

## NINTH DAY

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators DeCoite, Fevella, and Richards who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Eighth Day.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 601 to 604) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 601, informing the Senate that on January 29, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of ELIZABETH CHAR to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, under Gov. Msg. No. 546, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 601, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 546 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 602, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Safe Routes to School Advisory Committee, the nomination of JEANNE TORRES, term to expire June 30, 2026, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 603, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development, the nomination of MARY ALICE EVANS, term to expire December 31, 2026, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

Gov. Msg. No. 604, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, the nomination of ANGELA PRATT, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2107) recommending that S.B. No. 2091, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2091, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2108) recommending that S.B. No. 2092, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2092, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES," passed Second Reading and was

referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2109) recommending that S.B. No. 2236, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2236, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Wakai, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2110) recommending that S.B. No. 2346, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2346, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2111) recommending that S.B. No. 2444, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2444, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2112) recommending that S.B. No. 2307 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2307, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

**ORDER OF THE DAY****THIRD READING**

S.B. No. 2217:

Senator Rhoads moved that S.B. No. 2217, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Awa rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

"Aloha e ka Pelekikena. Ku'e no au i ka Pila Helu 2217. I oppose this bill. Mahalo."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 2217, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 3 (DeCoite, Fevella, Richards).

S.B. No. 2213:

Senator Rhoads moved that S.B. No. 2213, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“I’d like our colleagues to realize that we are already required to report all contributions over \$100, so by passing this bill, which escheats contributions of cash of more than \$100, it actually disincentivizes accurate reporting of cash contributions. For those reasons, I stand opposed.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, S.B. No. 2213, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,” having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 20. Noes, 2 (Awa, San Buenaventura). Excused, 3 (DeCoite, Fevella, Richards).

#### 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. 2203	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2605	Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:41 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2024.