

## FOURTH DAY

Monday, January 22, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 9:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Third Day.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 3 to 5) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

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## FIRST READING

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the following bills passed First Reading by title and were referred to committee or deferred:

S.B. No. 2374 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2375 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JUDGES FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary

S.B. No. 2376 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2377 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2378 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary

S.B. No. 2379 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS."

Referred to: Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Judiciary

S.B. No. 2380 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."

Referred to: Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2381 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCING FOR CANDIDATES TO ELECTED OFFICE."

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2382 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH."

Referred to: Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary

S.B. No. 2383 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CREDITS FOR FUEL TAXES PAID BY COMMERCIAL FISHERS."

Referred to: Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means



	Referred to: Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means				Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2407	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."	S.B. No. 2418			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO TOXIC CHEMICALS."
	Referred to: Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2408	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DAM AND APPURTENANCE SAFETY."	S.B. No. 2419			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY."
	Referred to: Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2409	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS LABORATORY."	S.B. No. 2420			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."
	Referred to: Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Committee on Education, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2410	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE."	S.B. No. 2421			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INCENTIVES."
	Referred to: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2411	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TWO-LINED SPITTLEBUG."	S.B. No. 2422			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."
	Referred to: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2412	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE."	S.B. No. 2423			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."
	Referred to: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2413	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."	S.B. No. 2424			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."
	Referred to: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2414	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS."	S.B. No. 2425			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS."
	Referred to: Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 2415	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTION INTEGRITY."	S.B. No. 2426			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS."
	Referred to: Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means		Referred to:		Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2416	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII."	S.B. No. 2427			"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION."
	Referred to: Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means				
S.B. No. 2417	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO AGRICULTURE."				
	Referred to: Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on				

Referred to:	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection	Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2428	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."	S.B. No. 2438	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2429	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS."	S.B. No. 2439	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ACTIONS."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2430	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."	S.B. No. 2440	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."
Referred to:	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2431	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS."	S.B. No. 2441	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."
Referred to:	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2432	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."	S.B. No. 2442	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."
Referred to:	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2433	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENSTRUAL EQUITY."	S.B. No. 2443	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2434	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION."	S.B. No. 2444	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCIES."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2435	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."	S.B. No. 2445	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."
Referred to:	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2436	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE."	S.B. No. 2446	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OHANA ZONES."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means	Referred to:	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2437	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION WASTE."	S.B. No. 2447	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE."
		Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
		S.B. No. 2448	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE."

Referred to:	Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.B. No. 2462	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY."
S.B. No. 2449	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."	S.B. No. 2463	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH."
Referred to:	Committee on Labor and Technology, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary	S.B. No. 2464	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING."
S.B. No. 2450	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2465	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH."
Referred to:	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Judiciary	S.B. No. 2466	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2451	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ATMOSPHERIC CARBON CAPTURE PLANT."	S.B. No. 2467	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL."
Referred to:	Jointly to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.B. No. 2468	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE."
S.B. No. 2452	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS."	S.B. No. 2469	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND."
Referred to:	Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means	S.B. No. 2470	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I HEALTH AGING PARTNERSHIP."
S.B. No. 2453	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE."	S.B. No. 2471	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION."
Referred to:	Committee on Judiciary	S.B. No. 2472	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2454	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAIL."	S.B. No. 2473	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."
Referred to:	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary	S.B. No. 2474	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE."
S.B. No. 2455	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO GRAFFITI."	S.B. No. 2475	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."
Referred to:	Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means	S.B. No. 2476	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HYGIENISTS."
S.B. No. 2456	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSING."	S.B. No. 2477	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE."
Referred to:	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary	S.B. No. 2478	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMU INFRASTRUCTURE."
S.B. No. 2457	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR LICENSES."	S.B. No. 2479	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII FARM TO FOOD BANK PROGRAM."
S.B. No. 2458	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES."	S.B. No. 2480	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORAL."
S.B. No. 2459	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."	S.B. No. 2481	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION."
S.B. No. 2460	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH."	S.B. No. 2482	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELECOMMUNICATION."
S.B. No. 2461	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS."	S.B. No. 2483	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS."
		S.B. No. 2484	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS."
		S.B. No. 2485	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITARY."
		S.B. No. 2486	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS."

S.B. No. 2487	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARIJUANA."	S.B. No. 2510	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."
S.B. No. 2488	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENT-TO-OWN CONTRACTS."	S.B. No. 2511	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."
S.B. No. 2489	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS."	S.B. No. 2512	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS."
S.B. No. 2490	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT."	S.B. No. 2513	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS."
S.B. No. 2491	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS."	S.B. No. 2514	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATTORNEYS."
S.B. No. 2492	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT."	S.B. No. 2515	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2493	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS."	S.B. No. 2516	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2494	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM."	S.B. No. 2517	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS."
S.B. No. 2495	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER METERING."	S.B. No. 2518	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION."
S.B. No. 2496	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRAY WATER INCOME TAX CREDIT."	S.B. No. 2519	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY."
S.B. No. 2497	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."	S.B. No. 2520	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEFENSE OF STATE EMPLOYEES."
S.B. No. 2498	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCING."	S.B. No. 2521	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER."
S.B. No. 2499	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION POTENTIAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE."	S.B. No. 2522	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT."
S.B. No. 2500	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS."	S.B. No. 2523	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE."
S.B. No. 2501	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL."	S.B. No. 2524	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALGORITHMIC DISCRIMINATION."
S.B. No. 2502	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII."	S.B. No. 2525	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."
S.B. No. 2503	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUITY."	S.B. No. 2526	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY."
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S.B. No. 2505	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."	S.B. No. 2528	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."
S.B. No. 2506	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND."	S.B. No. 2529	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM."
S.B. No. 2507	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL SERVICE."	S.B. No. 2530	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES."
S.B. No. 2508	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS."	S.B. No. 2531	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH BENEFITS."
S.B. No. 2509	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."	S.B. No. 2532	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME."

