

## TWELFTH DAY

**Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:42 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Eleventh Day.

At this time, Senator DeCoite introduced former Illinois Senate president John Cullerton, who was seated in the gallery. Senator DeCoite noted that Senator Cullerton had been elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1979 and had served as Democratic floor leader before being elected to the Illinois Senate in 1991, where he served as president from 2009 until his retirement in January 2020.

Senator Kim recognized the Hawai'i State Public Charter School Commission and 30 years of charter school law in Hawai'i and presented the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

The Chair announced that the honorees and Senator Cullerton would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 645 to 647) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 645, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Department of Law Enforcement, the nomination of MIKE LAMBERT, term to expire December 7, 2026, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 646, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, the nomination of SUNSHINE CHOE, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 647, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, the nomination of BARBARA TOM, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 9) recommending that S.B. No. 722 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 722, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE," 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. 10) recommending that S.B. No. 261, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 261, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO JURY DUTY," 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. 11) recommending that S.B. No. 598, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 598, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS," 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. 12) recommending that S.B. No. 121 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 121, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE SENATE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 13) recommending that S.B. No. 387, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 387, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SERVICE ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 14) recommending that S.B. No. 688, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 688, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 15) recommending that S.B. No. 693, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 693, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE FOOD HUB PILOT PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 16) recommending that S.B. No. 251 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 251, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 17) recommending that S.B. No. 552, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 552, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18) recommending that S.B. No. 184 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 184, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 19) recommending that S.B. No. 328 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 328, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 20) recommending that S.B. No. 351 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 351, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 21) recommending that S.B. No. 964, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 964, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE-TO-ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 22) recommending that S.B. No. 1071, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B.

No. 1071, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY FINANCING," 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. 23) recommending that S.B. No. 173, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 173, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE," 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. 24) recommending that S.B. No. 263, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 263, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL," 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. 25) recommending that S.B. No. 265 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 265, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION," 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. 26) recommending that S.B. No. 428 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 428, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WITNESS FEES," 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. 27) recommending that S.B. No. 1225 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1225, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII, SECTION 3 OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO SPECIFY THAT THE STANDARD FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IS A MAJORITY OF ALL THE VOTES TALLIED UPON THE QUESTION," 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. 28) recommending that S.B. No. 264, 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 DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 264, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO THE EXAMINATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS,” 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. 580	Jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Government Operations, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 819	Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 854	Committee on Labor and Technology, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 897	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1009	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1037	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1313	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 1324	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1410	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 1446	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 1533	Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1606	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 1658	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 1666	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Kim, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 557;  
S.B. No. 1107;  
S.B. No. 1204;

S.B. No. 1217;  
S.B. No. 1252; and  
S.B. No. 1254.

Senator Kim noted:

#### REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Kim announced that the Committee on Higher Education would be holding a public hearing on the measures on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 229.

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:49 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.