

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Monday, March 10, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:44 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Fevella, Ihara, Keohokalole, McKelvey, and Richards who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Chang introduced Clayton "Uncle Clay" Chang and Bronson Chang, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Senator Chang noted that the Changs were the former proprietors of Uncle Clay's House of Pure Aloha, which had been a community institution in East Honolulu for many years. They were joined in the gallery by supporters and friends, including Roger Epstein. Senator Chang requested that the names of all other supporters and friends of the Changs be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 719 and 720) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 719, informing the Senate that on March 7, 2025, the Governor withdrew the nomination of M. KIMO UNTEN to the School Facilities Authority, under Gov. Msg. No. 625, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 719, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 625 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 720, informing the Senate that on March 7, 2025, the Governor withdrew the nomination of LOGAN OKITA to the School Facilities Authority, under Gov. Msg. No. 626, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 720, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 626 was returned.

SENATE COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Sen. Com. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Sen. Com. No. 1, notice to Governor dated March 7, 2025, transmitting S.B. No. 121; S.B. No. 124, S.D. 1; S.B. No. 311, S.D. 1; S.B. No. 350, S.D. 1; and S.B. No. 1225, which propose amendments to the Hawai'i State Constitution and reads as follows:

"March 7, 2025

The Honorable Josh Green
Governor of the State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Green:

In accordance with the provisions of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Hawai'i State Constitution, written notice is hereby given of the final form of the following bills, copies of which are attached hereto:

S.B. No. 121

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW THE SENATE MORE TIME TO CONFIRM JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS."

S.B. No. 124, S.D. 1

"PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 4 AND 6, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING REAPPORTIONMENT."

S.B. No. 311, S.D. 1

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH."

S.B. No. 350, S.D. 1

"PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO CONTRACEPTION."

S.B. No. 1225

"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."

Respectfully,
/s/ Carol Taniguchi
CAROL TANIGUCHI
Clerk of the Senate"

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. 127, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 344, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 698, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 871, H.D. 1	Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1001, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary, then jointly to the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1194, H.D. 2	Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025.