

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:36 a.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

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

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 782 through 791) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 782, transmitting H.C.R. No. 33, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO RELOCATE THE PEARL CITY POST OFFICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY PROPERTY ON THE PEARL CITY PENINSULA," which was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 783, transmitting H.C.R. No. 58, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII," which was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 784, transmitting H.C.R. No. 68, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE A DEDICATED ANIMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLEX WITHIN KALAELOA PARKLANDS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 785, transmitting H.C.R. No. 157, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE FOR SPEED (SIMPLIFYING PERMITTING FOR ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) TO IDENTIFY ACTIONS NEEDED TO EXPEDITE, FACILITATE, AND COORDINATE STATE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERMIT PROCESSES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 786, dated April 15, 2025, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.B. No. 224, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 284, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 295, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 544, HD 1
 S.B. No. 691, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 869, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1231, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1467, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1359, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1360, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1361, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1438, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1441, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1442, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1443, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 787, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House on the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 53, SD 1, HD 1

S.C.R. No. 115, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 788, dated April 15, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 544, HD 1, SD 1 Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 550, HD 2, SD 1 Elefante, Chair; Rhoads/Kim, Co-Chairs; Wakai, Fevella

H.B. No. 606, HD 1, SD 1 Richards, Chair; Chang/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

H.B. No. 648, HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 706, HD 1, SD 1 Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Inouye, Fevella

H.B. No. 712, HD 2, SD 2 San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole/Aquino/Chang, Co-Chairs; Fevella

H.B. No. 727, HD 1, SD 2 Rhoads, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 773, HD 1, SD 1 Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 794, HD 1, SD 1 Moriwaki, Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella

H.B. No. 795, HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella

H.B. No. 800, HD 1, SD 2 Inouye, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Elefante, DeCorte

H.B. No. 806, HD 1, SD 2 Elefante, Chair; Rhoads/Kim, Co-Chairs; Wakai, Fevella

H.B. No. 830, HD 2, SD 2 Inouye, Chair; Chang/Gabbard/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; McKelvey, DeCorte

H.B. No. 874, HD 3, SD 2 Aquino, Chair; Rhoads/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; Fevella

H.B. No. 958, HD 2, SD 2 Lee, C., Chair; Keohokalole/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

H.B. No. 984, HD 2, SD 1 Gabbard, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 987, HD 1, SD 1 McKelvey, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella

H.B. No. 990, HD 2, SD 1 Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 991, HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads, Chair; Gabbard, Awa

