

THIRTIETH DAY

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 11:33 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Fukunaga and Gabbard who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Richards introduced his wife, Terri Impson, and twins A.R. and Ruby, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Wakai introduced Kina Mahi from Hawaii Foodbank and Melissa Pavlicek, a well-known figure around the Capitol, who were present in the gallery.

Senator Awa acknowledged his kids, Orion Awa, Jayton Page, and Aurora Awa, and girlfriend, Jaime Tenorio, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Kidani congratulated the 2023 District Teachers of the Year, and presented the following remarks:

"We continue our celebration of Education Week with our next group of incredible educators. The State of Hawai'i acknowledges teachers as the unsung heroes of our state and county. On local and state levels, educators are those tasked with the immense responsibility of cultivating young minds and impressing upon them not only the knowledge necessary to become successful, but important values and life skills needed to adapt to the changes of the modern world.

"I would like to call upon the senator from District 19 to introduce their constituent."

Senator Aquino rose to present the following remarks:

"On the second day of Education Week, I would like to recognize our 2023 Charter Schools Teacher of the Year honoree, Cerina Livaudais—please stand.

"Ms. Livaudais joined DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach Public Charter School in 2020 as a seventh-grade science coach. She started the first computer science program grounded in identity, leadership, and diversity. Her efforts aim to decolonize STEM education by incorporating guest speakers from local organizations such as the Purple Mai'a Foundation to indigenize the way computer science is taught. Ms. Livaudais guided her students through the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow competition and the Congressional App Challenge's national coding competition. Her students won the Congressional App Challenge competition for the second year in a row, programming award-winning apps aimed at increasing Hawaiian representation in children's video games. In 2021, she was awarded the Cognizant Innovation in Computer Science Education Award for her tremendous efforts and impact, expanding access to and advocating for computer science education.

"She is truly a remarkable educator who is deserving of recognition. Colleagues, please join me in congratulating the 2023 Charter Schools Teacher of the Year honoree, Cerina Livaudais.

"Colleagues, in addition to celebrating Ms. Livaudais, I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge her amazing students who have joined her here to support their teacher on this special occasion. We are thrilled to welcome them here to

the State Capitol. Will the students and chaperones of DreamHouse 'Ewa Beach please stand to be recognized? Senate President, may I request their names be entered into the Journal?" (The Chair so ordered.)

The Chair having so ordered, the names of the students and chaperones read as follows:

"Ha'ō Sarmiento, Cherise Duyag, Trez Cadiente, Kainui Cadiente, Jordan Rodriguez, Leodegario Yoshioka-Ramirez, Cailyn Castaño, Chloe Castano, Zailah Thompson, Legend Kauakahi, Titan Kane, Kayj Roughton, Elijah Idica, Levi Cruz Thompson, Aiden Abes, Alizay Iwamoto-Capenia, Lea Leao, Sophia Wallace, Xyiah Branco-Santiago, Chaney Lopez, Chyanne Koko, Darlene Flores, Mike Sarmiento, Sarah Haiola, Flaviana Ancheta, David Brooks, Crisann Leao, Pamela Goodwin, and Crissy Leao."

The Chair remarked that Ms. Livaudais had taught at Wai'anae with his daughter-in-law Sarah and that it had been nice to meet her earlier that morning.

Senator McKelvey rose to present the following remarks:

"It's my honor and privilege on behalf of myself and Senator Lynn DeCoite to go ahead and acknowledge Maui District's 2023 Hāna–Lahainaluna–Lāna'i–Moloka'i Complex Teacher of the Year recipient, Cornelio 'CJ' Ancheta. CJ, can you please rise?"

"Currently in his fifth year of teaching at Lahainaluna High School, CJ serves as a secondary math teacher. In 2018, he completed a professional development course on problem-based learning at the University of Hawai'i Maui College followed by a summer workshop on project-based learning (PBL) with the Kupu Hou Academy in his second year of teaching. The experience prompted his passion for PBL and helped him to realize PBL as a teaching strategy that can enhance student learning by improving their communication, creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking skills. In 2020, CJ was selected as a Hawai'i State Teacher Fellow, as well as the HIDEOE Innovation Grant awardee.

