

## FORTY-SECOND DAY

## Monday, March 31, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:10 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 9) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 9, dated March 28, 2025, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2025-27 Executive Budget for the operating and capital improvement program budget requests for the Departments of Education and Transportation.

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 406 and 407) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 406, transmitting H.B. No. 994, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF PROMOTING PORNOGRAPHY FOR MINORS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 28, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 407, transmitting H.B. No. 1175, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR TAX APPEALS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 28, 2025.

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kila introduced Hawaiian Airlines staff: Joe Sprague, CEO; Alex Da Silva, director of external communications; and Jacob Aki, senior public affairs manager; and Roth Puahala from Senate President Kouchi's Office.

Representative Souza introduced Francisco Duarte Lopes, Ambassador of Portugal to the United States; and Filipe Ramalheira, Consul General of Portugal in San Francisco.

Representative Marten introduced her friend, Annie Cusick Wood, theater director and playwright.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS  
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 215) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 215, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE BOYS AND GIRLS HAWAII HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS AND STATE CHAMPION MARCHING BAND FROM MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL, THE TROJANS," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

Representative Matsumoto moved that H.R. No. 215 be adopted, seconded by Representative La Chica.

Representative Matsumoto honored the Mililani High School state champions; recognized the time and dedication the students have committed towards their various sports and activities; acknowledged their accomplishments, talent, and determination; thanked the leadership for their support; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Ethan Suyama, Milani High School Marching Band;  
Sachi Nacario, Milani High School Marching Band;  
Chloe Garcia, Milani High School Varsity Swim Team;  
Joy Matsukawa, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director; and  
Fred Murphy, Principal.

Representative La Chica recognized the OIA championship winners; congratulated them on an incredible season; and introduced guests who were seated in the gallery:

Boys Varsity Cross Country: Payton Mukkada, Russell Winters, and Rylen Navarro;  
Soft Tennis Girls: Aline Masaki, Claire Takemoto, and Ava Masaki;  
Boys Bowling: Cy Tanita, Ayden Felipe, Aizen Ponce, Ryson Ishizaki, Elijah Lara, and Ryden Hong;  
Boys JV Soccer: Kanoa Redoble, Bryson Yonemori, and Reo Yamasaki;  
Boys Varsity Soccer: Jackson Cosner, Kilika Hasegawa, and Derek Wurlitzer;  
Girls Varsity Soccer: Maya George, Kyla Okimoto, and Leila Leano;  
Boys JV Swimming: Gage Paris, Yoshiki Ferreira, and Branson Nakamura;  
Boys Varsity Swimming: Makana Lessary, Logan Reihle, Raiden Yoza, Sam Stockdale, Zade Lee, Edward Lee-Agustin, David Chan, Ethan Sare, and Shane Dsená;  
Girls JV Swimming: Adriana Chavis, Anabelle Malone, and Hope Saito;  
Girls Varsity Swimming: Oakley Sare, Sydney Yamamoto, and Peyton Bitterman;  
Air Riflery: Tessa Carr;  
Boys JV Wrestling: Chael Cabingabang and Anthony Higuera;  
Boys Varsity Wrestling: Ryder Loughlin;  
Girls JV Wrestling: Kaila Tatekawa-Maes;  
Girls Varsity Wrestling: Makayla Paclib;  
Marching Band: Dave Pinell;  
JV Softball: Maya Jelf and Breah Kahele; and  
Coaches: Dustin Yamaguchi, Ryan Ishizaki, Joy Matsukawa, and Fred Murphy.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 215 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

At 12:23 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1716) recommending that H.R. No. 124, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 124, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE BY RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FRESHWATER IN MAINTAINING HEALTHY NEARSHORE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1717) recommending that H.C.R. No. 128, as amended in HD 1, 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. 128, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE STATE'S OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE BY RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FRESHWATER IN MAINTAINING HEALTHY NEARSHORE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1718) recommending that H.C.R. No. 197 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. 197, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE AMENDED," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1719) recommending that H.R. No. 181 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 181 be adopted, 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 H.R. No. 181, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, STATE AGENCIES, AND OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO ACCELERATE HAWAII'S CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION AND TAKE IMMEDIATE, DECISIVE ACTION TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FOSSIL FUELS TO IMPROVE ENERGY SECURITY AND PROTECT CONSUMERS FROM RISING ENERGY COSTS," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1720) recommending that S.B. No. 176, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 176, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia 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 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 Muraoka 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."

Representative Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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. 176, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUNTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Alcos, Matsumoto, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1721) recommending that S.B. No. 284, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 284, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1722) recommending that S.B. No. 405, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 405, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEETINGS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1723) recommending that S.B. No. 544, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 544, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING OF MINOR DEFENDANTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1724) recommending that S.B. No. 691, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 691, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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. 691, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY COURTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1725) recommending that S.B. No. 869, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 869, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH BOARDS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1726) recommending that S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Pierick 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 Alcos 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 S.B. No. 1030, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Matsumoto, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1727) recommending that S.B. No. 1337, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1337, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STADIUM AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1728) recommending that S.B. No. 1467, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1467, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX APPEALS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Hussey, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1729) recommending that S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1729 on S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 292, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1730) recommending that S.B. No. 295, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1730 on S.B. No. 295, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 295, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1731) recommending that S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1731 on S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1732) recommending that S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1732 on S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1733) recommending that S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1733 on S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1734) recommending that S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1734 on S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1735) recommending that S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1735 on S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 1413, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain Senate Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward were excused.)

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1736) recommending that S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

At 12:36 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 1051, SD 1, HD 1

## THIRD READING

**S.B. No. 1291, SD 1:**

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 1291, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS," passed

Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward being excused.

At 12:36 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 1291, SD 1

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Iwamoto: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to share with my colleagues that today is Transgender Day of Visibility happening across the State of Hawai'i. The community and allies will be sign waving on Beretania from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. And then we're going to have a rally at Capitol Modern from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and everyone's welcome. Thank you."

#### 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, April 1, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward were excused.)