S.B. No. 2533	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED FINANCING."	S.B. No. 2558	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES."
S.B. No. 2534	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."	S.B. No. 2559	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE PESTS."
S.B. No. 2535	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM."	S.B. No. 2560	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES."
S.B. No. 2536	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES AND RECIPROCITY."	S.B. No. 2561	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT."
S.B. No. 2537	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY."	S.B. No. 2562	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERINARY MEDICINE."
S.B. No. 2538	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH."	S.B. No. 2563	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC HOUSING."
S.B. No. 2539	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY."	S.B. No. 2564	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PET ANIMALS."
S.B. No. 2540	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS."	S.B. No. 2565	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO PUBLIC PARKS."
S.B. No. 2541	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."	S.B. No. 2566	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE IN HOUSING SUBDIVISIONS."
S.B. No. 2542	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII MAUI COLLEGE, MOLOKAI EDUCATION CENTER."	S.B. No. 2567	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA."
S.B. No. 2543	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE."	S.B. No. 2568	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH."
S.B. No. 2544	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING."	S.B. No. 2569	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKPLACE SAFETY."
S.B. No. 2545	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECYCLING."	S.B. No. 2570	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT."
S.B. No. 2546	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES."	S.B. No. 2571	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE."
S.B. No. 2547	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."	S.B. No. 2572	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE."
S.B. No. 2548	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."	S.B. No. 2573	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL."
S.B. No. 2549	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."	S.B. No. 2574	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL."
S.B. No. 2550	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."	S.B. No. 2575	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT."
S.B. No. 2551	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE."	S.B. No. 2576	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS."
S.B. No. 2552	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA."	S.B. No. 2577	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY."
S.B. No. 2553	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT."	S.B. No. 2578	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE RESILIENCE."
S.B. No. 2554	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION."	S.B. No. 2579	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS."
S.B. No. 2555	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BOATING FACILITIES."	S.B. No. 2580	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING."
S.B. No. 2556	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT."	S.B. No. 2581	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY."
S.B. No. 2557	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION."	S.B. No. 2582	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING."
		S.B. No. 2583	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING."

S.B. No. 2584	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING."	S.B. No. 2609	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINIMUM WAGE."
S.B. No. 2585	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND."	S.B. No. 2610	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OVERTIME."
S.B. No. 2586	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAMS."	S.B. No. 2611	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES."
S.B. No. 2587	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."	S.B. No. 2612	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT."
S.B. No. 2588	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION."	S.B. No. 2613	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY."
S.B. No. 2589	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."	S.B. No. 2614	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RULES."
S.B. No. 2590	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."	S.B. No. 2615	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS."
S.B. No. 2591	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."	S.B. No. 2616	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS."
S.B. No. 2592	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES."	S.B. No. 2617	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY."
S.B. No. 2593	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FEDERAL LANDS."	S.B. No. 2618	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."
S.B. No. 2594	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."	S.B. No. 2619	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS."
S.B. No. 2595	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY."	S.B. No. 2620	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION."
S.B. No. 2596	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS."	S.B. No. 2621	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENDANGERED SPECIES."
S.B. No. 2597	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS."	S.B. No. 2622	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS."
S.B. No. 2598	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TELEWORK."	S.B. No. 2623	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATORS."
S.B. No. 2599	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION."	S.B. No. 2624	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LANDS."
S.B. No. 2600	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."	S.B. No. 2625	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPPORTUNITY ZONES."
S.B. No. 2601	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS."	S.B. No. 2626	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING."
S.B. No. 2602	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIM SERVICES FUND."	S.B. No. 2627	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARRANGEMENT OF CANDIDATE NAMES ON BALLOTS."
S.B. No. 2603	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE."	S.B. No. 2628	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT."
S.B. No. 2604	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION."	S.B. No. 2629	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCARCERATED PERSONS."
S.B. No. 2605	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE."	S.B. No. 2630	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIANS."
S.B. No. 2606	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION."	S.B. No. 2631	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARREST PHOTOGRAPHS."
S.B. No. 2607	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION."	S.B. No. 2632	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE."
S.B. No. 2608	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PENSION CALCULATIONS."	S.B. No. 2633	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CESSPOOLS."
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S.B. No. 2636	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMOTE MEETINGS."	S.B. No. 2660	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A CHILD TAX CREDIT."
S.B. No. 2637	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS."	S.B. No. 2661	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS."
S.B. No. 2638	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOARD PACKETS."	S.B. No. 2662	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION."
S.B. No. 2639	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS."	S.B. No. 2663	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS."
S.B. No. 2640	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT."	S.B. No. 2664	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARNED WAGE ACCESS."
S.B. No. 2641	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS."	S.B. No. 2665	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES."
S.B. No. 2642	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLEAN AND SOBER HOMES."	S.B. No. 2666	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT."
S.B. No. 2643	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PROTECTION."	S.B. No. 2667	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH."
S.B. No. 2644	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE."	S.B. No. 2668	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PSYCHOLOGY INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT."
S.B. No. 2645	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPLIANCE ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."	S.B. No. 2669	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENDER AFFIRMING CARE."
S.B. No. 2646	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT."	S.B. No. 2670	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PREFERRED NAMES."
S.B. No. 2647	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT."	S.B. No. 2671	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS."
S.B. No. 2648	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY."	S.B. No. 2672	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES."
S.B. No. 2649	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION."	S.B. No. 2673	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE."
S.B. No. 2650	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES."	S.B. No. 2674	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY."
S.B. No. 2651	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL IMPACT FEES."	S.B. No. 2675	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND FOOD SECURITY."
S.B. No. 2652	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET."	S.B. No. 2676	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIGITAL CURRENCY."
S.B. No. 2653	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS."	S.B. No. 2677	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY."
S.B. No. 2654	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING."	S.B. No. 2678	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2655	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION."	S.B. No. 2679	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS."
S.B. No. 2656	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT."	S.B. No. 2680	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL FEES."
S.B. No. 2657	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKAHIKI COMMEMORATION DAY."	S.B. No. 2681	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."
S.B. No. 2658	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES."	S.B. No. 2682	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEAD POISONING."
		S.B. No. 2683	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEFAMATION."
		S.B. No. 2684	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY."

S.B. No. 2685	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION."	S.B. No. 2710	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS."
S.B. No. 2686	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVANTS."	S.B. No. 2711	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO WORKER RETENTION."
S.B. No. 2687	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS."	S.B. No. 2712	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WAREHOUSE WORKERS."
S.B. No. 2688	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFORMATION ACCESSIBILITY."	S.B. No. 2713	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PAID MEAL PERIODS."
S.B. No. 2689	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT."	S.B. No. 2714	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."
S.B. No. 2690	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR."	S.B. No. 2715	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES."
S.B. No. 2691	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS."	S.B. No. 2716	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING."
S.B. No. 2692	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOGS."	S.B. No. 2717	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2693	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATES OF EMERGENCY."	S.B. No. 2718	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES."
S.B. No. 2694	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION."	S.B. No. 2719	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT."
S.B. No. 2695	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY."	S.B. No. 2720	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS."
S.B. No. 2696	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER HEALTH DATA."	S.B. No. 2721	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION."
S.B. No. 2697	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE."	S.B. No. 2722	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANCER."
S.B. No. 2698	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS."	S.B. No. 2723	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY ORDINANCES."
S.B. No. 2699	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TIP APPORTIONMENT."	S.B. No. 2724	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VICTIM RESTITUTION."
S.B. No. 2700	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO REPAIR."	S.B. No. 2725	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXATION."
S.B. No. 2701	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."	S.B. No. 2726	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."
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S.B. No. 2703	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS."	S.B. No. 2728	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES."
S.B. No. 2704	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE."	S.B. No. 2729	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."
S.B. No. 2705	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE."	S.B. No. 2730	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY."
S.B. No. 2706	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS."	S.B. No. 2731	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS."
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S.B. No. 2709	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT INNOVATION SHADOWS."	S.B. No. 2734	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES."

