

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Thursday, March 13, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:36 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senator McKelvey who was excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirtieth Day.

At this time, Senator Kim introduced fifth graders from Fern Elementary School who were seated in the gallery. Senator Kim explained that they formed the second half of a group of 80 students who were visiting the Capitol and that she had met with the first half of the group earlier that morning. Senator Kim then requested that the names of all students and their teachers be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Students Aaze Sutherland, Aiden Fred, Aizen Falaniko-Mailo, Alaimalulua Toki, Aliyah Billy, Aluna Thammavongsa, Aryan Tuiaana, Asian Sapphire Mores, Audreign Agustin, Benn Hainrick, Chosen Aliwis, Cornelius Faasu-Tutasivi, Damenisa Chosa, Daniel Nickson, Darrien Darry, Denzel Acupido, Donna Mae Ona-Sugui, Dustin Chewek, Eddiemore Tangataevaha, Elijah-Hayzen New-Agaran, