

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, March 11, 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, with the exception of Senators Inouye, Lee, Richards, and San Buenaventura who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Dela Cruz congratulated the Mililani High School boys varsity soccer team for their 2024 Hawai'i State Division I championship. Senator Dela Cruz then recognized the team, their student managers, and coach who were seated in the gallery. Senator Dela Cruz requested that the names of the players and student managers be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered. Senator Dela Cruz then welcomed coach Steven McGehee.

The Chair having so ordered, the names of the players and student managers read as follows:

“Players in gallery: Jared Nelson, Nisho Simon, Tyler Cole Tamashiro, Kanoa Zarko, Kilika Hasegawa, Merrick Tambio, Kai Martin, Tayeden Lau, Jackson Cosner, Pookela Tom-Makue, Caleb Ishizaka, Elijah Kuni, Kobi Miyamoto, Ethan Funtanilla, Jarin Kumasaka, Dylan Lum, Kalen Toguchi, Tenku Yamasaki, John Campos, Derek Wurlitzer, Ryken Ige, Isaiiah Sakihara, Rylan Sergent.

“Student managers in gallery: Amanda Matsushima, Lily Heatherly, Ava Cabasug, Elizabeth Fujii, Mia Nakaoka, Kieran Florino, Tyson Nakashima, Kainoa Toves, Ethan Murakoshi, Skye Hyun, BJ Suehisa, Chris Kimura, Jared Toledo.

“Player not present: Landon Lum.”

Senator Kidani introduced Mililani High School athletes Belise Swartwood, girls Oahu Interscholastic Association swimming champion; and Moku Jackson, boys wrestling state champion, who were joined in the gallery by their coaches and teammates.

Senator Elefante recognized former state senator Will Espero. Joining him in the gallery was his girlfriend, Lyra Johnson.

Senator Shimabukuro recognized constituents who were there to support the honorees on the floor: Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, who had brought drinks and paper goods for that day; Representative Darius K. Kila; and Wai'anae Moku Kupuna Council members Lena Suzuki, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session, Lynette Cruz, Ed Warner, Verna Landford-Bright, Gloria Santos, Joseph Suzuki Jr., Penina Ho'opali, and Jasmine Slovak. Senator Shimabukuro also acknowledged Cross Crabbe, a member of Representative Gates's staff who was present in the gallery. Senator Shimabukuro then introduced members of her staff who were seated in the gallery: Patrice Tanna, Keahi Renaud, Luke Henderson, Louis Galdeira, and Sam Peck.

Senator Shimabukuro then honored and congratulated the Westside Striking Club and Makaha Cultural Learning Center for uplifting and empowering the youth of the Wai'anae Coast, and presented the following remarks:

“We have the opportunity to recognize an organization which has committed its time and energy to provide a safe, after-school opportunity for students to learn the dedication, discipline, and determination entailed in the sport of boxing.

With us here today (please rise as I call your name), we have Coach Michael Talalotu; we have Izstyan Shirley and Tanoa Mahelona.

“The Westside Strikers Boxing Club determined that the highest risk of adverse behaviors in adolescents typically occurs right after school. It's at this time when teens often encounter gang activity, illicit drugs, petty theft, and other troubling experiences. With this in mind, Coach Michael Talalotu started and funded out of his own pocket the Westside Strikers Club, going on six years now, to allow anybody from the community to participate, but especially for our Westside youth. He builds their mind, their bodies, and the mana of their spirit. Additionally, he follows their school grades to make sure they are also meeting their academic responsibilities. He has been exceedingly successful at helping kids recognize their own self-worth, self-confidence, and self-esteem. He is the quintessential coach, mentor, and parental figure we all might have benefited from.

“With him in the audience, which is also part of the Westside Strikers—if you could please stand and remain standing till I call your name—we have Verlene Teulilo, Ikapote Teulilo, Izik Teulilo, Amanda Mahelona, Audrey Paaao, Randy Paaao, Mason Paaao and Aidin Paaao, Zion Stewart, Kaehzen Tolentino, Kekai Streadbeck, and everyone else here from the Westside Strikers Boxing Club, please stand, and let's welcome them to the Senate and congratulate them on all they've done. Thank you so much.

“Also, Mr. President, I also want to recognize our other honored guests who have joined us here on the floor (and please stand as I call your name and remain standing): We have Danielle Irwin, president; and Morisa Nakoa, board member. We are also gathered here to honor another wonderful organization in our community, the Makaha Cultural Learning Center. For almost a decade, this Native Hawaiian organization has been a critical training ground for Native Hawaiians and the people of the Wai'anae Coast, propelling them towards a future filled with promise and opportunity. With a bold vision for a world-class educational facility, the Makaha Learning Center is not just a classroom; it has become a true catalyst for change. By providing leadership, trades training, and outreach programs, they're not only breaking the cycle of poverty but also nurturing a culture of self-love and community pride. Their dedication to perpetuating the trades is not just about filling jobs; it's about empowering individuals with the skills they need to thrive. With every certification earned in alternative energy, construction, and other trades, these individuals are learning the skills they need to thrive and shaping a brighter future for generations to come. And they do all of this at no cost for participating students.

“We also have in the gallery Ryno Irwin, husband of Danielle (please stand); Miguel and Melanie Gonzalez; and Brian Silva. Please welcome and congratulate the Makaha Cultural Learning Center for being here today. Thank you.”

The Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately after adjournment.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 667 to 679) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows.

Gov. Msg. No. 667, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, the nomination of TERRI FUNAKOSHI, term to

expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 668, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, the nomination of ROBERT MAHAFFEY, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 669, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, the nomination of CHRISTOPHER LUM LEE, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 670, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Children's Trust Fund Advisory Board, the nomination of WENDY BOTELHO-CORTEZ, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 671, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Community-Based Economic Development Advisory Council, the nomination of JENNIFER WILKINSON, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

Gov. Msg. No. 672, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, the nomination of WILLIAM WHALEY, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 673, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, the nomination of IAN ICHIMURA, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 674, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, the nomination of ZHAOHUI WANG, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 675, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu, the nomination of BARBARA MARUMOTO-COONS, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 676, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Contractors License Board, the nomination of DARYL SUEHIRO, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 677, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, the nomination of GERALD OHTA, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 678, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Endangered Species Recovery Committee, the nomination of LINDSAY YOUNG, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 679, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the nomination of JOHN SINTON, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

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. 1643, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1838, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and the Committee on Government Operations, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1919, H.D. 1	Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1968, H.D. 2	Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2007, H.D. 3	Jointly to the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2046, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Water and Land and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2067, H.D. 2	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2089, H.D. 2	Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2193, H.D. 1	Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2237, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2579, H.D. 1	Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary

At this time, Senator Shimabukuro invited the members to a celebratory luncheon following session in Conference Room 016, which would be catered by the Wai'anae High School hospitality program and include a vegetarian option.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:43 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 12, 2024.