

ELEVENTH DAY

Friday, February 2, 2024

The Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:35 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 Tenth Day.

At this time, Senator Kidani welcomed a group of students participating in the annual Secondary Student Conference (SSC), which had been empowering Hawai'i's youth for over 50 years. Senator Kidani explained that the statewide conference offered participants from public middle and high schools an opportunity to identify widespread issues, learn about the legislative process to address those issues, and gain advocacy experience by sharing viable solutions to solve those issues. Senator Kidani then introduced Mililani High School delegates. Seated in the gallery were advisors Leilani Riehle and Danielle Castro; and students Ashlee Acob, Maya McKeown, Sariah Banks, Lauren Omine, Logan Riehle, Mari Takahata, Avery Tanaka, and Jaden Kiese.

On behalf of Senate President Kouchi, Senator Kidani then recognized SSC delegates from Kaua'i High School who were present in the gallery: advisors Carin Shottliff-Miranda and Priscilla Matthews; and students Angeli Tolosa, Skyler Tanicala, Jacob Trujillo, Amalia Abigania, Trishelle Calzada, Jeanine Longboy, Skylar Shim, Zinchin Cadiz, Shanella Juliano, and Sophia Badua.

Senator Inouye introduced Hawai'i State Teachers Association (HSTA) members from the Hilo area who were seated in the gallery: Hope McKeen, Aaron Kubo, Tiffany Edwards-Hunt, Naomi Calistro, and Edwin Kagawa.

Senator Inouye then welcomed SSC delegates from Hilo High School who were present in the gallery: students Mollie Liu, Jaycie Menino, Clara Steele, Mayo Nakajima, Princess Kaitlyn Mangoba, Mariella Wasserman, Malakai Keawe-Correa, and Tracen Brigoli-Valdez; and chaperones Charlene Masuhara, Nicholas Yamamoto, Bransen Hatakenaka, and Tanyalee K. L. Switzer. Senator Inouye also introduced Waiākea High School SSC delegates. Seated in the gallery were students Ericka Vento, Abigail Keith, Francis Anne Dela Cruz, Yuma Kamuro, and Micah Tajiri; and chaperones Patti Nishimoto, Andrew Paresa, and Cheydon Naleimaile-Evangelista.

Senator Fukunaga welcomed the SSC delegation from Roosevelt High School who was present in the gallery: students Jasmine Miyake, Audrey Sheehan, Cynthia Ancheta, Rawlins Fukuda, Carly Jimenez, and Xiamara Gallant Ortiz; and chaperone Doreen Dudoit.

Senator Richards recognized Honoka'a High School SSC delegates. Seated in the gallery were students Chrissie Perez-Martinez, Dakota Tavares-Varios, Kiarah Cacabelos, Ed Kristian Agustin, and Brock Kaanoi-Faraon; and chaperone Angella Brandt. Senator Richards then acknowledged SSC delegates from Kohala High School who were present in the gallery: students Kenneth Carvalho-Soares, Keluia Fernanadez, Tyler Pascual, Adriana Jayne Soriano, Jayline Salvador, Merice Jose, and Eden Perez; and chaperone Traci Figueroa.

Senator Elefante introduced SSC delegates from 'Aiea High School who were seated in the gallery: student activities coordinator Jennifer Arre; committee chair Lehi Keawemauhili-

Viernes; and students Kelsy Kawakami, Yusif Hasan, Jazmine Mayo, Alex Karjalahti, and Kingsten Cambra.

Senator Elefante then recognized members of his staff who were present in the gallery: office manager Jan Salcedo, legislative analyst Michael Greenough, and Taylor Sayles.

Senator Keohokalole welcomed the Kalāheo High School SSC delegation who was seated in the gallery: advisor Richard Lau; students Nyla Bonisa, Mackenzie Brammer, Jessibelle Kahauolopua-Young, Felicia Sendrey, and state Board of Education student member Ahryanna McGuirk.

Senator Wakai introduced SSC delegates from Radford High School. Present in the gallery were students Seagull Kabua, Alema Tuumalo, Aurianna Perreira-Bolosan, Jennifer Nguyen, Charles Reid-Selth, Ylene Reid-Selth, Kea Dayton, Aliyah Gerard, Hallie Beach, Alivia McClure, Skye Webb, Nevaeh Forrestal, Jasmine Halwany, Skye Gussenhoven, and Kristiana Leafa; and chaperones John Goto and Denise Mina.

Senator Hashimoto welcomed Baldwin High School SSC delegates. Seated in the gallery were chaperone Michelle Cerizo and students Aileen Kim, Momo Kitagawa, Ricardo De La Torre Jr., Jeremiah Jacinto, Jameson Apana, Aiden Yap, Anica Ancheta, and Zeria Belmonte. Senator Hashimoto then introduced SSC delegates from Maui High School who were present in the gallery: students Emi Sado, Holden Suzuki, Kalia Kaneta, Sophia Kato, Rochel Almen, Alyssa Hill, Donelle Medina, Keirstyn Boco, Caitlyn Antonia, Braeden James Asuncion, Wilson Chau, Euclid Domingo, Jonah Tapaoan, and Aaron Omuro; and student activities coordinator Glenda Joyo. Senator Hashimoto noted that Ms. Joyo had been his state advisor when he had attended the SSC in 2003.

Senator Kanuha recognized the SSC delegation from Konawaena High School who was seated in the gallery. Senator Kanuha requested that the names of the students and chaperone be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

"Students Lehua Norris, Jenna Deniz, Marquis Fonoimoana, Shardaie Frias, Regine Medeiros, and Jaime Ortiz; and chaperone Randi Hayashida."