"And in his previous life, Mr. President, he was also a publisher of one of Maui's largest Filipino-language newspapers, so I'd like to mention that as well.

"Please join me, everybody, in recognizing Maui District's 2023 Hāna–Lahainaluna–Lāna'i–Moloka'i Complex Teacher of the Year recipient, Cornelio 'CJ' Ancheta. I now turn the floor over to Senator Kanuha."

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

"It is with great pride and aloha that I acknowledge the Hawai'i District's 2023 Ka'ū–Kea'au–Pāhoa Complex Teacher of the Year, Chyanee Brooks—could you please stand? (I knew I was going to get your name wrong. I even called the school this morning to make sure I pronounced it right, and I still got it wrong, so I apologize for that—Chyanee Brooks.)

"A National Board Certified Teacher, Brooks currently serves as a high school English teacher at Ka'ū High & Pahala Elementary School, where she has taught for the past nine years. An accomplished academic and educator, she has been recognized as a Hawai'i State Teacher Fellow and a Pulitzer Center Teacher Fellow, and is pursuing her PhD in neuroscience at Mahidol University's Research Center for Neuroscience Institute of Molecular Biosciences. (Wow!) Brooks is a strong advocate for assessments that empower student learning and success. She has led professional development trainings for teachers throughout the state as well

as authored various articles on educational assessments, feedback, and student voice. She is a tremendous academic and educator who is truly deserving of this recognition.

“Colleagues, please join me in celebrating the Hawai‘i District’s 2023 Ka‘ū–Kea‘au–Pāhoa Complex Teacher of the Year, Chyanee Brooks. Mr. President, I now yield the floor to Senator Awa.”

Senator Awa rose to present the following remarks:

“Finally, today, we recognize one of the North Shore’s very own: Jared Haiola, Teacher of the Year for our Central District’s Leilehua–Mililani–Waiālua Complex. Mr. Haiola has been a special education teacher for the past 22 years at Hale‘iwa Elementary School. He founded the school’s robotics team back in 2016. Since then, and with the help of Waiālua High School, students at Hale‘iwa Elementary picked up top honors twice at the Vex IQ Robotics Hawai‘i state championships. Mr. Haiola also picked up the Vex IQ Robotics Teacher of the Year award in 2021. His career highlights include watching his students win those two state titles while developing their STEM education. He’s a second-generation teacher, an advisor, a coach, and it’s my honor to recognize our Leilehua–Mililani–Waiālua Complex Teacher of the Year, Jared Haiola.”

Senator Kidani rose and stated:

“Colleagues, it is with great pride and aloha that we celebrate these exemplary district teachers. Their commitment to education and investment in Hawai‘i’s keiki ensures the future of our state, and I know I am not alone in expressing my gratitude to each and every one of our teachers for the profound work they do. Though not all of our amazing educators were able to join us here this week, I would also like to recognize the other District Teachers of the Year who are not here today but will also be receiving Senate certificates to honor them for their tireless work: Malia Draper, Cherie Teraoka, Joel Matsunaga, Shelby-Ann Erdmann, Deanne Takeno, Kristy Taise, and Makena Ale. Senate President, may I request that these names be entered into the Senate Journal? (The Chair so ordered.)

“I would also like to take a moment to recognize our amazing long-time community partner, Friends of the Library, for their continued support of Education Week. Many of us look forward to their annual book fair at the Capitol during this exciting week of celebrations. They started this morning in Room 224. I would like to mahalo Nainoa Mau and the Friends of the Library staff for returning the book fair to the Capitol, as well as to their special guests who have joined us here in the gallery. Gathered here with us are their Volunteer of the Year awardees, who have truly gone above and beyond, providing year-round warehouse support to the organization, sorting and pricing nearly one million items each year. Will the Friends of the Library Volunteers of the Year please stand in the gallery to be recognized?: Dianne Boons, Kathee Hoover, and Maile Tuthill. Congratulations and mahalo nui to all of you!

