

TENTH DAY

Thursday, February 1, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:33 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 Ninth Day.

At this time, Senator Kidani welcomed a visiting member of the Japan–American Society of Osaka, Yusuke Tahara; and his wife, Michiko Tahara, who were seated in the gallery. Senator Kidani noted that she and Mr. Tahara had been acquainted through the 2019 Asian American Leadership delegation created and co-organized by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the U.S.-Japan Council under the leadership of its president, Irene Hirano Inouye.

Senator DeCoite recognized Madi Kalahui, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session, who was accompanied by her dad, Derrick Kalahui; and her grandmother Dee Balfour. Joining them in the gallery were members of Senator DeCoite's staff: office manager Rebecca Crall, Richard Oshiro, and Javen Alania.

The Chair commented that one of the advantages of sitting on the dais was the ability to watch Ms. Kalahui's father and grandmother as Ms. Kalahui spoke and to see how proud they were of her.

Senator Kanuha welcomed Reggie Castanares and Robert Lopez from the international organization and local chapter of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Aquino discussed the Seal of Biliteracy, which was awarded to high school graduates who demonstrated proficiency in English and any additional languages. Senator Aquino noted that, since 2019, more than 400 Waipahu High School graduates had earned Seals of Biliteracy in 17 languages other than English. Senator Aquino then introduced Waipahu High School students who would be graduating that year with the Seal of Biliteracy and who had served as translators for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and Department of Education's Hele Imua summer internship program, in which they translated school policies, created parent-outreach resources, made videos to guide parents and guardians through the online free-and-reduced-lunch application, and welcomed new students to campus in Ilocano and Tagalog. Present in the gallery were Cheydon Agos, Joana Mae Ballelos, Ericka Fay Cadacio, Pauleen Keith Figuracion, Rhiane Nichole Laeno, Deja Lei Pacad, and Richelle Valera. Joining them were program coordinator Jeremiah Brown, Elizabeth Salinas, Waipahu High School principal Zachary Sheets, Pearl City–Waipahu complex area superintendent Richard Fajardo, and participants of the Language Access Lobby.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2113) recommending that S.B. No. 2045, 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 DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2045, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2114) recommending that S.B. No. 2068, 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 DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2068, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, S.B. No. 2216, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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. 3087	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3279	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:40 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 2, 2024.