Senator Kanuha also acknowledged Kealakehe High School SSC delegates who were seated in the gallery. Senator Kanuha requested that the names of the students and chaperone be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

"Students Mahina Greig, Fae Trinidad, Marlon Utrera Jr., Maming Bacxa, Jennifer Corpuz, Mei Kanada, Lucy Cameron, and Eric Gee; and chaperone Bryant Sawada."

Senator Kanuha then recognized members of HSTA from West Hawai'i who were present in the gallery. Senator Kanuha requested that the members' names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

"HSTA Government Relations Committee Chair Hope Pualani McKeen, Hilo chapter; Wendy Nickl, Kohala Chapter President; Jill Jacobs, Kona Chapter President; Amanda Gagliano, GRC Member Hāmākua; Kehaulani Hedlund, GRC Member Kohala; and George Ben Macklin, GRC Kona."

Senator Lee introduced the SSC delegates from Kailua High School and Kaiser High School who were present in the gallery. Senator Lee requested that the names of the students and

chaperones be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

“Kailua High School: students Chloe Ishigo, Iliana Eslinger, Marley Starr, Niccolo Ruiz, Kana Palmer, William Chen, and Selena Vixayvong; and chaperone Sheri Hanoa.

“Kaiser High School: students Peter Vahsen, Rachel Hamasaki, Ethan Yang, Noelle Lum, Gavin Antonio, and Elliana Schiffner; and chaperone Paul Balazs.”

Senator Dela Cruz recognized the Leilehua High School SSC delegation. Present in the gallery were students Charina Gamboa, Landalyn Davis, Erah Tamayo, Dayson Gonzaga, Vanessa Francis Wellington, Ella Garcia, and Trishelle Dalindin; and chaperones Jay Dee Flojo and Kelly Billena.

Senator Shimabukuro introduced SSC delegates from Wai‘anae High School who were seated in the gallery: students Jade Kuhi‘iki, Joelle Angelica Evasco, Kiana Rodriguez, and Isabelle Gallardo; and kumu Linda Jury.

Senator Gabbard welcomed Kapolei High School SSC delegates who were present in the gallery: chaperone Ayesha Ishihara and students Alayah Ortiz, Yzabelle Nartatez, Ayva Claire Tamayo, Rachel Mercado-Bringas, Chynelle Amodo, and Dennessy Bautista.

Senator Kim acknowledged the Farrington High School SSC delegation who was present in the gallery. Senator Kim requested that the names of the students and chaperone be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

“Students Angelica Pascua, Kay Mabanag, Clark Palting, TR Filemoni, Czarina Gallano, Ciana Guillermo, and Viane Nicole Ines; and chaperone Brylee Puchalski.”

Senator DeCoite recognized teachers from Maui and Lāna‘i: Ashley Olsen, Carol Holland, John Fitzpatrick, and Josh Joggerst.

Senator San Buenaventura introduced SSC delegates from Pahoehoe High & Intermediate School. Seated in the gallery were students Hunter Lee and Darius Abeita and chaperone Samantha Fuhrmann-Blyth.

Senator Fevella welcomed the Campbell High School SSC delegates who were present in the gallery, including chaperone Sara Ann Kimura-Tung. Senator Fevella requested that the names of the students be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the names read as follows:

“Jasmine Dumbrigue, Kaithlyn Sims, Oskar Highfill, LeBrent Corky Ramoran, Mia Fetalco, Abigail Taylor Acidera, Kylie Pascual, Landon Espiritu, and Eliza Jade Bautista.”

Senator Fevella noted that the students had advocated for bills related to economics and had discussed their future in finance and economics.

Senator Awa recognized the SSC delegate from Kahuku High School, Lawren Pao, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Aquino welcomed the Waipahu High School SSC delegation. Seated in the gallery were students Lotus Yasuda, Saysha Ines, Jayce Nakamura, Caleb Valdriz, Dylan Takahashi, Alyssa Talioaga, Rachel Tabion, and Riley Salamat; and chaperone Joy Takara.

The Chair noted that when the Senate journal was printed and then read 50 years later, the names of the guests in the

gallery would be included as part of the Senate business conducted that day.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 605 and 606) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 605, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Strategic Broadband Coordinator of the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, the nomination of CHUNG CHANG, term to expire December 7, 2026, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 606, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Health, the nomination of VALERIE KATO, term to expire December 7, 2026, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2115) recommending that S.B. No. 2259, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,” was recommitted to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2116) recommending that S.B. No. 462 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 DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 462, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATTACHMENT AND EXECUTION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2117) recommending that S.B. No. 343, 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 DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 343, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2118) recommending that S.B. No. 1444, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1444, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2119) recommending that S.B. No. 471, as amended in S.D. 1, 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 DeCoite and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 471, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2120) recommending that S.B. No. 2063, 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. 2063, 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. 2121) recommending that S.B. No. 2469 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. 2469, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2122) recommending that S.B. No. 2319 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2319, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2123) recommending that S.B. No. 2107 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2107, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL COUNSEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2124) recommending that S.B. No. 2332 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. 2332, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2125) recommending that S.B. No. 2240, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2240, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2126) recommending that S.B. No. 2181, 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. 2181, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COURT INTERPRETERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

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. 2117	Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 2356	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2746	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2803	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2932	Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3234	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3300	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Moriwaki rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“Aloha—personal privilege to invite all the members to a Kupuna Caucus press conference this afternoon at 2:00. We are going over the Kupuna Caucus package of bills. Mahalo.”

The Chair asked, in good humor, if admittance was to be based on age or subject matter.

Senator Moriwaki replied that everybody could come.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:57 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2024.