H.B. No. 1001, HD 1, SD 3 Rhoads, Chair; Chang/Wakai, Co-Chairs; Awa

H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1 Elefante, Chair; Rhoads/Wakai, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1026, HD 1, SD 1 Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1027, HD 1, SD 1 Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1028, HD 1, SD 1 Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1029, HD 1, SD 1 Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1030, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 140, SD 2, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
H.B. No. 1031, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
H.B. No. 1032, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 222, SD 1, HD 2	Elefante, Chair; Kanuha/Wakai, Co-Chairs; Fukunaga, Fevella
H.B. No. 1033, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 223, SD 2, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Elefante/Gabbard/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; McKelvey, DeCorte
H.B. No. 1034, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 264, SD 1, HD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair; Awa
H.B. No. 1035, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 298, SD 1, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella
H.B. No. 1036, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 299, SD 2, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella
H.B. No. 1037, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 304, SD 1, HD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Awa
H.B. No. 1038, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 326, SD 1, HD 1	Hashimoto, Chair; Kim, Fevella
H.B. No. 1039, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 328, SD 1, HD 2	Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Rhoads, Awa
H.B. No. 1045, HD 1, SD 1	Elefante, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, DeCorte	S.B. No. 330, SD 1, HD 2	Gabbard, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
H.B. No. 1050, HD 1, SD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Awa	S.B. No. 344, SD 1, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Elefante, Fevella
H.B. No. 1051, HD 1, SD 1	Wakai, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella	S.B. No. 423, SD 1, HD 2	Kidani, Chair; Kanuha, Kim, DeCorte
H.B. No. 1059, HD 1, SD 1	Elefante, Chair; Aquino, Fevella	S.B. No. 428, HD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Awa
H.B. No. 1091, HD 1, SD 1	Richards, Chair; DeCoite/Chang/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; Fevella	S.B. No. 439, SD 1, HD 1	Hashimoto, Chair; Kanuha, Fevella
H.B. No. 1137, HD 2, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; DeCorte	S.B. No. 443, SD 1, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Wakai/DeCoite, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
H.B. No. 1173, HD 1, SD 1	Kim, Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella	S.B. No. 447, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Aquino/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Fevella
H.B. No. 1220, HD 1, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard/Lee, C., Co-Chairs; DeCorte	S.B. No. 465, SD 1, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair; DeCorte
H.B. No. 1316, HD 2, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Moriwaki/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; Elefante	S.B. No. 479, SD 1, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella
H.B. No. 1348, HD 2, SD 2	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Elefante, DeCorte	S.B. No. 597, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Moriwaki, DeCorte
H.B. No. 1422, HD 2, SD 1	Lee, C., Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Kanuha, DeCorte	S.B. No. 601, SD 1, HD 1	Wakai, Chair; Rhoads/Elefante, Co-Chairs; Fukunaga, Fevella
H.B. No. 1424, HD 1, SD 1	McKelvey, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	S.B. No. 693, SD 1, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
H.B. No. 1450, HD 2, SD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Richards, Fevella	S.B. No. 742, SD 2, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Lee, C., Co-Chair; Fevella
Sen. Com. No. 789, dated April 15, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:		S.B. No. 747, SD 1, HD 2	Kidani, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Kanuha, DeCorte
S.B. No. 21, SD 2, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Inouye, DeCorte	S.B. No. 763, SD 2, HD 3	Gabbard, Chair; Elefante/DeCoite/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Richards, Awa
S.B. No. 88, HD 1	Elefante, Chair; Kanuha/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; Wakai, DeCorte	S.B. No. 828, SD 1, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Elefante/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Chang, Co-Chair; Elefante	S.B. No. 850, SD 2, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella
		S.B. No. 855, SD 1, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 897, SD 3, HD 2	Wakai, Chair; Keohokalole/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella	S.B. No. 1491, SD 1, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 933, SD 2, HD 1	Hashimoto, Chair; Kanuha, Fevella	S.B. No. 1511, SD 1, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard, Co-Chair; McKelvey, DeCorte
S.B. No. 935, SD 2, HD 3	Aquino, Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	S.B. No. 1522, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 951, SD 2, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Elefante/Gabbard, Co- Chairs; DeCorte	S.B. No. 1547, SD 1, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
S.B. No. 1002, SD 2, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Keohokalole/Kanuha/Rhoads, Co- Chairs; Chang, DeCorte	S.B. No. 1602, SD 1, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Chang, Elefante, DeCorte
S.B. No. 1099, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard, Co-Chair; Elefante, DeCorte	Sen. Com. No. 790, dated April 15, 2025, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:	
S.B. No. 1249, SD 1, HD 2	Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Richards, Awa	H.B. No. 48, HD 2, SD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
S.B. No. 1281, SD 2, HD 2	Aquino, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 86, HD 2, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Elefante, DeCorte
S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Elefante, McKelvey, DeCorte	H.B. No. 126, HD 1, SD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1298, SD 2, HD 2	Gabbard, Chair; Hashimoto/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; DeCoite, Richards, Fevella	H.B. No. 134, HD 1, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1304, SD 2, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Rhoads, Awa	H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1318, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Hashimoto/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Chang, Elefante, DeCorte	H.B. No. 162, HD 2, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Elefante/Rhoads, Co- Chairs; Fevella	H.B. No. 226, HD 3, SD 1	Lee, C., Chair; Keohokalole/Chang, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 228, HD 1, SD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Keohokalole/Chang, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 1365, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 280, HD 3, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1369, SD 1, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; McKelvey, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 309, HD 1, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Kim/DeCoite, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
S.B. No. 1373, SD 2, HD 2	Fukunaga, Chair; San Buenaventura, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Chang, Fevella
S.B. No. 1377, SD 2, HD 1	Elefante, Chair; Hashimoto/Wakai, Co-Chairs; Fevella	H.B. No. 369, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1421, SD 1, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Chang, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 370, HD 2, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1422, SD 1, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 371, HD 1, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1431, SD 1, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 395, HD 1, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 1433, SD 2, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 396, HD 1, SD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 1434, SD 1, HD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Inouye, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 398, HD 1, SD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 1449, SD 1, HD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella	H.B. No. 399, HD 1, SD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 1452, SD 1, HD 2	Elefante, Chair; Gabbard, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, DeCorte	H.B. No. 400, HD 1, SD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 1454, SD 1, HD 2	Aquino, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fevella	H.B. No. 401, HD 1, SD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 1469, SD 2, HD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 423, HD 2, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 428, HD 1, SD 1	Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa
H.B. No. 430, HD 2, SD 2	Aquino, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
H.B. No. 433, HD 1, SD 1	Elefante, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair; Rhoads, DeCorte
H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2	Elefante, Chair; Keohokalole/Gabbard, Co-Chairs; Fukunaga, DeCorte
H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 2	Aquino, Chair; Elefante/Chang, Co-Chairs; Fevella
H.B. No. 480, HD 1, SD 1	Aquino, Chair; Keohokalole/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Fevella
H.B. No. 505, HD 1, SD 2	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard/Kim, Co-Chairs; Elefante, DeCorte
H.B. No. 506, HD 1, SD 2	Inouye, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; DeCorte
H.B. No. 511, HD 1, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard, Co-Chair; McKelvey, Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 791, dated April 15, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

S.B. No. 88, HD 1	Senate Conferees Changed: Senator Fukunaga added as Co-Chair Senator Keohokalole discharged as Co-Chair.
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INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kahaloa introduced her staff: Maya Saneishi and Miranda McCarty.

Representative Marten introduced representatives of Hawai'i Children's Action Network, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i, Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund Coalition, and EPIC 'Ohana: Mai Hall, Chevelle David, Norene Kohl, Courtney Velazquez, and Dana Matsunami, advocating for the end of child abuse.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2121) recommending that S.C.R. No. 192, HD 1 be adopted.