S.B. No. 2735	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING."	S.B. No. 2761	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAUNA KEA STEWARDSHIP AND OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY."
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S.B. No. 2737	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN DUTIES."	S.B. No. 2763	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM."
S.B. No. 2738	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2764	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM."
S.B. No. 2739	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2765	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE CONVENTION CENTER."
S.B. No. 2740	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS."	S.B. No. 2766	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY."
S.B. No. 2741	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE POLLUTION."	S.B. No. 2767	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATURAL ENERGY LABORATORY OF HAWAII AUTHORITY."
S.B. No. 2742	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2768	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS."
S.B. No. 2743	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTIES."	S.B. No. 2769	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE."
S.B. No. 2744	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLES."	S.B. No. 2770	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY."
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S.B. No. 2750	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BRAILLE LITERACY."	S.B. No. 2776	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY ENTITLEMENTS."
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S.B. No. 2752	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS."	S.B. No. 2778	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE."
S.B. No. 2753	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING CODES."	S.B. No. 2779	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."
S.B. No. 2754	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII."	S.B. No. 2780	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES."
S.B. No. 2755	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPECIAL LAND AND DEVELOPMENT FUND."	S.B. No. 2781	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO DISASTER SERVICES."
S.B. No. 2756	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPS."	S.B. No. 2782	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY."
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S.B. No. 2785	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES."	S.B. No. 2811	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL TOURISM."
S.B. No. 2786	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO CARE HOMES."	S.B. No. 2812	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS."
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S.B. No. 2791	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HEMP TASK FORCE."	S.B. No. 2817	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES."
S.B. No. 2792	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEAT PROCESSING."	S.B. No. 2818	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE."
S.B. No. 2793	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL."	S.B. No. 2819	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY."
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S.B. No. 2797	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER CATCHMENT."	S.B. No. 2823	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII ADMINISTRATIVE RULES."
S.B. No. 2798	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEARCH AND RESCUE."	S.B. No. 2824	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI."
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S.B. No. 2801	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SUPPLY."	S.B. No. 2827	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT."
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S.B. No. 2806	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLES."	S.B. No. 2832	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE."
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S.B. No. 2809	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL."		

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S.B. No. 2836	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY."	S.B. No. 2860	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS."
S.B. No. 2837	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION."	S.B. No. 2861	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS."
S.B. No. 2838	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE."	S.B. No. 2862	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENT CONTROL."
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S.B. No. 2842	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION."	S.B. No. 2866	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS."
S.B. No. 2843	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."	S.B. No. 2867	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF LAND."
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S.B. No. 2851	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEATH BENEFITS."	S.B. No. 2875	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES."
S.B. No. 2852	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING."	S.B. No. 2876	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE."
S.B. No. 2853	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE VACCINATIONS."	S.B. No. 2877	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TIP CREDIT."
S.B. No. 2854	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS."	S.B. No. 2878	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWENTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT."
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S.B. No. 2881	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATION."	S.B. No. 2906	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDOWNERS OF NUMEROUS ACRES."
S.B. No. 2882	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH."	S.B. No. 2907	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE."
S.B. No. 2883	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION."	S.B. No. 2908	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."
S.B. No. 2884	"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 23, OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO MARRIAGE."	S.B. No. 2909	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."
S.B. No. 2885	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS."	S.B. No. 2910	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT."
S.B. No. 2886	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYMENT."	S.B. No. 2911	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SNAILS."
S.B. No. 2887	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE."	S.B. No. 2912	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE."
S.B. No. 2888	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES."	S.B. No. 2913	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE."
S.B. No. 2889	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCESSIVE NOISE."	S.B. No. 2914	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HYDROLOGIC DATA COLLECTION."
S.B. No. 2890	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS."	S.B. No. 2915	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES."
S.B. No. 2891	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2916	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH."
S.B. No. 2892	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS."	S.B. No. 2917	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY LINEMAN."
S.B. No. 2893	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2918	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY."
S.B. No. 2894	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2919	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY."
S.B. No. 2895	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION."	S.B. No. 2920	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."
S.B. No. 2896	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PARKING SPACES."	S.B. No. 2921	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS."
S.B. No. 2897	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSE FEE RENEWALS."	S.B. No. 2922	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES."
S.B. No. 2898	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES."	S.B. No. 2923	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER QUALITY."
S.B. No. 2899	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACISTS."	S.B. No. 2924	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY."
S.B. No. 2900	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO VEHICLES."	<b>ORDER OF THE DAY</b>	
S.B. No. 2901	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS."	<b>REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS</b>	
S.B. No. 2902	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE EMERGENCIES."	The President made the following committee assignments of Senate bills introduced on Friday, January 19, 2024:	
S.B. No. 2903	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRE-AFFECTED AREAS."	S.B. No.:	Referred to:
S.B. No. 2904	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."	S.B. No. 2356	Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2905	"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE ALARMS."	S.B. No. 2357	Jointly to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the

	Committee on Water and Land, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2358	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2359	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2360	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2361	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2362	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2363	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2364	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2365	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2366	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 2367	Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 2368	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2369	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2370	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2371	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2372	Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 2373	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

**RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 2062	Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2063	Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2072	Committee on Education

The Chair made the following announcements:

“The five-bills-per-day limit is in effect for the remainder of the bill introduction period, and the deadline to submit bills to the Clerk’s office is 5:00 p.m. each day.

“Immediately following our floor session today, please report to the House Chamber for the joint session to receive the Governor’s State of the State address.”

At 9:35 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair to meet in Joint Session with the House of Representatives, in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 2, to receive the Governor’s State of the State Address.

