

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Monday, March 24, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 398) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 398, transmitting H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 21, 2025.

Representative Todd moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bill, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, Tarnas, and Ward were excused.)

H.B. No. 991, HD 1, (SD 1)

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Tam introduced third grade students from Ala Wai Elementary School: Bastian Arneson, Kyrie Belcher, Eli Foulchag, Aiken Muna, Theo Pereira, T-Sean Saimon, Darrius Salvatierra, David Verebeceanu, Keanu Wise, Lana Alokooa, Ariana Briones, Ryanne Cebuma, Camila Galarza, Chloe Lee, Azaylah Nahinu, Elaina Pelep, and Audrey Sam; and their teacher, Lori Kwee.

Representative Kong introduced his staff: Timothy Kim, Brandon Koo, and Mingeon Shin.

Representative Belatti introduced her staff, Whitney Blandford.

Representative Shimizu introduced his staff, Carole Kaapu.

Representative Garcia introduced his staff: Maysana Aldeguer, Hunter Harris, and Danielle DeLima; and Sharon Pualani Freitas, guest of honorees.

Representative Holt introduced his staff: Kaika Sims, Kellie Dinwiddie Kala, and Madison Cahill.

ORDER OF THE DAY**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)**

The following resolution (H.R. No. 212) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 212, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING THE LEADERS OF THE KAPOLEI NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH GROUPS FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY, AND LEADERSHIP IN EXPANDING NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY WATCH PROGRAMS ACROSS OAHU," was offered by Representative Garcia.

Representative Garcia moved that H.R. No. 212 be adopted, seconded by Representative Matsumoto.

Representative Garcia recognized and honored the leaders of the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch groups; thanked them for their tireless work to keep our neighborhoods safe; shared their successful efforts to help shut

down illegal game rooms, proving that when the community unites and stands firm, change is possible; acknowledged their mentorship and educational outreach empowering communities across the islands and fostering a sense of security and self-reliance; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Jodi Akau;
Iwalani McBrayer;
Raelene Like;
Loke Neitzel; and
Pastor Allen Cardines Jr.

Representative Alcos shared his experience with the work of the Kapolei Neighborhood Security Watch and recognized them as amazing watchdogs for the community, and thanked them for their work.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 212 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, Tarnas, and Ward being excused.

At 12:21 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1505) recommending that H.R. No. 29 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1506) recommending that H.C.R. No. 30 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 29 and H.C.R. No. 30 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1507) recommending that H.R. No. 197 be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 197, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE THE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE KULANIHAKOI BRIDGE," was referred to the Committee on Public

Safety, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1508) recommending that H.C.R. No. 205 be referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 205, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE THE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE KULANIHAKOI BRIDGE," was referred to the Committee on Public Safety, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1509) recommending that H.R. No. 193 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 H.R. No. 193, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO COLLABORATE WITH THE KIHEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KIHEI MAUKA ROAD PROJECT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1510) recommending that H.C.R. No. 201 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 H.C.R. No. 201, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO COLLABORATE WITH THE KIHEI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KIHEI MAUKA ROAD PROJECT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1511) recommending that H.R. No. 37 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1512) recommending that H.C.R. No. 44 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 37 and H.C.R. No. 44 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Souza rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

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

Representative Alcos rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"Chair, with reservations. Having the rail going to the west side, probably we would like to see it going to make it to Ko Olina, and hopefully the rail can go a little bit more in town. We spent millions of dollars already into the rail. Hopefully that a lot of the money that we spent goes directly to

construction, instead of how much of it that will go to management and overhead.

"I would hope to see that this rail serve my grandkids later on down the road. Right now, we fight traffic just coming out here, maybe in traffic about an hour and a half just getting to 'Ewa Beach sometimes on a bad day. I can see if my grandkids get older, it's going to be maybe two hours. Quality time for our families is important, and hopefully that we can cut construction and our costs because when this rail was first introduced, it was way lower, but now within the billions of dollars that it cost. I would like to see the cost drop and find a better solution in building this rail. Thank you."

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 37, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE SKYLINE RAIL PROJECT TO THE WESTSIDE OF O'AHU," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 44, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HONOLULU AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE SKYLINE RAIL PROJECT TO THE WESTSIDE OF O'AHU," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1513) recommending that H.R. No. 195 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 195, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING OF THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE KIHEI NORTH-SOUTH COLLECTOR ROAD," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1514) recommending that H.C.R. No. 203 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 203, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING OF THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE KIHEI NORTH-SOUTH COLLECTOR ROAD," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1515) recommending that H.R. No. 119 be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1516) recommending that H.C.R. No. 123 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 119 and H.C.R. No. 123 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 119, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE KO 'OLINA, HONOKAI HALE, NĀNĀKULI, AND MAILI NEIGHBORHOODS," was adopted, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 123, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE KO 'OLINA, HONOKAI HALE, NĀNĀKULI, AND MAILI NEIGHBORHOODS," was adopted, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1517) recommending that H.R. No. 64 be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1518) recommending that H.C.R. No. 71 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 64 and H.C.R. No. 71 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 64, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KO OLINA GOLF CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT GOLF BALLS FROM REACHING FARRINGTON HIGHWAY," was adopted, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 71, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KO OLINA GOLF CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT GOLF BALLS FROM REACHING FARRINGTON HIGHWAY," was adopted, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Takayama: "Madam Speaker, I wanted to announce, happy to announce, that this year our office will again be assisting the YWCA in its Dress for Success program, thanks to you, Madam Speaker, approving the request. For new members, the Dress For Success program is an effort by the YWCA to assist women who are seeking a second start in life because of former homelessness or incarceration, sometimes both. And so, the idea is to collect business attire for them to be able to transition to their new jobs. So, members, use this Wednesday and the coming weekend to collect new or gently used women's business attire. And we'll be collecting them in my office starting next week. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Nakamura: "Thank you, Representative Takayama, for doing this every year."

Representative Matsumoto: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I sent an email out to everybody, but just wanted to remind the body as well as staff, we're going to be filming just out here outside the chamber from 9:30 a.m. till right before session and then for two hours after session, if anybody has a story or something they'd like to share about Representative Gene Ward, so we can share that to him. Please come out, again, all staff, all members, we'd love to see you tomorrow, thank you. Tomorrow 9:30 a.m. until session, and then whenever session ends, two hours after that."

Speaker Nakamura: "Thank you, Representative Matsumoto, for coordinating this effort."

Representative Ilagan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Thanks to you and your Committee on ECD, I've partnered with Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i as well as the HTDC to host the Manufacturing and Innovation Day for tomorrow. For the members, it will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"And just a reminder, if you didn't know, there are actually over 700 manufacturers in Hawai'i. The total economic output from manufacturing in Hawai'i is actually \$1.68 billion in 2021, and that provided 12,000 manufacturing employees developing unique products here in Hawai'i. Thank you for allowing me to share that announcement."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:38 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 25, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Garrett, Lowen, and Ward were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 24, 2025, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following measure:

H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1