

TENTH DAY

Friday, January 31, 2025

ORDER OF THE DAY

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:04 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative La Chica introduced students who were attending this year's Secondary Student Conference.

Representative Morikawa introduced from HSTA Kaua'i Chapter: Sarah Tochiki, president; Sharon Saronitman, vice president; and Mālia 'Alohilani Kuala Rogers, Hawaiian Education Committee.

Representative Kusch introduced the Hilo High School Student Council: Mayo Nakajima, HSSC representative; Clara Steele, student body president; Molli Liu, Hunter Collins, and Mariella Wasserman; and Tanyalee Switzer, student activities coordinator.

Representatives Keohokapu-Lee Loy and Ilagan introduced students from Kea'au Middle School: Emilia Baldan Jenkins, Andrea Antonio, Elaina Hasting, and Khilila Pietra Comier; and their teacher, Tiffany Edwards Hunt.

Representative Matsumoto introduced students from Mililani High School: Rachel Alonzo, Treytin Cabral, Noah Felts, Trinity Huynh, Kaila Kutaka, and Cruz Sagaysay; and their advisors: Ms. Ward and Ms. Castro.

Representative Lowen introduced students from Kealakehe High School: Luke Gee, Lucy Cameron, Colten Clarke, Williene Cruz, Lizamarie Utera, and Julia Bowman; and their teacher, Kim Maro.

Representative Marten introduced students from Kailua High School: Keaulana Cordero, May Campo, Ty Yakuma, and Julian Baciu; and Sheri Hanoa, student activities coordinator.

Representative Lee introduced students from Kalāheo High School: Mackenzie Brammer, Kate Reynolds, and Felicia Sendrey; and Richard Lau, student activities coordinator.

Representative Olds introduced students from Kaimukī High School: Kawa Huang, Emeren Alik, and Brandon Jacobs.

Representative Chun introduced students from Waipahu High School: Jayce Nakamura, Iris Soriano, Alexis Soriano, Tyler Agarpao, Jhazlynn Rosal, Lotus Yasuda, Izeah Almogela, and Tiffany Tolentino.

Representative Kitagawa introduced Castle High School student, Leelah-James Abelaye.

Representative Lamosao introduced students from Waipahu High School: Chad Domingo, Josh Dela Cruz, and Joy Takara.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced students from Campbell High School: Kris Corrales, Mia Feltaco, David Sanidad, Enrique Coffin, Kuuhokuuilani Fisher, Lily Ai Tait, Jordyn Blue, and Ian Matthew Eugenio; and their teacher, Sara Ann Kimura-Tung.

Representative Shimizu introduced Kapolei High School student, Denesy Bautista.

Representative Kila introduced students from Nānākuli High & Intermediate School.

Representative Kapela introduced Jamie Ortiz and recognized other students who couldn't be at the event due to weather.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 23) recommending that H.B. No. 47, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 47, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 47, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 24) recommending that H.B. No. 781, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 781, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIHAOLE WATER SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 25) recommending that H.B. No. 446, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 446, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to note that all the testimony submitted for this bill was in opposition and not supportive, including our state agencies and UH. *Mahalo.*"

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

Representative Tam's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in support on House Bill 446.

"Your Committee on Tourism has amended this measure to be a study to address only the concerns that have been raised by the University of Hawai'i School of Travel Industry Management instead of a bill that would dive straight into planning and designing of a state hotel. A study will help us find a feasible way to establish this endeavor.

"I recognize the concerns raised by the University of Hawai'i School of Travel Industry Management (TIM); however, I do not find their testimony to be convincing enough to defer the bill.

"Tourism is a large part of Hawai'i's economy, and it is vital for TIM to strive to be one of the best schools in the nation for travel industry management. Establishing a hotel run and operated by TIM and Hawai'i Tourism Authority would support both tourism and create greater

opportunities for entrepreneurship directly accessibly to TIM students. These types of opportunities would provide our students with hands-on experience to prepare them to be more desirable candidates in the local job market, increase recruitment and applications to TIM, allow the state to drive the narrative on regenerative tourism, and generate revenue for the state.

"For starters, their testimony raised a concern that these funds should be going towards more urgent issues in Hawai'i, implying that if we support this bill therefore we do not support other issues, which is an extreme argument that is unbecoming of TIM. Ensuring graduates have employment opportunities, especially those who have accumulated debt in pursuit of their careers, deserve the opportunity to remain in Hawai'i and gain the needed experiences to have career advancement here in Hawai'i. This should be a priority.

"Another argument that TIM laid out in their testimony is that the hotel would be unfair competition subsidized by public funds, they fail to account that Kapi'olani Community College runs Ka 'Ikena Laua'e Restaurant operated by culinary students. No one would argue that this tax-payer subsidized restaurant is unfair competition towards the restaurants nearby.

"The testimony also cites that the unfair competition would 'jeopardize the support the school receives from hoteliers in the form of donations.' This is probably the most concerning because TIM should be prioritizing their students' needs, not their donors.

"Furthermore, the Shidler School of Business, which the TIM School is housed within, recently developed the Rise facility in the former Atherton building in Mānoa which is home to their Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship program which is claimed to be a 'pipeline for new ventures through an entrepreneurial ecosystem,' in addition to operating as student housing. It seems ironic then to oppose this bill that would evolve both concepts that Shidler already supports and is executing.

"TIM raised concerns on staffing and resources that may be valid, but I believe that a study would help address these concerns. This study will show us how this can be feasible. For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this measure."

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

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

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

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 446, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A STATE HOTEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representatives Matsumoto and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 26) recommending that H.B. No. 303, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 303, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE PRECEPTORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 27) recommending that H.B. No. 441, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 441, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTE TAXES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 28) recommending that H.B. No. 731, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 731, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"I recognize the underlying need for this measure and the intent behind it. However, I have concerns about the ambiguity of the term 'a reasonable effort' in the section requiring licensed healthcare providers to notify individuals with custody or decision-making responsibility for a minor's medical care. For this reason, I am voting with reservations."

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

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

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

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

"Reservations and just a comment. Just stating that my reservations has to do with the fact that, I understand the underlying goal is the preservation of evidence, and that's obviously very important in a prosecution. But I would like, as this bill moves forward, for a reasonable effort to notify a parent to be more clearly defined. Thank you."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 731, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kila, Lamosao, Matsumoto, Pierick, Reyes Oda, Shimizu, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 29) recommending that H.B. No. 129, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 129, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill prohibits the assessment of any fines or fees or court costs against a person who was adjudicated for an offense committed during the person's minority, if you're under 18 years old. It's common sense. If you break the law, there needs to be consequences. This push to remove all fees and fines for anyone just because they're a minor is simply ridiculous, in my opinion. If families are unable to pay fines, as of right now there is an option, which is rarely used, where judges can order community service. There needs to be consequences for violations. And so, I think this is going to move the state towards more crime in our state. So, no vote."

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

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

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

"With reservations for one comment. I only have an issue with the court ordered community service for a minor to be no more than 72 hours. Thank you."

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

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 129, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH FEES AND FINES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila, Lamosao, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.B.

No. Re-referred to:

752 Jointly to the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:23 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned

until noon Monday, February 3, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Templo, and Ward were excused.)