**JOINT SESSION**

The Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2024, was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

At this time, the Speaker welcomed and introduced the following distinguished guests to the members of the Thirty-Second Legislature:

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, who was presented with a lei by Representative Greggor Ilagan;

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Hawai‘i State Senate;

The Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, State of Hawai‘i, who was presented with a lei by Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura;

Ms. Carmen Hulu Lindsey, Chair, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, who was presented with a lei by Senator Jarrett Keohokalole;

Mrs. Jaime Green, wife of Governor Josh Green, who was presented with a lei by Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi;

Mr. Michael Luke, husband of Lieutenant Governor Luke, who was presented with a lei by Senator Lynn DeCoite;

United States Representative Jill Tokuda;

The Honorable George Ariyoshi, former Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi;

The Honorable John D. Waihe‘e III, former Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, and Mrs. Lynne Waihe‘e;

The Honorable Benjamin Cayetano, former Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, and Mrs. Vicky Cayetano;

The Honorable Linda Lingle, former Governor of the State of Hawai‘i;

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie, former Governor of the State of Hawai'i;

The Honorable Sabrina S. McKenna, Associate Justice, Supreme Court, State of Hawai'i;

The Honorable Todd W. Eddins, Associate Justice, Supreme Court, State of Hawai'i;

The Honorable Vladimir P. Devens, Associate Justice, Supreme Court, State of Hawai'i;

Major General Mark Hashimoto, United States Indo-Pacific Command;

Major General James "Jay" Bartholomees, United States Army Pacific;

Rear Admiral Mark Ruttenberg, United States Pacific Fleet;

Rear Admiral Michael H. Day, 14th Coast Guard District;

Rear Admiral Stephen Barnett, United States Navy Region Hawaii;

Colonel David J. Berkland, United States Pacific Air Forces;

Colonel Stephen A. Toth, United States Space Force;

The Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu;

The Honorable Mitch Roth, Mayor, County of Hawai'i;

The Honorable Richard Bissen, Mayor, County of Maui;

The Honorable Tommy Waters, Chair, Council of the City and County of Honolulu;

The Honorable Heather Kimball, Chair, Council of the County of Hawai'i;

The Honorable Yuki Lei Sugimura, Vice Chair, Council of the County of Maui;

The Honorable KipuKai Kualii, Vice Chair, Council of the County of Kaua'i;

Mr. Yoshinori Kodama, Consul General of Japan and Dean of the Consular Corps;

Mr. Bradley Wood, Consul of Australia;

Mr. Emil T. Fernandez, Consul General of the Philippines;

Mr. Seo-young Lee, Consul General of the Republic of Korea;

Mr. Calvin Myazoe, Vice Consul of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

Ms. Nicole Wang, Deputy Director, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office.

The Speaker then appointed Representatives Nadine K. Nakamura and Lauren Matsumoto, on behalf of the House of Representatives, and Senators Michelle N. Kidani and Dru Mamo Kanuha, on behalf of the Senate, to escort the Honorable Josh Green, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, to the rostrum.

Representative Dee Morikawa and Senator Lorraine R. Inouye presented Governor Green with lei.

The Speaker then presented to the members of the Thirty-Second Legislature and guests the Honorable Josh Green, Governor of the State of Hawai'i.

Governor Green presented the State of the State Address as follows:

"Jaime; Lieutenant Governor; Speaker; Senate President; colleagues; governors; mayors; consul generals; CJ; dignitaries; cabinet members, who have been so wonderful; state leaders; and all the people of Hawai'i: Aloha.

"Our state suffered a tragic and devastating loss when fires swept through Lahaina and other areas of Maui. I'd like to take a moment to honor the memory of those we lost that day, August 8, 2023. Please join me in a moment of silence to honor them *[pauses for moment of silence]*. Mahalo.

"I want to express a heartfelt mahalo to everyone who has helped and supported the survivors of this tragedy and their families over the last five and a half months. People have been so brave in the face of tough times. I also want to say I respect those who have pressed us to do more to help those in need. It's been an extraordinary and humbling experience to serve as your governor over the past year, and Jaime and I are deeply grateful for your support and encouragement.

"Today, I am here to report that, although we've faced great challenges and suffered even greater loss over the past year, we have come together as one 'ohana to recover and to heal. I am here to report that the state of Hawai'i is strong.

"First, response to the Maui fires: We lost one hundred of our loved ones in the fire, and the lives of thousands more were changed that day. Hurricane-force winds fanned fires over the islands of Maui and Hawai'i, causing the worst natural disaster in our state's history. Words cannot adequately describe the devastation caused by the fires, and it scorched thousands of our acres and destroyed nearly all of Lahaina. At this moment, I want to recognize Maui Mayor Bissen, whose strength in the face of this disaster has been most admirable. Please stand, Mayor. Two of the brave Maui firefighters are also here with us today: Keahi Ho and Koa Bonnell. Please stand so we can recognize you and all of your fellow firefighters who put yourselves in harm's way. Chief of Police Pelletier, who can't be with us today, who is working, was alongside the firefighters and the first responders, and he led his police force into the disaster area to help rescue people. Few people, other than the survivors from Lahaina, can fully understand what it was like that day on the ground for police and firefighters; we are honored to know you. One more round of applause for these heroes. These men and women knew what they were facing when they went into the fire: Many knew that their own homes would be destroyed, and some didn't know if their family were safe, so that's what they were facing and they went in anyway. What they did was so truly heroic, I don't know if there are ever words that will be able to capture that.

"And then communities across our state quickly joined them—joined together—in support of the thousands of displaced survivors. Archie Kalepa and his 'ohana were among the very first to mobilize community members across Maui. Archie, you're also one of our heroes—please stand. Another individual stepped up more than anyone could possibly imagine, and that was Chad Buck and his 'ohana. I have never witnessed such generosity in my life, and the kindness that you brought to this disaster. Please stand and be recognized, Chad.

"The entire hotel community on Maui, including Jeff Wagoner, Jerry Gibson, and my dear friend, Mufi Hanneman: Thank you for stepping up when our community needed you the most, to house people who had been displaced. Mahalo for your incredible work. As these heroes worked on the fire, our state agencies, including HI-EMA and the Departments of Education, Health, Human Services all began immediately working alongside FEMA and Maui County with the Red Cross to provide meals, temporary housing, and new schools; as well as supportive services for the disaster relief program, which included financial recovery, medical and mental healthcare, which was so critically important. Concerned citizens and



organizations such as the Hawai'i Community Foundation, the Red Cross, CNHA, and so many others immediately mobilized donation drives, and brought tens of millions of dollars to the effort. It poured in from all over the world.

"Working with these partners in the first two weeks after August 8th, we relocated 8,000 of our displaced people into hotel rooms and condos across Maui. In a few short months, we have already disbursed over hundreds of millions of dollars of housing assistance to those who need it and were affected, and this is just the beginning of the effort—disasters as severe as this one can take years to recover from. I am especially grateful to other individuals who have become local leaders and were already in our midst helping our state for years in the past. These individuals right now I'd like to recognize are Micah Kāne and Kūhiō Lewis. Let's give them a round of applause. Micah and Kūhiō have been providing inspiring leadership alongside all of our government.

"To date, FEMA has registered over 17,000 survivors for services and will begin to provide them the long-term housing that they need (18 to 24 months of rental assistance) well into 2025. The American Red Cross, also in full partnership with us, is currently helping to house over 2,300 families—more than 5,000 individuals—in more than 30 hotels across Maui. It is a team effort. As governor, I authorized an additional \$100 million from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, TANF, moneys to match what others were donating, effectively doubling the power of public contributions to help those affected families pay for housing, transportation, food, clothing, and any need that arose.