“Tomorrow, I look forward to welcoming the hard-working administrators and staff who support our students as we continue recognizing our 2023 Education Week honorees. Senate President, I yield back to you.”

The Chair having so ordered (on the Twenty-Ninth Day, March 13, 2023), the names and accomplishments on the honorees read as follows:

“Awardees on the Floor: Cerina Livaudais (2023 Charter Schools Teacher of the Year), Jared Haiola (2023 Leilehua–Mililani–Waiālua Complex Teacher of the Year), Chyanee Brooks (2023 Ka‘ū–Kea‘au–Pāhoa Complex Teacher of the Year), and Cornelio CJ Ancheta (2023 Hāna–Lahainaluna–Lāna‘i–Moloka‘i Complex Teacher of the Year).

“Guests in the Gallery: Ha‘o Sarmiento, Cherise Duyag, Trez Cadiante, Kainui Cadiante, Jordan Rodriguez, Leodegario Yoshioka-Ramirez, Cailyn Castaño, Chloe Castano, Zailah Thompson, Legend Kauakahi, Titan Kane, Kayj Roughton, Elijah Idica, Levi Cruz Thompson, Aiden Abes, Alizay Iwamoto-Capenia, Lea Leao, Sophia Wallace, Xyiah Branco-Santiago, Chaney Lopez, Chyanne Koko, Darlene Flores, Mike Sarmiento, Sarah Haiola, Flaviana Ancheta, David Brooks, Kathee Hoover LeBuse, Crisann Leao, Dianne Boons, Pamela Goodwin, Stacie Kunihisa, and Crissy Leao.”

The Chair commented that Mr. Mau was probably still working at the book fair in Conference Room 224. The Chair noted that the fair had been well-attended and that he had seen numerous legislators and staff with hands full of purchases. The Chair expressed his hope that the event had been helpful to the Library in carrying out its mission.

The Chair then noted that the day’s agenda was short and so, instead of recessing, the Senate would conclude its agenda and congratulate the honored guests and pose for pictures upon adjournment.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 583 to 588) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 583, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the nomination of JASON OKUHAMA, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 584, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the nomination of JASON OKUHAMA, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 585, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the nomination of JAYSON WATTS, term to expire June 30, 2025, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 586, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the nomination of KAREN SEDDON, term to expire June 30, 2023, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 587, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation, the nomination of KAREN SEDDON, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 588, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Optometry, the nomination of WALLACE KOJIMA, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 458) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 458, informing the Senate that on March 13, 2023, H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives.

ORDER OF THE DAY**RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS**

The Chair re-referred the following House bills that were received:

H.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
H.B. No. 70, H.D. 2	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 913, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1082, H.D. 3	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1406, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator DeCoite announced that the Women's Legislative Caucus would be putting together Easter baskets for the Domestic Violence Action Center, Institute for Human Services, Parents And Children Together, and Salvation Army of Hawai'i. Senator DeCoite stated that the baskets would be gathered and brought to the front of the Auditorium on April 7th, and thanked the members for their support.

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

The Chair then made the following comments:

"I want to thank the members and the committee chairs: In the last two weeks, you have gone through several cabinet nominations and have made recommendations that will soon be coming to the full Senate. I was troubled when the governor said that we should just give him a chance and let everybody he nominates get confirmed just because. If that were the case, the law would simply be written that the governor appoints who he wants to have on his team, but instead, the law says we have the duty and responsibility of advise and consent, one that we take seriously, not just for cabinet members—members who serve on boards and commissions and the Judiciary.

"I think what is noteworthy in what happened yesterday is that the nominee to chair the Department of Agriculture had some struggles in expressing a vision for her department in the initial meetings with the Senate, but in subsequent meetings has been able to rise and meet the challenge and, in the course of carrying out her duties, has shown that the committee unanimously supported her. And so I urge you to continue to do your job, to continue to take your responsibility seriously, and we will continue to go through the process and treat people fairly. And for those who are able to articulate the vision and give us the confidence that they are going to come out with the best product for the people of Hawai'i, we will continue to advance those candidates. So thank you for your hard work."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2023.