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## FIFTY-FIRST DAY

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:40 a.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Cochran, who was excused.

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

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 11) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 11, dated April 14, 2025, informing the House that the Hawaii State Teachers Association and the employer have reached an agreement concerning the re-opener for Employer-Union Trust Fund contribution amounts for Collective Bargaining Unit 5, and transmitting a proposed H.B. No. 1031, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1, to reflect EUTF amounts.

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 780 and 781) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 780, 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. 50, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 153, HD 1  
S.C.R. No. 180, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 781, dated April 14, 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 Bill:

H.B. No. 300, Dela Cruz, Chair;  
HD 1, SD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair;  
Aquino, DeCoite, Elefante, Hashimoto, Inouye,  
Kanuha, Kidani, Kim, Lee, C., Wakai, Fevella

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Iwamoto  
Rep. Kusch  
Rep. Quinlan

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2104) recommending that S.C.R. No. 163, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 163, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OR ESTABLISH VARIANCE PROCEDURES FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND USE EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2105) recommending that S.C.R. No. 143, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 143, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO CONDUCT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS OF THEIR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OR PERSONS HOLDING EQUIVALENT POSITIONS EXEMPT FROM CIVIL SERVICE LAW," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2106) recommending that S.C.R. No. 55 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 55, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE BOILER AND ELEVATOR INSPECTION BRANCH TO INCREASE PERSONNEL RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2107) recommending that S.C.R. No. 67, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 67, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND THE STATE AGENCIES COMPRISING THE STATE'S PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY TO DETERMINE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE THE HIRING AND FILLING OF CRITICAL VACANCIES, INCLUDING SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE OBSTACLES AND CHALLENGES UNIQUE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2108) recommending that S.C.R. No. 135, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 135, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF WELLNESS AND RESILIENCE FOR SECURE AND APPROPRIATE DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2109) recommending that S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Shimizu

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2110) recommending that S.C.R. No. 195 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 195 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Shimizu

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 195, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING A BROADER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2111) recommending that S.C.R. No. 30 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 30, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMANDER OF JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO USE THE RESTRICTED VACANT LAND ON THE PEARL CITY PENINSULA FOR YOUTH BALL PROGRAMS," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2112) recommending that S.C.R. No. 40 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 40, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO INCREASE ITS FOCUS ON ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CYBERSECURITY TO ALLOW LOCAL MANUFACTURERS TO EXPAND PRODUCTION, LOWER COSTS, AND CREATE NEW PRODUCTS," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2113) recommending that S.C.R. No. 178, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 178, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Pierick  
Rep. Shimizu

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 178, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE EAST-WEST CENTER TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND SERVE AS A BRIDGE TO HELP THE STATE SHARE ITS UNIQUE EXPERTISE WITH TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, CLEAN ENERGY, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, WHERE IT MIGHT BE MOST HELPFUL TO OTHER COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD," was adopted, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2114) recommending that S.C.R. No. 65 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 65 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Iwamoto  
Rep. Holt  
Rep. Pierick

TO BE INSERTED: Rep. Holt  
(Submit by Monday, April 21)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 65, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STADIUM AUTHORITY TO FINALIZE A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM AND TO CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN EARNEST TO CREATE THE NEW ALOHA STADIUM ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT," was adopted, with Representatives Iwamoto and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Ilagan, for the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2115) recommending that S.C.R. No. 24, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 24, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO MAINTAIN ALL REFERENCES TO THE 100TH INFANTRY BATTALION AND 442ND REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM ON ITS WEBSITES FOR THE PUBLIC," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2116) recommending that S.C.R. No. 112, SD 1, 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 S.C.R. No. 112, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO LIGHT UP CITY HALL WITH PURPLE LIGHTS ON AUGUST 7, 2025, IN HONOR OF NATIONAL PURPLE HEART DAY," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2117) recommending that S.C.R. No. 131 be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 131 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 131, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO ACQUIRE THE HAWAII THEATRE TO PROMOTE LOCAL CULTURE AND ARTS, PRESERVE ITS HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE, AND FACILITATE ITS CONTINUED PUBLIC USE," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2118) recommending that S.C.R. No. 169, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 169, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE ARCHIVES TO EXPAND PUBLIC OUTREACH, SHARE HAWAII'S HISTORY THAT MAY PROVE RELEVANT TODAY, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND EVALUATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT ITS MISSION," was adopted, with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2119) recommending that S.C.R. No. 12, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 12, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted, 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.C.R. No. 12, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK," was adopted, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2120) recommending that S.C.R. No. 197, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 197, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 197, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 21, 2025, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, JULY 1, 2025, AS CANADA DAY, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND HAWAII, THE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND A COMMITMENT TO NEVER AGAIN ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL," was adopted, with Representatives Garcia, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Cochran being excused.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 16, 2025. (Representative Cochran was excused.)