"Because the Legislature stepped up, we also provided relief to local businesses in the form of emergency grants to be distributed by the Maui Economic Opportunity team, aimed at preventing bankruptcies. Working with House and Senate leaders, and in partnership with Maui County, we made \$12.5 million available in the form of grants of up to \$20,000 each to help local businesses survive and recover.

"What does this all mean? The road to recovery will be long; healing will take time. It's going to take courage and commitment from all of us, but we will get there as we come together as an 'ohana to help and support the Maui community.

"Now, let's discuss the immediate recovery efforts on Maui. We've set aside up to \$600 million in the budget for recovery costs that will continue well into 2027. I've worked with President Biden and his administration directly to ensure that federal funds will pay for 100 percent of debris removal and emergency protective measures in the disaster areas for six and twelve months, respectively—support which will save us hundreds of millions of dollars as we recover. In November, we brought a coalition together additionally to create the Maui Recovery Fund, which will rapidly provide funds to families who have lost a loved one or have been severely injured in the fires. Participation in this fund, as I've shared before, will be completely voluntary. The goal is to get as much money as possible to affected families as quickly as possible. We have already secured \$175 million for the fund from our initial partners including the state, Maui County, Kamehameha Schools, Hawaiian Electric, Charter Communications, and Hawaiian Telcom. In order to operationalize this fund, we have pro bono services from First Hawaiian Bank and other community-minded professionals, leaders across the country who dealt, for example, with 9/11. And we expect to have this fund set up and running by March 1st to offer support to the families in Maui who have lost so much.

"Now, most central on the people's minds in Maui is housing, so now let's discuss the Maui Interim Housing Plan. Earlier this month, we announced the Maui Interim Housing Plan—a \$500 million initiative to create a pool of more than

3,000 housing units for at least 18 months to house those who have been displaced by the fires. This collaborative effort brings together the state, the County of Maui, the Hawai'i Community Foundation at Micah's lead, CNHA with Kūhiō at the helm, FEMA, and the Red Cross, with the goal of moving all displaced families—all displaced families—from short-term hotels into long-term housing by July 1st, with most households moving in by March 1st, just a few weeks away.

"Now, here's where I have to make a humble appeal to people all across the state and the country. Every owner of a short-term rental property on Maui: Please join us today in our mission to house the Lahaina families who have been displaced by the disaster. They are part of our 'ohana, and right now we need your help to care for them. Let me break down how it is on Maui. There are 27,000 short-term rental units on that island alone, and if we can dedicate just 10 percent of these homes for displaced Lahaina families, we can house everyone. We'll cover the fair market value of each rental for two years. We'll also provide the property tax exemption that the mayor and his council very, very thoughtfully passed just weeks ago to give an exemption from property tax for 18 months to those who participate.

"This is the right thing to do, and I urge everyone out there to join us in offering their homes if they can to house our people. Now, if not enough partners step forward to join us as we approach March 1st, believe me when I say this: I'm going to put our people first, and I will be forced to declare a moratorium on all short-term rentals in West Maui until we find enough housing for the displaced families. If you want to participate in this program, you can email us today. Email us at [mauihousing2024@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:mauihousing2024@fema.dhs.gov) to join in this effort. I'm going to say it again: [mauihousing2024@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:mauihousing2024@fema.dhs.gov) to join us in this effort. It is critically important we care for people and put them in housing.

"Now, in addition to the \$250 million that FEMA put up immediately for rental assistance and to rent many of these units, they're currently in the process of leasing up to 1,500 homes for survivors. As of Friday, they were at 1,367, and that is a testament to the great work that Bob Fenton has done with his team. They're also planning and designing two housing sites on Maui to house up to 500 additional families. This operation alone totals 450 million additional dollars from the federal government to help our people. In many cases, I don't think they're recognized enough, so I'd like to recognize Deann Criswell, who's the leader at FEMA; and Bob Fenton, the big guy over here to my left who's been a great working partner. Please stand, Bob.

"In the coming weeks, in addition to all of this work, the first shipment of modular transitional homes will begin to arrive in Maui as a part of our Department of Human Services efforts and their housing initiative. We will add an additional 480 units right away to help provide our people with a sense of stability and security as we implement further long-term housing plans that I've been describing. So, as we move forward, we're going to continue to remove the debris in West Maui—we'll do it safely and respectfully—and the plan is to listen to the people of Lahaina and rebuild the way they want us to rebuild.

"Now, I'd like to pivot to affordable housing statewide. Even before the fires on Maui, our state faced an urgent shortage of affordable housing. Housing costs in Hawai'i are among the most expensive in the nation. Our state is such a desirable destination and such a profitable investment for so many that people from around the world have purchased property to hold as investments or rent as short-term rentals to visitors making on average—and these are individuals who invest—four times what they would if they rented the property simply to one of our local families. Right now, 52 percent of all short-term rentals in Hawai'i are owned by non-state residents, and 27 percent of

short-term rental owners own 20 or more units. Take a minute to digest that. Fifty-two percent of all short-term rentals are rented by people outside of Hawai'i and making four times as much than if they were renting to someone that we love who lost a home.

"Now, our housing crisis affects not only low-income families because there are so few houses, but it also affects middle-class residents who earn too much to qualify for any help but too little to afford to buy or rent in this current housing market. Local families are being squeezed out of our housing market as 30-year mortgages approach 7 percent, and the median home prices are absolutely way too high for most. The process of building homes, which we're all committed to, has become so complicated and costly in our state over the last three decades—fraught with unnecessary bureaucracy, impossible permitting processes, and prohibitive zoning rules—that we had to take immediate action. Now, to do that, I signed the Emergency Proclamation Relating to Housing on July 17th last year, and I appreciate your patience. This proclamation formed a committee of our state's leading housing experts, and it empowered them to cut through the red tape and approve new housing projects more quickly and easily. We immediately approved 10,800 new units of low-income housing for struggling families, and now we've turned our attention to approve affordable housing projects in urban Honolulu and along the growing rail. Now, make no mistake: I know I ruffled a few feathers when we took this action, but we have to provide housing for our local people.

"So, in October, I listened to the environmental leaders across our state and issued an updated Proclamation Relating to Affordable Housing, allowing us to build more affordable housing while protecting precious natural and cultural resources, preserving the process, and preserving the unique character of all of Hawai'i. I'm grateful for their input. And since then, we have begun to reform our housing bureaucracy. We've approved or accelerated multiple new projects and will bring thousands of homes to teachers, nurses, firefighters, working families all across our state in the coming years.

"Now, our supplemental budget for fiscal year 2025 alone places an emphasis on infrastructure and housing, with requests to the Legislature of up to \$373 million. This remains our administration's top statewide priority.

