

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Monday, March 17, 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, La Chica, and Ward, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kila, on behalf of Representatives Muraoka, Miyake, Chun, and Lamosao, introduced students from O'ahu: Mohology Alexander, Matthias Foki, Tristan Tauasosi, Austin Paesea, Leki Vakauta, Sefo Vakauta, Vincent Lemalu, Iosefa Tuiafiso, Ioane "John" Pule, Victor Vakameilalo, Roman Atiga, Jaylin Fair, Jacob Oroc, Jasper Solberg, Dustin Canite, Dominic Leo, Miahnsen Leota, Chris Tailele, John Alfred, Robert Almen, Keoni Giddeon, Rayjay Rayphand, Robinson Samuel, Jabez Luther, Alex Ale, Tyrik Namelo, and Kaimana Welle-Phal; and Adult Friends for Youth staff: Debbie Spencer-Chun, Lisa Tamashiro, Titi Takai, Daren Levi, Tiare Maafala, Sa Tua, DJ Hadley, Crimson Maafala, and Mel Martin.

Representative Garrett introduced new UH Mānoa Faculty: Ho Kyung Lee, Camille Pagniello, Tosaporn Sattasathuchana, Nyssa Silbiger, Yifan Wang, Liuwan Zhu, Igor Molybog, Yingwei Li, Joshua Tavares, Shuxing Zhang, and Lori Furoyama; and guests: Danylo Zhebryk and Kari Furoyama.

Representative Kong introduced his staff: Yehenara Soukop, Timothy Kim, and Sean Lee; and Tevita 'Paea' Tulahe.

Representative Lee introduced students from Kalaheo High School: Mackenzie Brammer, Chloe Franklin, Alexis Fuentes, Liliana Perrine, Henry Poorman, and Ava Sojot; their teacher, Richard Lau; and his daughter, Zoe Lau.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced her son, Jonathan Reyes Oda.

ORDER OF THE DAY

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)**

The following resolution (H.R. No. 207) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 207, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2025 HAWAI'I STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 2023 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDEES, 2024 MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARDEE, AND 2024 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE AWARDEE," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 207 be adopted, seconded by Representative Hashem.

Representative Woodson honored Hawai'i's most outstanding educators whose dedication, perseverance, and spirit of aloha continuously inspire us; extended deepest gratitude and appreciation to those who work tirelessly to make our schools and communities truly exceptional; and thanked our educators for their unwavering commitment to shaping a brighter future for Hawai'i's *keiki*.

Representative Lee acknowledged the achievements of Mr. Silver; recognized him as a mentor and dedicated educator who inspires his students to excel; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Bryan Silver, Kalani High School, 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year.

Representative Hashem acknowledged Ms. Wall for consistently demonstrating commitment to the school's core values of respect, responsibility, and resiliency; recognized her as a valued leader; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Jade Pham Wall, David Kawānanakoa Middle School, 2023 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy recognized Mr. Inouye for creating a dynamic classroom environment that encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and student engagement and for his many accomplishments to the school; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Rory Inouye, Waiākea High School, 2023 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Kitagawa honored Ms. Inamasu for her dedication and leadership that continues to make an impact on her school community; shared how her focus on critical thinking, accountability, and empathy has contributed to significant improvements in students' academic performance, with notable increases in both reading and math scores; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Kristy Inamasu, Kalihi Uka Elementary School, 2024 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Kong highlighted Ms. Kim's dedication to helping students grow both academically and personally; recognized how she maintains an inclusive classroom, creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Kimberly Kim, Moanalua Middle School, 2024 Milken Teacher of Promise Awardee.

Representative Kong also recognized guests of the honorees who were seated in the gallery: Kristi Hsu, Rose Inamasu, Joseph Kim, James Kau, Alisa Bender, Robyn Toniguchi, Rayna Toniguchi; Komarey Moss, principal, Moanalua Middle School; Rochelle Mahue, complex area supervisor; Heidi Armstrong, deputy superintendent; and Pamela Goodwin, Leadership Institute.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 207 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Ichiyama and Ward being excused.

At 12:26 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1278) recommending that S.B. No. 865, 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. 865, 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. 865, 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, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1279) recommending that S.B.

No. 119, 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. 119, 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. 119, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1280) recommending that S.B. No. 1487, 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. 1487, 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."

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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1487, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1281) recommending that S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, 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 S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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. 1388, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1282) recommending that S.B. No. 1547, 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. 1547, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ALOUN KAUAI FARMING, AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE, IN THE FINANCE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PROJECT TO REVITALIZE

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1283) recommending that S.B. No. 1377, SD 2 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. 1377, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1284) recommending that S.B. No. 1382 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1382, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ilagan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am delighted to announce that tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., CSG West is having a WLA breakfast. And Madam Speaker, as a WLA alumni, you understand how important it is to have this awesome and extensive training to be a better legislator. And I want to invite the members, if they're interested in the WLA, please come to the breakfast tomorrow. It is going to be at Room 309.

"Just so members know, the last three WLA recipients and graduates was actually the gentleman from Waipahu, the gentleman from Nānākuli, and the gentelwoman from Mililani. And I know they're going to share their experience on the program. If anybody else is also interested, you can hear their stories. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Quinlan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone. For those who would like to participate, we'll be taking a picture with the Irish flag in the well of the chamber directly after session."

Representative Kahaloa: "Hello, everyone. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today is Cattlemen's Day at the Capitol. So, if you see anyone with cowboy boots today or a cowboy hat or looking like a rancher, it is because it is Cattlemen's Day at the Capitol. And I know they're going around speaking to many of you in your offices about the important matters of legislation that they feel we should really look into this session.

"So, if you see any of them or meet with them, give them a friendly howdy from the Legislature. They didn't get to come to our session, they went to the Senate, so I'll figure out why they didn't come and visit us. But on behalf of the Cattlemen's Council, they are here today and walking around the building. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:37 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 18, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward were excused.)