

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

The Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 11:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with Senators Chang and Ruderman present and participating via videoconference, and with the exception of Senators Harimoto and Ihara who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Fourth Day.

The Chair acknowledged Senate Communications Director Jesse Broder Van Dyke.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 806 and 807) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 806, informing the Senate that on May 11, 2020, the Governor withdrew the nomination of KONRAD MOSSMAN to the Game Management Advisory Commission, under Gov. Msg. No. 587, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 806, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 587 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 807, informing the Senate that on May 11, 2020, the Governor withdrew the nomination of MONTY ANDERSON-NITAHARA to the Disability and Communication Access Board, under Gov. Msg. No. 729, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 807, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 729 was returned.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 432 to 460) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 432, from the University of Hawai'i dated March 3, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 433, from the University of Hawai'i dated March 10, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 434, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated March 12, 2020, transmitting the Department of Human Services Systems Modernization Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for February 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 435, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated March 12, 2020, transmitting the Department of Health Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for November – December 2019 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 436, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated March 12, 2020, transmitting the Department of Health Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for February 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 437, from the University of Hawai'i dated March 16, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 438, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 20, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on February 19, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 439, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 23, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, was issued on January 8, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 440, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 25, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on December 18, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 441, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 27, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on March 12, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 442, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated March 24, 2020, transmitting the Department of Accounting and General Services Time & Leave Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for January 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 443, from the Office of the Auditor dated March 30, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the Department of Transportation, Administration Division, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on December 17, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 444, from the University of Hawai'i dated March 31, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 445, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 1, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the State Motor Pool Revolving Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on February 19, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 446, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 3, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the Department of Transportation, Airports Division, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on December 19, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 447, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 6, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on November 27, 2019, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 448, from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism dated April 3, 2020, transmitting the report, "The Estimated Economic Impact of Hawai'i Place-Based Marketing by Firms Without Material Ties to the State of Hawai'i" pursuant to Act 258, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 449, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated April 3, 2020, transmitting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Disability

Compensation Division's Modernization Project – Electronic Case Management System Independent Verification and Validation Report for January 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 450, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 8, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial audit of the State Parking Revolving Fund for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on February 19, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 451, from the University of Hawai'i dated April 7, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 452, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 13, 2020, informing the Legislature that the single audit of the State of Hawai'i for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 453, from the University of Hawai'i dated April 14, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

Dept. Com. No. 454, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 15, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the Department of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on March 25, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 455, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated April 15, 2020, transmitting the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Disability Compensation Division's Modernization Project – Electronic Case Management System Independent Verification and Validation Report for February 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 456, from the Office of the Auditor dated April 17, 2020, informing the Legislature that the financial and compliance audit of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, was issued on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 457, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated April 14, 2020, transmitting the Department of Accounting and General Services Time & Leave Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for February 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 458, from the Office of the Ombudsman dated April 20, 2020, transmitting the "Office of the Ombudsman, Report Number 50" pursuant to Section 96-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 459, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services dated April 17, 2020, transmitting the Department of Health Hawaii BHA Integrated Case Management System Project Independent Verification and Validation Report for March 2020 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 460, from the University of Hawai'i dated April 21, 2020, transmitting a report on positions pursuant to Act 5, Section 42, SLH 2019.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. No. 23) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 23, dated March 2, 2020, transmitting the Annual Wiretap Report pursuant to Section 803-47(a), HRS.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3435) recommending that H.B. No. 2701, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2701, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3436) recommending that H.B. No. 2151, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2151, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOL CONVERSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3437) recommending that H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1861, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE BERRY BORER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3438) recommending that H.B. No. 2277, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2277, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL COST TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3439) recommending that H.B. No. 1854, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1854, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3440) recommending that H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2407, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATEWIDE COMPOSTING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3441) recommending that H.B. No. 2565, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2565, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3442) recommending that H.B. No. 2004, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2004, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Taniguchi, for the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3443) recommending that H.B. No. 2541, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2541, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HELPING WORKING FAMILIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3444) recommending that H.B. No. 2276, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2276, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ANIMAL INDUSTRY SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3445) recommending that H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1940, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3446) recommending that H.B. No. 1748, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1748, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE OFFENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3447) recommending that H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1654, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3448) recommending that H.B. No. 1109, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1109, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3449) recommending that H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2563, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3450) recommending that H.B. No. 2322, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2322, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3451) recommending that H.B. No. 1678, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1678, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MUSICAL PERFORMANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3452) recommending that H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2340, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEAD BODIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3453) recommending that H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2253, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3454) recommending that H.B. No. 2590, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2590, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3455) recommending that H.B. No. 2674, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2674, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Baker and Kidani, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health and the Committee on Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3456) recommending that H.B. No. 141, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 141, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3457) recommending that H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2043, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3458) recommending that H.B. No. 1602, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1602, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN REMAINS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3459) recommending that H.B. No. 2630, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2630, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSITION OF THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM FROM THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION INTO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Baker, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3460) recommending that H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Baker, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3461) recommending that H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1891, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3462) recommending that H.B. No. 917, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 917, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

At this time, Senator Dela Cruz, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, rose to request a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. No. 117, Proposed S.D. 1.

Senator Dela Cruz noted:

"The proposed S.D. 1 seeks to defer further implementation of the salary adjustments for the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. As constitutionally required, the state Commission on Salaries convened and reported to the Legislature in 2019. They recommended salary adjustments for the officers of the executive and judicial branches of the state government, and members of the Legislature. However, due to the unprecedented economic downturn resulting from the

COVID-19 pandemic, your committee believes it is irresponsible at this time to proceed with the commission's recommendations. Given the constraints of the condensed legislative calendar, your committee is requesting this waiver to hear the above measure due to its critical budgetary nature."

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Dela Cruz announced that the Committee on Ways and Means would be holding a public hearing on H.B. No. 117, Proposed S.D. 1 the following day at 10:25 a.m. in the Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 a.m., on motion by Senator Kahele, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2020.