"But we have to have an honest moment here. Building alone will not solve our housing crisis; we need to find new ways to make buying or renting a home more affordable in Hawai'i. We have to take further action to return the thousands of short-term rentals that I mentioned earlier to the local housing market. A challenge of this magnitude will require multiple solutions and approaches—there is no silver bullet. Now, what can we do? Greater enforcement of the laws we have regulating short-term rental markets are important. Tighter restrictions and tax changes are likely necessary. And emergency measures that we've been taking will be impactful. All of these can and should bring to bear the necessary sanity we have to have for our local long-term housing market for our own residents.

"Today, I am humbly calling on my colleagues here at the Legislature to help us by implementing new policies and reforms which will return our housing units to the long-term rental market for our people. This will increase supply and bring down prices in our local market, which is artificially and unfairly inflated by the global demand from visitors to our state. I will sign into law any bill the Legislature sends to me that will help move short-term rentals and vacant investment properties owned by non-residents into our local housing market. This will increase supply and bring down costs for our families.

"In addition to this effort, my team has crafted what we feel will be a landmark piece of legislation, and I want to explain it

to you right now. This piece of legislation will provide tax amnesty—tax amnesty—to any owner of a short-term rental who chooses to sell it to help us with our housing crisis. A sale of this kind—to an owner-occupier local family or to someone who turns the home into a long-term rental for a local family—will be exempted from capital gains tax, conveyance tax, and general excise tax. This program we're calling 'House Hawaii's Ohana' is a plan that would start in the fall, when you give it to me, and last 24 months. During this tax amnesty period, I'll personally encourage short-term rental owners from around the world to sell their properties back to Hawai'i families.

"Let's talk a little bit about the cost of living. Families in our state struggle to make ends meet. Despite working multiple jobs, more are living paycheck to paycheck than even before the pandemic. Forty-four percent of all families in our state are ALICE families barely getting by, and sixty-three percent of all Hawaiian families fall into the same category. I'll say that again: 44 percent of all of Hawai'i's families are living paycheck to paycheck, and 63 percent of all of our Hawaiian families are falling into this category. This has to change. The cost of living in Hawai'i is simply too high, especially the cost of buying or renting a home. There are still too many local families who are moving to Vegas to seek affordable housing, lower cost of living. We have to find additional ways to reduce the cost of housing, food, healthcare, and really just make all of Hawai'i more affordable for our people.

"I'm grateful for what the Legislature did last year. In last year's legislative session, we introduced and passed phase one of our affordability plan, which, in the first year alone, provided \$104 million per year in direct income tax relief to Hawai'i's ALICE families. This phase one of the tax relief package supported working families by doubling, essentially, the earned income tax credit and our food tax credit. That was great work by Speaker and Senate President and all of you.

"The next phase of our plan, however, we need to go further and provide more tax relief for families that are struggling, including a child and dependent tax credit totaling about \$87 million annually. Why is this important? It's important so that working families with keiki can afford to live in Hawai'i and so the next generation will have a future here. We're also planning through our proposals to index the state's tax code to provide all taxpayers some modest relief from inflation. We have to do this; it's long overdue, and this change will help people in every tax bracket, which I think will benefit all the families of Hawai'i. So, in summary there, it's critically important that in this legislative session, we move forward with this next phase of our Green Affordability Plan to further relieve the tax burden across the board.

"Now I'd like to share what I feel about tourism and the economy. The rapid return of visitors to our islands along with the influx of federal funds helped Hawai'i and our economy surge after the initial impact of the COVID pandemic. Hawai'i's unemployment rate, you'll recall, spiked to 22.6 percent at the beginning of the pandemic, and it's decreased and stabilized since down at 2.9 percent, which is a testament to small business in our state. As of October last year, that's where we landed. This is the lowest rate of unemployment since the pandemic.

"But with the closure of Maui to tourism after August 8th, I was very concerned that the aftermath of the fires would devastate Maui County's economy as well as impact our entire state's economy for all of the families that we have. Thousands of jobs and small businesses were at stake on Maui. And I know this was difficult—it was an incredibly difficult decision to allow hotels to reopen while many who had been impacted by the wildfires still lacked permanent housing. People were concerned that reopening was too soon, while many others believed that moving toward recovery was absolutely necessary.

Most people felt the need to get back to work so their families could survive. But all I can tell you is this: I care deeply about every family in Hawai'i, I listen to people's concerns, and I am sensitive about their fears, but sometimes a governor has to make certain decisions that are tough and truly necessary for the health of our entire state. In conjunction with the County of Maui, we began a phased reopening of West Maui on October 8th. Currently, historic Lahaina, the town and surrounding areas, of course remain closed out of respect for residents and due to the continuing relief efforts, but the rest of Maui and our state is open.

"As a result of that decision—as difficult as it was—just two weeks ago, the Council on Revenues readjusted our economic projection up from 1.3 percent growth to 4 percent growth. This adds almost \$500 million of revenue to our state so that we can take on the greatest challenges together, all of which will arise and revolve around housing our people and our survivors on Maui. That's why we made those decisions, and I just wanted to tell you from my heart, that's how we came to that decision together.

"It has been a roller coaster ride since COVID, with the economy rising and falling in the crisis, and I know that that's made your jobs extremely difficult, including appropriations and plans for the future. Last year, I made some budget cuts through line-item vetoes (I hope I did it respectfully enough) saving us over a billion dollars across the next two fiscal years. We were able to balance our budget and, more importantly, I believe, to preserve our entire \$1.5 billion rainy day funds. Now, these cuts plus the positive projections for our economy will now allow us to invest more in critical issues like access to healthcare, affordable housing, and homelessness, so thank you very much for understanding those tough moments.

"Homelessness: Just over a year ago, when we came into office, we faced the second-highest per capita homeless rate in the country. A 2023 census of our homeless community found that 6,223 people in our state were living without a home. Our state's rate of homelessness of 43 per 10,000 is more than double the national rate of 18 per 10,000 for many reasons. Many in our homeless community struggle with mental illness and addiction, and, of course, they suffer on the streets and face a much shorter lifespan averaging only 53 years. Our team took immediate action with your guidance to reduce homelessness with real solutions, and I've made it our goal to reduce homelessness by 50 percent within four years. Now, on January 23rd last year, right at this State of the State Address, I signed an Emergency Proclamation on Homelessness to cut through some of the red tape that was preventing the much-needed action we had to take, allowing us to begin rapid construction of up to 20 *kauhale* villages statewide in the coming years. For those who haven't heard before, *kauhale* are communal villages, modest housing units in them for homeless individuals and small households. They provide shared space for cooking, eating and recreation, growing food, or engaging in community activities together. When a person's in a *kauhale*, their suffering drops, their lifespan increases back to normal, and their cost drops 70 percent. This is the reason it's both smart fiscally and the right humanitarian action to take.

