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THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:09 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ilagan
Rep. Takayama
Rep. Lamosao
Rep. Matayoshi
Rep. Reyes Oda
Rep. Matsumoto
Rep. La Chica

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 209) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 209, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2024 HAWAI'I PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, 2024 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, 2024 HAWAI'I ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, 2024 MASAYUKI TOKIOKA EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AWARDEE, AND 2025 HAWAI'I SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR," was offered by Representative Poepoe.

Representative Poepoe moved that H.R. No. 209 be adopted, seconded by Representative Woodson.

Representative Hashem recognized individuals who have excelled in school leadership, demonstrating outstanding dedication, vision, and commitment to creating a positive and impactful learning environment for their students; honored Mr. Passantino for his leadership in seeing significant improvements in staff morale, student engagement, and academic success, fostering a positive, inclusive school culture that boosts staff satisfaction and creates a sense of belonging for students; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Joseph Passantino, Principal, Ke'elikōlani Middle School, 2024 Hawai'i State Principal of the Year.

Representative Poepoe commended Ms. Pimentel's commitment to building strong community relationships which have greatly enhanced community involvement, leading to increased volunteerism and reduced absenteeism; recognized her innovative mentorship programs; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Jennifer Hera Pimentel, Vice Principal, Lāna'i High & Elementary School, 2024 National Outstanding Assistant Principal

Representative Matsumoto highlighted the significant contributions of Mr. Horstman supporting student growth and uplifting student voices, empowering students to share their perspectives; noted how his leadership has positively impacted the school community, earning him the respect of colleagues, students, and community members; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Jeff Horstman, Vice Principal, Mililani Middle School, 2024 Hawai'i Assistant Principal of the Year.

Representative Evslin recognized Mr. Cox as a dedicated educator who has served in many roles over the years, contributing significantly to the tight-knit, supportive environment that provides students with the best opportunities for success; commended his advocacy for extracurricular opportunities; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Tommy Cox, Principal, Kapa'a High School, 2024 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership award recipient.

Representative Morikawa honored Ms. Butcher for her outstanding and dedicated advocacy for students' academic, social-emotional, and college and career development; commended her passion to help students successfully navigate the challenges of middle school and her creation of impactful programs for her students; recognized her unwavering commitment to student well-being; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Noelani Butcher, Counselor, Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School, 2025 Hawai'i School Counselor of the Year.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 209 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

At 12:27 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1362) recommending that S.B. No. 1185, 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. 1185, 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 Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1363) recommending that S.B. No. 1304, SD 2, 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. 1304, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1304, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDE DRIFT MONITORING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1364) recommending that S.B. No. 1022, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, 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. 1022, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL ENDANGERMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1365) recommending that S.B. No. 140, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 140, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1366) recommending that S.B. No. 301, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, 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. 301, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1367) recommending that S.B. No. 1322, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, 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. 1322, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1368) recommending that S.B. No. 960, 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. 960, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 960, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1369) recommending that S.B. No. 961, 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. 961, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1370) recommending that S.B. No. 1462, 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. 1462, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Perruso

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1462, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INCOME TAX CREDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1371) recommending that S.B. No. 841, 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. 841, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1372) recommending that S.B. No. 849, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, 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. 849, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1373) recommending that S.B. No. 268, SD 1, 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. 268, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Amato
Rep. Reyes Oda
Rep. Souza
Speaker Nakamura
Rep. Shimizu
Rep. Souza
Speaker Nakamura
Rep. Shimizu
Rep. Muraoka
Rep. Hashem
Rep. Shimizu
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 268, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ISLAND BURIAL COUNCILS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1374) recommending that S.B. No. 411, SD 2, 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. 411, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Amato

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 411, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

AT STATE SMALL BOAT HARBORS AND STATE PARKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1375) recommending that S.B. No. 15, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, 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. 15, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1376) recommending that S.B. No. 97, 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. 97, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick
Rep. Reyes Oda
Rep. Amato
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 97, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1377) recommending that S.B. No. 934, SD 2, 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. 934, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick
Rep. Garcia
Rep. Muraoka
Rep. Shimizu
Rep. Amato
Rep. Matsumoto
Rep. Alcos

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 934, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Alcos, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1378) recommending that S.B. No. 1526, SD 2, 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. 1526, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TOXICOLOGY TESTING LABORATORY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1379) recommending that S.B. No. 1043, SD 2, 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. 1043, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1380) recommending that S.B. No. 1038, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1038, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran and Ward being excused.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, March 20, 2025. (Representatives Cochran and Ward were excused.)