

FIFTY-SECOND DAY

Wednesday, April 17, 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 Senator DeCoite who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Fifty-First Day.

At this time, Senator Richards introduced members of his staff who were seated in the gallery: office manager Margarete Olson; legislative aide Reggie Garcia, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session; and session hire Lisa Carter.

Senator McKelvey welcomed keiki from Lahaina, Kula, and elsewhere on Maui participating in the Kaiapuni program who were present in the gallery. Senator McKelvey noted that the students were visiting the Capitol to address their state government.

Senator Fevella acknowledged Tuli Tafai, a great coach and member of the community who was seated in the gallery.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 761 to 764) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 761, informing the Senate that on April 16, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of COLETTE KON to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, under Gov. Msg. No. 549, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 761, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 549 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 762, informing the Senate that on April 16, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of HILARY OKUMURA to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, under Gov. Msg. No. 550, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 762, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 550 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 763, informing the Senate that on April 16, 2024, the Governor withdrew the nomination of MARCUS INAMINE to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, under Gov. Msg. No. 552, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 763, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 552 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 764, letter dated April 16, 2024, correcting the name of the committee on Gov. Msg. No. 547 (name amended to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee), was placed on file.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 757 and 758) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 757, informing the Senate that on April 16, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 5, 2024,

in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1879, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1); and
H.B. No. 2072, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 758, informing the Senate that on April 16, 2024, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 11, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1597, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 1598, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1599, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2);
H.B. No. 1881, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1);
H.B. No. 2069, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1); and
H.B. No. 2231, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3829) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawaii Teacher Standards Board of the following:

DALE MATSUURA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 522; and

DONDRA OZAKI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 523.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3829 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 522 and 523 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3830) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Early Learning Board of the following:

SULMA GANDHI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 589; and

STEPHANIE SHIPTON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 590.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3830 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 589 and 590 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3831) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Early Learning Board of the following:

JONI ONISHI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 715;

ELAINE YAMASHITA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 716;

ALANNA BAUMAN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 717;

LINDSEY HEATHCOCK, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 718;

KAU'I BURGESS, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 720; and

CHERYL CUDIAMAT, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 721.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3831 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 715, 716, 717, 718, 720, and 721 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3832) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee of the following:

TERRI FUNAKOSHI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 667;

ROBERT MAHAFFEY, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 668; and

CHRISTOPHER LUM LEE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 669.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3832 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 667, 668, and 669 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3833) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LISA VARES to the Hawai'i Advisory Council on Emergency Management, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 687.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3833 and Gov. Msg. No. 687 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3834) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WAYNE HARADA JR. to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 639.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3834 and Gov. Msg. No. 639 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3835) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BLANCHE MATSUYAMA to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 528.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3835 and Gov. Msg. No. 528 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3836) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of STACY MONIZ to the Hawaii Labor Relations Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 529.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3836 and Gov. Msg. No. 529 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3837) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TUIA'ANA SCANLAN to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 531.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3837 and Gov. Msg. No. 531 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3838) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the

nomination of BRIAN TANIGUCHI to the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 658.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3838 and Gov. Msg. No. 658 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3839) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards of the following:

JERALD DOLAK, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 634;

ARTHUR LOGAN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 653; and

GAISON ONTAI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 654.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3839 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 634, 653, and 654 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3840) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARTA REBELLA to the Board of Acupuncture, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 504.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3840 and Gov. Msg. No. 504 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3841) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BENJAMIN MOSZKOWICZ to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 509.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3841 and Gov. Msg. No. 509 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3842) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ANGELA PRATT to the Hawai'i Medical Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 604.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3842 and Gov. Msg. No. 604 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3843) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RAYNETTE HALL to the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 613.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3843 and Gov. Msg. No. 613 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3844) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROSS LUM to the Board of Physical Therapy, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 655.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3844 and Gov. Msg. No. 655 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3845) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Board of Nursing of the following:

TERRENCE ARATANI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 511;

BRADLEY KUO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 512; and

SHERI SHIELDS-HANSON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 513.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3845 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 511, 512, and 513 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3846) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Board of Public Accountancy of the following:

ISABELLA GARY, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 515;

WENDELL LEE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 516; and

ROBERT KAWAHARA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 517.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3846 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 515, 516, and 517 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3847) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawaii Board of Chiropractic of the following:

RACHEL KLEIN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 518; and

JEANNE-MARIE COLOMA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 651.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3847 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 518 and 651 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3848) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Pest Control Board of the following:

JOHN SPEED, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 519; and

WILLIAM LEE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 614.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3848 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 519 and 614 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3849) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawaii Medical Board of the following:

WESLEY MUN, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 642; and

MICHAEL JAFFE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 643.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3849 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 642 and 643 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3850) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Contractors License Board of the following:

RUSSELL INOUE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 649;

ALAN SHINTANI, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 650; and

DARYL SUEHIRO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 676.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3850 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 649, 650, and 676 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3851) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects of the following:

ALAN INABA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 616; and

JOEL KUOKAWA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 617.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3851 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 616 and 617 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3852) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects of the following:

JONATHAN LUCAS, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 510;

KEVIN KATAYAMA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 615; and

NANCY CASSANDRO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 624.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3852 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 510, 615, and 624 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3853) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PETER SEARL to the Hawaii Board of Optometry, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 633.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3853 and Gov. Msg. No. 633 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3854) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of STEVEN CHOW to the Motor Vehicle Repair Industry Board, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 632.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3854 and Gov. Msg. No. 632 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3855) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ASHLEY MARIE CORNELIO to the State

Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 630.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3855 and Gov. Msg. No. 630 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3856) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CRAIG YAMAMOTO to the Board of Dentistry, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 644.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3856 and Gov. Msg. No. 644 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3857) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KRISTEN COLES to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 656.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3857 and Gov. Msg. No. 656 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3858) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DON PEDRO to the Board of Psychology, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 657.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3858 and Gov. Msg. No. 657 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3859) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NIKKI SENTER to the Real Estate Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 686.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3859 and Gov. Msg. No. 686 was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senators Wakai and McKelvey, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3860) recommending that H.C.R. No. 4, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3860 and H.C.R. No. 4, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE NORTHWEST WILDLAND FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT TO ALLOW HAWAII TO JOIN AS A MEMBER," was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

Senators Wakai and Chang, for the Committee on Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3861) recommending that H.C.R. No. 75 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3861 and H.C.R. No. 75, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING THE NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE, TO INCREASE ON-BASE HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE," was deferred until Thursday, April 18, 2024.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3825 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 520, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, and 735):

Senator Kidani moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3825 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kim and carried.

Senator Kidani then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Education of the following:

KAHELE DUKELOW, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 520);

MARY HATTORI, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 710);

KEN KURAYA, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 711);

WILLIAM ARAKAKI, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 712);

WESLEY LO, term to expire June 30, 2027 (expiration date amended to June 30, 2025, by Gov. Msg. No. 734) (Gov. Msg. No. 713);

ELYNNE CHUNG, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 714); and

ROY TAKUMI, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 735),

seconded by Senator Kim.

Senator Kidani spoke in support of the nominees as follows:

"Colleagues, the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on the following nominees to the Hawai'i State Board of Education:

- G.M. 735: Mr. Roy Takumi,
- G.M. 520: Ms. Kaheleolani DukeLOW,
- G.M. 710: Ms. Mary Hattori,
- G.M. 711: Mr. Ken Kuraya,
- G.M. 712: Mr. Bill Arakaki,
- G.M. 713: Mr. Wesley Lo, and
- G.M. 714: Ms. Elynne Chung.

Their wealth of experience in education as well as public service will serve all of our public schools well, and I ask for your consideration for these crucial positions.

"I now yield the floor back to you, Mr. President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

For Gov. Msg. Nos. 520, 710, 711, 712, 713, and 714: Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (DeCoite).

For Gov. Msg. No. 735: Ayes, 23. Noes, 1 (Awa). Excused, 1 (DeCoite).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3826 (Gov. Msg. No. 567):

Senator Shimabukuro moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3826 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fevella and carried.

