

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:32 a.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 1119 through 1123) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1119, informing the House that on April 22, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 1202, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE." (ACT 019)

Gov. Msg. No. 1120, informing the House that on April 22, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 111, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING." (ACT 020)

Gov. Msg. No. 1121, informing the House that on April 22, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 1508, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS." (ACT 021)

Gov. Msg. No. 1122, informing the House that on April 22, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 125, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS." (ACT 022)

Gov. Msg. No. 1123, informing the House that on April 22, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 995, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING." (ACT 023)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 853 through 864) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 853, transmitting H.C.R. No. 61, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY EXAMINING HOW CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS PRODUCE FISCAL NOTES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 854, transmitting H.C.R. No. 94, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE ON AUGUST 7, 2025," which was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 855, transmitting H.C.R. No. 182, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION CONSIDER CERTAIN GOALS FOR AN EQUITABLE, EFFICIENT, AND ADEQUATE TAX POLICY

STRUCTURE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 856, transmitting H.C.R. No. 183, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2025.

Sen. Com. No. 857, dated April 22, 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. 1369, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 1402, SD 1, HD 2
S.B. No. 1411, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 1511, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 858, dated April 22, 2025, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 86, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 117, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 121, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 859, dated April 22, 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. 133, HD 2, SD 1	Kidani, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Kanuha, Fevella
H.B. No. 692, HD 1, SD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
H.B. No. 750, HD 2, SD 1	Hashimoto, Chair; Gabbard/Wakai, Co-Chairs; Fevella
H.B. No. 862, HD 1, SD 1	Lee, C., Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; Kanuha
H.B. No. 1179, HD 1, SD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Keohokalole/DeCoite, Co-Chairs; Fevella
H.B. No. 1406, HD 1, SD 2	Wakai, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 860, dated April 22, 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. 104, SD 2, HD 3	Elefante, Chair; Rhoads/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Fukunaga, Fevella
S.B. No. 183, SD 1, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 336, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 1065, SD 2, HD 1	Aquino, Chair; McKelvey/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 1221, SD 2, HD 3	Wakai, Chair; Hashimoto/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 861, dated April 22, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bills:

S.B. No. 1369, Senate Conferee(s) discharged.
SD 1, HD 1

S.B. No. 1511, Senate Conferee(s) discharged.
SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 862, dated April 22, 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. 127, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Chang, San Buenaventura

H.B. No. 235, Lee, C., Chair; Elefante/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 1 DeCorte

H.B. No. 277, Lee, C., Chair; Elefante/Rhoads, Co-Chairs
HD 2, SD 2

H.B. No. 348, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Gabbard/Keohokalole/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 437, DeCoite, Chair; Lee, C./Kim, Co-Chairs;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 496, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Gabbard/Kanuha/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 563, Kim, Chair; Kanuha, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 650, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fukunaga, DeCorte

H.B. No. 697, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Wakai/Rhoads/DeCoite, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 774, DeCoite, Chair; Gabbard/Wakai, Co-Chairs;
HD 2, SD 1 Fukunaga

H.B. No. 782, Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 969, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Inouye/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 1153, McKelvey, Chair; Lee, C., Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto

H.B. No. 1187, McKelvey, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1294, Gabbard, Chair; Chang/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs;
HD 2, SD 1 DeCoite, Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 1298, Chang, Chair; Aquino/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs;
HD 3, SD 1 Fevella

H.B. No. 1308, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 3, SD 2 Keohokalole/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1365, Gabbard, Chair; Inouye/Aquino, Co-Chairs;
HD 2, SD 2 Rhoads, Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 1378, Lee, C., Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Kanuha

H.B. No. 1391, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Lee, C./Kim, Co-Chairs

Sen. Com. No. 863, dated April 22, 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. 125, DeCoite, Chair; Kim/Kanuha, Co-Chairs;
SD 2, HD 1 Awa

S.B. No. 401, Elefante, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Chang, Wakai

S.B. No. 441, Lee, C., Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Elefante, DeCorte