"In May, we opened the Medical Respite *Kauhale*, Pūlama Ola, in partnership with Project Vision and HomeAid, to care for the homeless on our streets as they were coming out from the hospitals as patients recently discharged. Located literally in my backyard—between the State Capitol, Queen's, Department of Health, and Washington Place, we placed Pūlama Ola, and it was a great success. We expect several new *kauhale* to open in the coming months, including one just down the street. I will tell you that *kauhale* are going to revolutionize how we deal with homelessness, and right now, I'd like to recognize Project Vision's leader Darrah Kauhane and HomeAid's director Kimo

Carvalho along with all the great people on their teams. We couldn't do this without you. Please stand and be recognized, guys.

"I'd like to also again thank the Legislature for approving \$15 million last session for *kauhale* and \$33 million this year. It was very thoughtful; thank you for that. We extend our deepest mahalos to James Koshiba, Nani, and all the others who led this effort with such heart and thoughtfulness over the last year. And now we place our trust in John Mizuno, a friend and legislative colleague. (House, you can kick the crap out of Mizuno now in my administration as you wish.) He's joining me in our administration after decades of friendship and commitment. I can't wait to see this mission completed with John at our side. Thank you for sharing him with us. So, as we continue to invest in permanent solutions that create spaces for our people to be housed and healed, you're going to see the results of it, so thank you again, everyone. You've been amazing in that front.

"Now let's turn to healthcare. For years, our state has struggled with a severe shortage of doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, so on September 9th, we announced a groundbreaking loan repayment program to address this crisis. Developed by JABSOM, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii and Hilton, state Department of Health, and my team—and funded by you—the Healthcare Education Loan Repayment Program, or HELP, provides now an unprecedented \$30 million over these first two years of educational loan repayment to health professionals to bring them to and keep them in Hawai'i. Now, why do we do this and who does it help? A diverse list of healthcare professionals qualify for loan repayment in our state of up to \$50,000 per year—some who owe four or five hundred thousand dollars of debt—in exchange for a minimum service of two years while they're getting into practice and caring for the patients who need them the most. And so these scholarships are targeted to providers who care for those who are low-income patients, usually on Medicaid. The scholars alone in our first batch (and we've received thousands of applications) will touch 750,000 of our citizens because of your wisdom in passing this legislation and funding it. We've already received, like I said, thousands of applications with deep ties to our state. This is just weeks into its initial stage, and we've already announced our first 585 HELP healthcare champions.

"As I listened to the concerns of the large freshman class coming in, they were focusing on mental health care as we all have been worried about for so long. So, this year, we are placing an extra emphasis on selecting mental health care and addiction treatment professionals to address the heightened concerns we've seen and have arisen since the COVID era and the disaster on Maui. This initiative will help ensure that rural and underserved communities across our state have access to the healthcare providers that they need, and within five years, Hawai'i will be the only state in the nation without a shortage of doctors, nurses, or social workers. Again, an initiative of this sort helps to bring an end to the healthcare disparities that many of our communities have suffered for too long.

"A few days ago, I met a young doctor who shared with me that she's about to complete her training in pediatric psychiatry. Because she received the HELP scholarship, she'll be able to begin her career in Hawai'i and settle here for good. Now, she grew up in Hawai'i and is still with her high school sweetheart, and now she'll be able to deliver a lifetime of care to local families instead of moving to the mainland to practice medicine.

"Last year, we also strengthened our healthcare system by investing hundreds of millions of dollars in needed improvements in rural facilities across the islands. These investments also will help us extend our commitment to care for historically underserved communities and those who suffer health disparities, and I'd personally like to thank the WAM chair and the FIN chair for making that possible. Thank you,

guys—you were wonderful. In summary, lots of communities need help, but the Native Hawaiian community has been most likely to experience chronic disease ten years earlier and passing away an average of eight years earlier, a shorter lifespan, compared to other populations. So, as we pass these programs, we are addressing past injustices and ongoing disparities that impact our Native Hawaiian community. This will also be partnered with the work that we're doing with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, which the Legislature saw fit to approve \$600 million and speed the provision of homestead lands to thousands of Native Hawaiian beneficiaries. Housing and healthcare go hand in hand. Thank you for that extraordinary work.

“Let's talk briefly about gun violence. Gun violence has been a growing problem in Hawai'i and across the country. The tragic shooting of 17-year-old Richianna DeGuzman moved us to take greater action. We hosted our state's first significant gun buyback event in decades on October 21st of last year, and it was an unprecedented success. In just a few hours, the Departments of Law Enforcement and Public Safety got almost 500 firearms off of our streets in exchange for Foodland gift cards with no questions asked, no ID required. It was something to behold. We collected ghost guns, sawed-off shotguns, semi-automatic weapons; we collected an Uzi from the streets, and I have asked the directors of these departments to continue holding gun buyback events on a regular basis to get more guns off of our streets. This initiative, along with our commitment to creating safe places from guns and signing key firearm legislation, will make our communities safer and protect our keiki from deadly violence.

“But it didn't stop at that one tragedy. Gun violence reared its ugly head again just weeks ago when a disturbed individual—a felon—shot a woman and then went on an island-wide rampage that seriously wounded two of our brave police officers, both of whom, thankfully, will survive. We must do more to protect our communities from the threat of violence from those who have no business possessing firearms. I will not let this issue divide us. It means taking lots of action on both sides of the political ideology. It means incarcerating violent criminals, preventing unstable people from having guns in the first place, and, finally, providing much more healthcare access to those suffering mental illness or drug addiction, which is too often linked to such tragedies. Thank you for helping me protect our keiki.

“Education: Our commitment to public education was demonstrated with your support this past April when we successfully negotiated a new four-year contract with the Hawai'i Teachers and the 13,500 that they represent. This contract, which was the first thing we prioritized, was important. It provided substantial pay raises for new hires and bonuses for experienced professional teachers. And it's paid dividends already. I want you to understand how successful it's been: We are now seeing far fewer teachers retire and far fewer teachers leaving the classroom. We slashed the teacher shortage by more than 50 percent in a single year.

“Investing in education will help our keiki to succeed, so we have requested more than \$125 million to support Hawai'i's public schools. We thank the education chairs with our full, heartfelt appreciation because you're including substantial funding for the Department of Education. And it's not just the classroom; it's also foodservice and transportation. All of this is education for our keiki, so I wanted to thank you, and now I want to take a moment to commend someone else.

“I want to take a moment to commend Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke for her extraordinary work on early education. Please stand, Sylv. Many people across our state asked me to partner with and utilize our lieutenant governor's talent and capacity as a real partner, and I took that advice to heart. We are friends and we're colleagues, and the work she's doing to make

preschool available to all of Hawai'i's young children will have a profoundly positive impact on our state for generations to come. Thank you, LG: Your great work on this and many other initiatives is recognized and critical.

“Let's turn our attention to climate change and the environment. As caretakers of our islands, we're committed across the board to pursuing climate change strategies that are equitable and culturally responsible. Hawai'i must continue to invest in a sustainable culture, renewable energy, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. This is why I joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 25 governors securing America's net-zero future by advancing state-led, high-impact climate action.