Senator Shimabukuro then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WALT KANEAKUA to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fevella.

Senator Shimabukuro spoke in support of the nominee as follows:

“Upon review of the testimony, your Committee on Hawaiian Affairs finds that Mr. Walt Kaneakua’s background and dedication to serving the Native Hawaiian community qualify him for appointment to the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Currently, Mr. Kaneakua serves as director of the Hawai’i Pacific Foundation, a nonprofit Native Hawaiian organization that fosters Native Hawaiian-owned and Native Hawaiian-serving small businesses. Mr. Kaneakua also teaches as a professor at the Pacific Rim Christian University and the U.S. Naval War College at Pearl Harbor. Your Committee further notes that Mr. Kaneakua sits on the board of governors for Shriners Children’s Hospital. He has also worked as congressional staff for United States Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. Your Committee therefore recommends that Walt Kaneakua be appointed to the Hawaiian Homes Commission based on his experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (DeCoite).

Senator Kidani introduced newly confirmed members of the Board of Education who were seated in the gallery: Chairperson Roy Takumi, who was joined by his wife, Wanda Kutaka; Kaheleonolani Dukelow; Bill Arakaki, who was accompanied by his wife, Blanch Arakaki; Wesley Lo, who was joined by his wife, Nadine Gushi-Lo, and sister-in-law Bridget Sawai; and Elynn Chung, who was accompanied by her daughters Allison Chung Martens and Kristen Chung Higashiyama. Senator Kidani then acknowledged newly confirmed members of the Board of Education Mary Hattori and Ken Kuraya, who were watching the Senate session on YouTube with their families. Senator Kidani also recognized Keith Hayashi, Department of Education superintendent, who was present in the gallery.

The Chair recognized Camille Masutomi, Tammi Oyadomari-Chun, and other guests from the Department of Education who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Shimabukuro introduced Walt Kaneakua, newly confirmed commissioner of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, who was present in the gallery with his wife, Edda Kaneakua; his daughter Emily Kaimulua and her husband, Kamakana Kaimulua, and son Ikua Kaimulua; and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Director Kali Watson.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3827 (H.C.R. No. 32):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 32, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY THE SCOPE OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN CULTURAL APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING NATIVE HAWAIIAN DISPARITIES,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3828 (H.C.R. No. 24):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 24, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CREATE A PLAN TO DEVELOP AN

INVASIVE PESTS PLACARD PROGRAM AND ASSESS THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM,” was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 2958 (H.D. 1):

Senator Rhoads moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 4, 2024, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2958, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2958, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Rhoads noted:

“This is the mother of all housekeeping bills, and, to their credit, the House found a mistake in it—and they were right—and, therefore, we should accept their amendment. Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2958, and S.B. No. 2958, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

At this time, the Chair announced that there would be a Majority Caucus meeting immediately following adjournment.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 116, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Wakai, Shimabukuro, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 572, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Rhoads as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1473, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1473, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Aquino, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1590, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, Keohokalole, co-chairs; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2070, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2079 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2079, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, Wakai, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2257, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2405 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2405, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Shimabukuro as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2476 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2476, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2513, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Kim, Lee, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2526, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; McKelvey, Moriwaki, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2560, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2562, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2575 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2575, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Inouye, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2640, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Shimabukuro, chair; Kanuha, Rhoads, co-chairs; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2837, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Keohokalole as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2937, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Elefante, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3011, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Keohokalole as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3025 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3025, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3087, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3091, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3092, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair;

Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3116, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Kidani, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3128, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3207, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3305 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3305, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kanuha, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3365, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Rhoads as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2042, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Aquino, co-chair; Shimabukuro as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2074, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2131, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Rhoads, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2144, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Keohokalole, Kanuha, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2329, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Inouye, Aquino, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2399, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2415, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2435, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2443, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Rhoads, Lee, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2446, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; McKelvey, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2504, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Kim, Moriwaki, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2546, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2619, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Dela Cruz, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2644, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Lee, co-chair; Richards as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 18, 2024.