S.B. No. 589, Wakai, Chair; Keohokalole/Lee, C., Co-Chairs;
SD 1, HD 3 Fevella

S.B. No. 732, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Kim, DeCorte

S.B. No. 1009, Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads/Aquino, Co-Chairs;
SD 2, HD 2 DeCorte

S.B. No. 1051, Lee, C., Chair; DeCorte, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kanuha

S.B. No. 1095, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Elefante, Inouye, DeCorte

S.B. No. 1186, Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 Rhoads, Awa

S.B. No. 1195, Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha

S.B. No. 1396, DeCoite, Chair; Gabbard/Kim, Co-Chairs;
SD 3, HD 3 Fevella

S.B. No. 1589, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 3, HD 2 Wakai/Lee, C., Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 1669, Lee, C., Chair; Chang/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs;
SD 2, HD 3 DeCorte

Sen. Com. No. 864, dated April 22, 2025, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bills:

H.B. No. 48, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 2, SD 1 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Co-Chair.
Senator Richards discharged as Member; Added as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 228, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 2 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Co-Chair.
Senator Fukunaga added as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 534, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 2, SD 1 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Co-Chair.
Senator Richards added as Co-Chair.

H.B. No. 1055, Senate Conferees Changed:
HD 1, SD 1 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Chair.
Senator Fukunaga added as Chair.

S.B. No. 332, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 1, HD 3 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Chair.
Senator Fukunaga added as Chair.

S.B. No. 752, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 1, HD 1 Senator Keohokalole discharged as Chair.
Senator Fukunaga discharged as Member; Added as Chair.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative La Chica introduced students from Castle High School: Taili, Tommy, and Kapua; and advocates from Hawai'i Public Health Institute: Nate Hix and Jaylen Murakami.

Representative Grandinetti introduced her family visiting from Washington: Corey, Julie, Addy, Sebby, and Max Grandinetti; her parents, Andy Grandinetti and Hiromi Nakada; and her fiancé, Anthony Miranda.

ORDER OF THE DAY**REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

Representatives Hashem, Belatti, and Tamas, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1 and S.B. No. 1296, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RECOVERY," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

Representatives Lowen, Hashem, and Takenouchi, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 1318, HD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that S.B. No. 1318, HD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2 and S.B. No. 1318, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Please turn to your digital action sheets by clicking on the action sheet tab on the top middle of your screen. We will be taking up two motions. One to suspend the rules to reconsider our previous action in disagreeing to the Senate amendments, and one to reconsider our previous action and give notice of the intent to agree."

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representatives Amato, Cochran, Garcia, Olds, and Quinlan were excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Todd moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Amato, Cochran, Garcia, Olds, and Quinlan were excused.)

H.B. No. 110, HD 1, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 412, HD 1, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 1146, HD 1, (SD 1)

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, these measures will appear on tomorrow's Order of the Day for agree and final reading."

ANNOUNCEMENTS**COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS**

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

S.B.**No. Re-referred to:**

1449, Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Consumer
SD1, Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
HD2

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:41 a.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Reyes Oda and carried, the House of Representatives

adjourned until 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 24, 2025. (Representatives Amato, Cochran, Garcia, Olds, and Quinlan were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 23, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1439, Yamashita, Chr.;
HD 1, SD 1 Takenouchi, Alcos

House Communication dated April 23, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 401, Tarnas, Chr.;
SD 2, HD 1 Poepoe, Todd, Garcia

House Communication dated April 23, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 732, Ilagan/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 2 Matsumoto

House Communication dated April 23, 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 made the following changes to the conferees on the following measures:

S.B. No. 1449, House Conferees Added:
SD 1, HD 2 Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy added as
Co-Chair.

House Communication dated April 23, 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 made the following changes to the conferees on the following measures:

S.B. No. 401, House Conferees Discharged: Representative Poepoe
SD 2, HD 1 discharged as Conferee.

House Communication dated April 23, 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 reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 10, 2025, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 110, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 412, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1146, HD 1, SD 1