“Now, we have to do more to protect our beaches in Hawai'i and our parks and our natural treasures from extreme weather, which is fueled by climate change, without raising taxes or fees on Hawai'i residents. Let me talk to you about how I hope we can do this. This responsibility to protect Hawai'i's unique natural environment should extend to visitors to our islands. We've had some discussion about this, and I'm excited about this session coming up. A climate impact fee on visitors would provide needed resources to protect our environment and increase awareness of the impacts of climate change. This legislative session, I'll renew our efforts to pass a climate impact fee to help us stare down the terrible impacts of climate change. Last year, it stalled a little bit, but imagine how helpful that program would have been to address the disaster on Maui had we had it. We need to do a little better this year, so today, I'm simplifying the proposal and proposing a \$25 fee on visitors when they arrive and check into a hotel or a short-term rental. We already collect fees from travelers. This modest fee, far less than the resort fees or other taxes visitors have paid for years, will generate approximately \$68 million every year from visitors. We'll invest these funds the way you feel we should invest them. We'll invest them for beach preservation, for fire breaks, and other prevention measures to help avoid tragedies like the one we had last year on Maui. So I believe in my heart this is not too much to ask of visitors to our islands. Now, I'm open to any other proposal that would achieve the same goals, including an increase in the transient accommodations tax (don't have a heart attack, Jerry or Mufi or anyone). We'll find a way to compromise on these issues because, as you can see, we are here surrounded by everyone who cares about the state. Whether they have one position or another on an issue doesn't mean we don't come together. So we pass this fee to preserve our natural resources: our beaches, our forests, our waterfalls. This is an essential part of our culture and our way of life. This climate impact fee would help us protect them, so thank you for considering this proposal. I know it will help our state.

“Red Hill: We've already made important progress on draining the fuel from Red Hill so it can finally be shut down for good. The military began removing the fuel on October 16th—more than five months ahead of schedule—and have already drained 104 million gallons from the tanks, which is 99.5 percent of the total. Now, the goal of the Red Hill Task Force is to remove all of the fuel, and the last 0.5 percent of the fuel will be removed in the early months of this year. Then we will close the facility permanently so that it never again poses a threat to our health or to the safety of our water.

“I need to say mahalo to every environmental advocate, engineer, public worker—everyone—who helped us achieve this victory at Red Hill, including our congressional delegation, who brought hundreds of millions of dollars to the effort. We're going to continue to take every necessary action to protect our precious natural resources, especially our water, and to hold those accountable who have threatened them fully in the past, so thank you, everyone, for coming together, and thank you,

Speaker and Senate President, for bringing all of us together as one family on this issue.

“A few new opportunities: With the heavy focus this year on Maui’s recovery, affordability, and housing, it would be easy to forget to mention other important opportunities for our state, which will help us diversify our economy. This year, we launched the Aloha Stadium proposals, finally, so we’ll move forward on the stadium. We opened high-level discussions with Japan to create an open travel corridor between Japan and Hawai‘i, and we are actively seeking right now to expand our state’s film industry, with a greater emphasis on local production and developing our own kids to become film professionals. We’ll invest in sustainable agriculture, as you saw with the action on Act 90, with a special thanks to Senator Lorraine Inouye, so that we can bring more food security to our state, and we’ll also prioritize energy research and development, with the goal of becoming a hydrogen hub someday in the future. We’ve already begun important discussions with some experts in Japan to partner with our own university and provide new pathways to fully sustainable energy state for our beautiful Hawai‘i. And then, finally, our Board of Regents will select a new university president in 2024, and I will continue to rely on UH to help us drive economic innovation. These are important moments that we can all celebrate in the coming year.

“Finally, our path forward. We will never forget the day that the fires took our loved ones and changed the lives of so many on Maui. The people of Maui have shown strength in the face of adversity, but the days ahead will not be easy, and they will continue to need our support. And we will be there for them as long as it takes. Over the past five and a half months, we have shown the rest of the country and the entire world the true spirit of aloha. That includes Saturday, when Archie Kalepa brought so many thousands of people together on Maui. We’ve come together around our shared values and a common purpose: to support Maui as they begin to recover and heal; to house our people and to end homelessness; and, finally, to make life in Hawai‘i more affordable so that our next generation can build a future here at home. Again, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the people of Hawai‘i for your resilience and your commitment to each other. It is an honor to serve as your governor. Mahalo and aloha.”

Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi then rose and stated:

“Thank you, Governor Green. I’d like to take the time to offer a few thank-yous before adjourning. Last Wednesday, when I gave the remarks in the Senate Chamber, I was a little overcome by the overflow crowd—the spirit, the optimism. And again, as I look at the floor here on the House of Representatives filled and the gallery full, I would be remiss if I didn’t say to Speaker Saiki: During the pandemic, thank you for the leadership you showed in putting together the two vaccination clinics with Dr. Green, Queen’s Hospital at the Blaisdell Center, and with Ray Vara of Hawai‘i Pacific Health, the largest vaccination center over at the pier, so that we have been able to achieve a lot of the numbers that the governor has talked about. Thank you.

“Before you guys get excited, I was sitting there, watching the House present a lei to the lieutenant governor, to the chief justice, and to Chair Lindsey, and I got no lei. I said, this is how rumors start, so I want to be clear: One of the cigar leis I’m wearing was presented to me as I was entering. In a loud voice, they said, ‘Welcome to the House of Representatives.’ So I did get my lei early. So the thank-you is heartfelt, Speaker.”

Speaker Saiki presented a lei to President Kouchi.

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chair Lindsey presented a lei to President Kouchi.

President Kouchi continued:

“Senator Dela Cruz: Whatever OHA wants [*gives thumbs-up gesture*].

“The last thank-you is to Chad Buck. As everyone rallied in the state to come forward to help Maui, members of the Legislature and our staffs put the word out for a collection at the Father Damien Statue. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of O‘ahu. All of the area that you’re sitting in, all of the area in the Senate Chamber gallery, hallways in the basement, conference rooms were filled with the outpouring of love from the people of Hawai‘i, and Chad Buck sent his employees and his trucks to load everything that was collected and take it to the pier. On the other end, on Maui, his employees and trucks were waiting to take everything off of the pier and have it distributed. When Senators Kidani and Dela Cruz put together a drive out in the Mililani area, he again deployed his employees, his trucks. Everything that he did, we had asked him to track and submit receipts, whether it was by the State of Hawai‘i, the County of Maui, or FEMA to be reimbursed, and he did not submit a single receipt for reimbursement. It was his donation to the people of Maui and the people of Hawai‘i. Thank you, Chad, again.

“I don’t know if Governor Green has a great lunch prepared, but I’m going to find out.”

At 11:04 a.m., President Kouchi declared the Joint Session adjourned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:04 a.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2024.