Representative Quinlan moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 192, HD 1 be adopted, 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.C.R. No. 192, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH A VETERINARY MEDICINE EXPANSION WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM," was adopted, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2122) recommending that S.C.R. No. 184 be adopted.

Representative Quinlan moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 184 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Souza rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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.C.R. No. 184, entitled: "SENATE 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 adopted, with Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2123) recommending that S.C.R. No. 204 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 204, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATED TO THE DISPOSAL, DETONATION, AND DESTRUCTION OF EXPLOSIVES, FIREWORKS, AND SIMILAR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2124) recommending that S.C.R. No. 128, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Quinlan moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 128, SD 1 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."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, 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 to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. Madam Speaker, colleagues, I stand here in the full belief that we as a body are united in our cause to serve the people of Hawai'i in the spirit of unity and cooperation. Madam Speaker, this resolution's main content does highlight the important issue of addressing the federal government use of our state lands and the upcoming renegotiation of leases for these lands. The resolution requests the attorney general to produce and provide a list of state lands currently leased to the United States government.

"However, included in the resolution is a paragraph that I believe is completely unnecessary and introduces language that I believe is, in my opinion, speculative, of one's opinion, and stating sound bites without the benefit of a full context. And I believe it ultimately fosters unwanted and undesirable judgment and division. I reference the language in the paragraph mentioning the Trump administration.

"We as a body should not be including such disparaging language in our legislation. Our House Rule 28.3 states, 'allusions or critical references to the Speaker or members are not in good order.' And it would be my understanding that this would apply to others beyond the Speaker or members, and certainly to the office of the president. Additionally, House Rule 62.3 states, 'members should treat their fellow House members, staff, and the general public with respect, courtesy, fairness, equity, dignity, and inclusion, regardless of political or religious beliefs,' and others. Again, I would say that this certainly applies to the office of the president of the United States.

"I would bet, and you all know I am totally against gambling, so I use this phrase to make a point, that if I or anyone had made some similar remarks referencing Governor Green's administration and bringing into question something debatable, that would be totally unacceptable and cause much consternation, and rightfully so.

"Madam Speaker, we are elected leaders here to serve for the public good and benefit. To be an example which should include respect, honor, cooperation, and most of all, *aloha*. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Muraoka rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the previous speaker be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

Representative Belatti rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, I really respect the remarks of the previous two speakers, because I think it's important that we do treat each other without disparagement. I, however, respectfully disagree with his characterization of that whereas clause. Because what this resolution does is simply refer to actions that the current administration has in fact taken through its executive orders.

"I think what should be the focus of this resolution, and the reason why so many in both the Senate and the House have supported this, is that we are at a critical time in our state's management over public lands. And so, what this resolution is just simply doing is to ask for more information. In numerous committees throughout this session, there has been many, many questions and many vehicles through which we have asked for this information about federal lands.

"And so, this, again, with all due respect to my colleague from Moanalua, who I have just enjoyed because I think the conversations have been so important that we've had in our committees. With all due respect, I support this resolution as a way for us to move forward so that we, as a state legislature, can determine how to better manage our lands at the time that the military leases are to be resolved. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Hussey rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"In support. And with reference, and apologies to our colleagues from the minority party, I don't believe that our House rules would apply to President Trump, he's simply not a member of our body. Thank you."

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Makiki be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Garcia rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the representative from Moanalua be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, still in opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. With all due respect to my chair of Public Safety, and I have high respect for her and want to maintain good relationships with all of our colleagues here. I reference the testimony from the deputy attorney general, who testified in our committee yesterday regarding this resolution. And as I state verbatim, the AG has the following comments. Currently the resolution, in addition to asking for a list of current leases that are leased out to any federal entities, also requests that the AG opine on the legality of both current and potential lease renewals. The AG understands that with the upcoming expiration of numerous military leases in 2029, there are many questions regarding both renewal and continued leases. This is clearly an important topic with significant legal questions. The current resolution is quite broad in terms of the legal opinion being requested. The AG's suggestion is that rather than doing this through a resolution, legislators approach the AG after the conclusion of the session with specific legal questions. That way they can tailor their response and provide better advice and more detail.

"So, there is no question that the body of this resolution is of paramount importance, and I don't disagree at all. My comment was mainly in

opposition to one paragraph. So, going back to the testimony from the deputy attorney general, which I just stated, that with that important factual testimony, Madam Speaker, I urge this body to vote no on this resolution and concur with the AG's office, our state's highest legal authority, to rely on their recommendation to have more involved discussions for their office to address rather than doing it through this resolution. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 128, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRODUCE AND PROVIDE A LIST OF STATE LANDS CURRENTLY LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR ANY FEDERAL AGENCY," was adopted, with Representative Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Todd being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Matayoshi: "She controls your CIP. Like Santa, she has a list of all your needs. If the food is spicy, she stays away. Happy Birthday to the other rep from Kāne'ohe."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 a.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 17, 2025. (Representatives Cochran and Todd were excused.)