Hemp Task Force submitted a report just last year identifying regulatory flux and excessive regulation as factors that have stymied investments and made Hawai'i hemp farmers non-competitive in the national market, which is disappointing, given our soil, climate, and optimal growth conditions.

"This bill ostensibly regulates consumer products made with hemp grown as authorized by the federal 2018 Farm Bill. These products are still arguably legal under current federal law, and we do need sensible and comprehensive regulation of cannabis and cannabis products. Until we are ready as a body to do so, we should not be pushing for punitive policies that center prohibition, increase criminalization, and add more regulation to a hemp sector that is already struggling."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1482, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 4 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Iwamoto, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 255 and H.B. No. 302, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 302, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition to HB 302, CD 1. This bill allows the Department of Health civil servant to inspect a patient's confidential medical records held by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or hospice provider who certified them as qualifying as a medical cannabis patient. This is unprecedented given the degree of respect our state has previously demonstrated for patient-doctor privileges, and how often the state defers to the expertise of physicians and healthcare providers. The medical cannabis community has expressed its opposition to this breach of confidentiality, especially since it is authorized without any suspicion of wrongdoing and without a warrant. This will further deter already low patient and provider participation."

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

"Thank you. In opposition, brief comments. For the same reasons identified by the representative of Kaka'ako, I have deep concerns about the authorizing of essentially administrative staff to be able to look into patients' private records. It's much like what the federal government is allowing DOGE employees to do with IRS tax records. So, this is a very big step that I think we should not cross, and for those reasons, I'm in opposition to House Bill 302, Conference Draft 1. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 302, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 44 ayes to 5 noes, with Representatives Amato, Belatti, Iwamoto, Perruso, and Tam voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 256 and H.B. No. 1462, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1462, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 257 and H.B. No. 441, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 441, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. First, I know it's been a long afternoon, so thanks for bearing with me since this is one of the last bills. But first, I would like to thank the House and Senate chairs on Higher Education for crafting this measure before us today. I appreciate the time and effort it took to come up with something that can move cancer research forward. For that, I want to extend my deepest gratitude.

"Throughout my time in the Legislature as a staff member, then as an advocate, and now as a member of this body, I've always been reminded that I should never let the pursuit of perfection, or perfect, get in the way of good. So, members, this measure is by no means perfect, as it will still require further work in the future. What this bill is, however, is a good start to stabilize the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center so that they continue their critical research. Research, Madam Speaker, that can only be done here at

the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, which really makes it our cancer center.

"We have a unique population, Madam Speaker. One that cannot easily be replicated anywhere else in the country or even the world. While national data on cancer rates classify many ethnicities and racial groups into the Asian and Pacific Islander category, our cancer center conducts research so that we can continue to look at the Asian American and Pacific Island category and disaggregate that data, so that we can really look at Native Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, and Filipinos. And look at data about our people for our people so that we continue to look at interventions and address cancer disparities we face.

"The best way to beat cancer, Madam Speaker, is to prevent or detect it early when treatments are the most effective. That is why the research done at our cancer center is so critical, so it can begin to address cancer rates within our unique populations, and do everything we can to save more lives. Research on health disparities, genetic predispositions to cancer, screening modalities, and clinical trials are all being done right here because of our cancer center. The work must continue.

"I would like to close, Madam Speaker and colleagues, by recognizing an advocate for our cancer center, Susan Hirano. I first met Susan through the cancer center's Patient Advocacy Council, where Susan and I were both volunteer members. Susan believed in our cancer center's mission and came to the Legislature this session to testify on bills affecting cancer patients, including this measure. And she did all this while facing stage four metastatic breast cancer. The physical and emotional toll of cancer is real, but sharing her voice to make sure that others could benefit from the breakthrough research became her mission.

"Unfortunately, Susan's cancer journey ended recently, and she is no longer with us. While Susan could have spent her last days with her family, her friends, and recovering from cancer treatments, she was right here at the Capitol in front of all of us in committee hearings advocating for this bill. So, I'm also standing here today for Susan, who would be up there in the gallery continuing to support this measure if she were still with us. *Mahalo*, Madam Speaker and colleagues, and I urge you to support the measure."

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

"In strong support and if I could just adopt the words of the prior speaker, please, as if they were my own. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request, brief comment. So, I had the opportunity to meet Susan. What an incredibly remarkable woman. She was clearly struggling, yet she really just gave all of her time and energy in her final days to really see this measure through. So, thank you representative from Waikale for your work on this. Thank you, chair of Higher Ed. And all the members, thank you for your support on this measure. Susan was a remarkable woman, it's an honor to vote in support of this for her in her memory. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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"Same request," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker. In support. May I please adopt the words of the representative from Pearl City, Waikale, as if they were my own. And I'd like to continue to extend the gratitude to both the Health chair and the Higher Education chair for making cancer research and the UH Cancer Center a priority this session, and the Finance chair as well. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support and can I have the words from the rep from Nānākuli as they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In support. Thank you."

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

"In support and same request as the previous speakers. Thanks," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Same request, thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 441, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Kong voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

At 3:47 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 1501, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1578, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1044, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 235, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1159, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 667, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 862, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1231, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
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 S.B. No. 1571, SD 2, HD 3, CD 1
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 H.B. No. 1482, HD 1, SD 3, CD 1
 H.B. No. 302, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1462, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 441, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

END OF CALENDAR

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 and S.B. No. 401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Todd moved that Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 and S.B. No. 401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 be recommitted to the Committee on Conference, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be limited debate on the merits of the motion to recommit."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and Conf. Com. Rep. No. 85 and S.B. No. 401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," were recommitted to the Committee on Conference, with Representative Cochran being excused.

DISPOSITION OF MATTERS PLACED ON THE CLERK'S DESK

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please reference your digital action sheets once more. We will be going over House concurrent resolutions, which are after the House bills, so please scroll to the bottom.

"We will be giving one-day notice for the following measures, these measures will be up for agreement to the Senate amendments and adoption on Friday, May 2."

H.C.R. No. 121, SD 1
 H.C.R. No. 130, HD 1, SD 1
 H.C.R. No. 200, SD 1
 H.C.R. No. 205, SD 1

At 3:49 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 3:49 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:49 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon Friday, May 2, 2025. (Representative Cochran was excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 30, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day passed the following bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 3, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 70, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 72, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 97, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
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