

## TWENTY-SECOND DAY

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 11:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-First Day.

At this time, Senator Ihara introduced legislative process participant and national committeeman for the majority party, Mr. Bart Dame, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Gabbard introduced students and teachers from DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach Charter School, located in Kalaeloa. Seated in the gallery were seventh-grade student leaders Alinna, Zion, Alizay, Ronson, Genesis, Miah, Hennessy, Reef, Pookela, Anaiah, Kiersten, Jaedin, Isaias, Layton, Tala, Rev, Dakota, and Kamryn, and their two teachers, Bianca Mina and Chayanne Koko.

Senator Kanuha, on behalf of the Senate, welcomed the parents of Tate Cadang, Mike and Vanessa Cadang, who were present in the gallery with their daughter. Senator Kanuha thanked Tate Cadang, a staff member of Senate President's office, for the moment of contemplation she had offered prior to the Senate's floor session.

Senator Keohokalole introduced UH journalism intern Keya Rivera, who was joined in the gallery by legislative attorney Randall Wat.

Senator Keohokalole then honored and celebrated 'Aha Pūnana Leo, and presented the following remarks:

"In 1983, 'Aha Pūnana Leo was created as a grassroots effort with the sole purpose of reviving 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Now, 'Aha Pūnana Leo serves as a local, national, and international model for language revitalization.

"Over the past decades, 'Aha Pūnana Leo established and built numerous programs throughout the islands, helped to lift a 90-year ban on teaching Hawaiian language in public and private schools, advocated for other indigenous people, and raised awareness about the consequences of the loss of indigenous languages. Today, we honor 40 years of revitalizing 'ōlelo Hawai'i.

"Mr. President, I yield my time to my colleague from Kona."

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

"Colleagues, it is my honor to introduce Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā, if you could please rise, and hold your applause till the end of this presentation. Born in Honolulu and raised in Kalihi on O'ahu and Kalama'ula on Moloka'i, she attended Kamehameha Schools in Kapālana and studied Hawaiian language under Larry Kimura at the University of Hawai'i. In 2010, she earned a PhD in Hawaiian and indigenous language and culture revitalization from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She was the first person of Native Hawaiian ancestry to receive a PhD from the College of Hawaiian Language.

"At the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Dr. Kamanā is an associate professor in the College of Hawaiian Language and program coordinator for Kula Maui Ola, the Hawaiian Medium Laboratory Schools, and serves as the president for Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u, a Hawaiian immersion laboratory school for pre-kindergarten to grade 12 students in Kea'au. Please help me welcome Dr. Kauanoe Kamanā to the Hawai'i State Senate.

"Mr. President, may I now yield my time to my colleague from Hilo?"

Senator Inouye rose to present the following remarks:

"Colleagues, it is my honor to introduce Larry Lindsey Kimura—may you please rise? Aloha, Larry.

"Mr. Kimura grew up in Waimea, South Kohala, during the 1940s with his grandparents being among the last Native Hawaiian speakers of their community. He has taught Hawaiian language for over 40 years at the University of Hawai'i and continues his work at Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language at UH Hilo. He is a co-founder and current board member at the 'Aha Pūnana Leo. Often described as the grandfather of Hawaiian language, Kimura's work can be traced back to the conception of core foundational educational programs in the 1980s that launched the rebirth of the Hawaiian language. Please help me welcome Larry Lindsey Kimura to the Hawai'i State Senate.

"Mr. President, may I yield my time to my colleague from Kailua?"

Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

"Today, I have the distinct honor and privilege of introducing the next honoree, Aunty Lolena Nicholas—please rise and be recognized. Aunty Lolena is a mānaleo (first-language Hawaiian speaker—one of the rarest of all) from the island of Ni'ihau who has dedicated her life to perpetuating 'ōlelo Hawai'i and was one of the original mānaleo to teach at 'Aha Pūnana Leo.

"Throughout her 30-year career, she has had a hand in teaching 'ōlelo Hawai'i to thousands of students. Many of her students have moved on to be leaders in their own communities and places of work. As 'ōlelo Hawai'i continues to grow, there are more and more people who have been influenced positively by Aunty Lolena's life work of keeping the Hawaiian language alive and thriving. She recently retired but is here with us today, so please help me welcome Aunty Lolena Nicholas to the Hawai'i State Senate.

"Mr. President, may I yield my time to my colleague from Pearl City?"

