

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:05 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Evslin introduced fifth grade students from Island School; their teacher, Caitlin Ka'aihue; and Tate Cadang from Senate President Kouchi's Office.

Representative Quinlan introduced Cricket La Chica, Representative La Chica's husband.

Representative Garcia introduced Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya, former Hawaiian Home Lands commissioner.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 204) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 204, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY," was offered by Representative Garrett.

Representative Garrett moved that H.R. No. 204 be adopted, seconded by Representative Hashem.

Representative Garrett celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; commended the dedicated efforts of government agencies, nonprofits, landowners, and community members to collaborate to combat invasive species, restore native forests, and educate our communities about the critical link between healthy watersheds and our way of life, helping prevent erosion and flooding, preserve our unique biodiversity, and safeguard our watersheds for future generations; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Jon Brito, Founding Partner, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; State DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife;

Natalie Kurashima, Founding Partner, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; Kamehameha Schools;

Amy Tsuneyoshi, Founding Partner, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; Honolulu Board of Water Supply;

Tyrone Montayre, Chair, Executive Committee, Landowning Partner, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; Protect and Preserve Hawai'i; and

JC Watson, Associate Partner, Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership; The Nature Conservancy.

Representative Hashem acknowledged their success on efforts from eradicating invasive species to restoring native forests to protect our water; and thanked everyone who has contributed to this legacy of stewardship, sustainability, and environmental justice.

Representative Garrett honored the progress made and recognized the work still before us; and thanked the partnership for their unwavering dedication and for inspiring us all to *mālama 'āina*.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 204 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

At 12:16 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1173) recommending that S.B. No. 693, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 693, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1174) recommending that S.B. No. 1023, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Culture & Arts.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1023, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPAYING AND NEUTERING OF ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Culture & Arts, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1175) recommending that S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, 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 S.B. No. 1186, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1176) recommending that S.B. No. 448, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 448, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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 S.B. No. 448, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1177) recommending that S.B. No. 552, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 552, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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 S.B. No. 552, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:24 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, March 12, 2025. (Representatives Cochran and Ward were excused.)