Senator Aquino rose to present the following remarks:

"Today, I have the honor in introducing Nāmaka Rawlins. As she is unavailable to be here today, in her stead is Kanoe Fujiwara. She is here to represent Nāmaka Rawlins.

"Nāmaka is the former executive director of 'Aha Pūnana Leo, serving nearly 20 years in that capacity, and the past chair of the Native Hawaiian Education Council. She is currently the director of strategic collaborations and serves on the senior leadership team.

"Throughout her career, Nāmaka has been at the forefront of the language revitalization movement on many levels: teaching, coordinating programs on five islands, and advocating for public policy that supports the preservation of indigenous languages. Nāmaka believes it is important that a representative of the comprehensive indigenous system of education is on the Education Council to express the needs of our Hawaiian-speaking children and families at the local and national levels. Colleagues, please help me welcome Nāmaka Rawlins, represented by Kanoe Fujiwara—please give her a hand, everyone.

"Mr. President, may I yield my time to my colleague from Wai'anae?"

Senator Shimabukuro rose to present the following remarks:

“Our next honoree, Dr. Keawe Lopes, has been a member at ‘Aha Pūnana Leo since 2011. He is unavailable to be here today; however, Ka‘iulani Laehā will be representing him—may you please rise?”

“Dr. Keawe Lopes is a professor at Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian Language at UH Mānoa and the coordinator of Ka Waihona A Ke Aloha, Ka Papahana Ho‘ohenomele. His intimacy with the Hawaiian language serves as a foundation in his hālau, Ka Lā ‘Ōnohi Mai o Ha‘eha‘e, which he opened with his wife in 2005. Dr. Lopes is also a recording artist and Nā Hōkū Hanohano nominee in both the Hawaiian Language Album and Haku Mele Song Composer categories. Colleagues, please help me welcome Dr. Keawe Lopes and his ‘ohana to the Hawai‘i State Senate.

“Mr. President, may I yield my time to my colleague from Mililani?”

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

“Our last honoree seated in the gallery, I would like to introduce Ka‘iulani Laehā—may you please rise? She is the current chief executive officer of ‘Aha Pūnana Leo.

“She is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and holds a bachelor of science in business administration with a major in finance as well as a master of business administration. Ka‘iulani was fortunate to grow up at a time when ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i was once again being used and heard in pockets of Hawai‘i, greatly attributed to the efforts of the ‘Aha Pūnana Leo founders and pioneers of the Hawaiian language movement. Ka‘iulani was drawn by the continued relevance of our language and is now engaged in ensuring the legacy of our ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i, the core of what makes Hawai‘i special to us all.

“Senate President, I would like to ask permission to acknowledge our honorees with their lei and certificates, and may we have a hand for Ka‘iulani Laehā?”

The Chair commented to Dr. Kimura that the members were thrilled he had been blessed with great health and had been able to witness in person the recognition of his life’s work. The Chair then thanked Dr. Kimura.

At 11:46 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 657) recommending that S.B. No. 835 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 657 and S.B. No. 835, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL FUND BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,” was deferred until Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 658) recommending that S.B. No. 296, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 658 and S.B. No. 296, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUBMISSION DEADLINES,” was deferred until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 659) recommending

that S.B. No. 299, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 659 and S.B. No. 299, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET-RELATED SUBMISSIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE,” was deferred until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 660) recommending that S.B. No. 795, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 660 and S.B. No. 795, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES,” was deferred until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 661) recommending that S.B. No. 1456, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 661 and S.B. No. 1456, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO HONOKAA LAND COMPANY, LLC,” was deferred until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 662) recommending that S.B. No. 1457, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 662 and S.B. No. 1457, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST KOHALA MOUNTAIN FISH COMPANY, LLC,” was deferred until Thursday, March 2, 2023.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### THIRD READING

S.B. No. 547, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kim, seconded by Senator Kidani and carried, S.B. No. 547, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24; Ayes with Reservations (Ihara). Noes, 1 (Awa).

S.B. No. 531, S.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Kidani, seconded by Senator Kim and carried, S.B. No. 531, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 655 (S.B. No. 295, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 655 was adopted and S.B. No. 295, S.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 656 (S.B. No. 809, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Dela Cruz, seconded by Senator Keith-Agaran and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 656 was adopted and S.B. No. 809, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

#### **RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 484	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 682	Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Gabbard rose to extend happy birthday wishes to Senator Awa.

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:58 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2023.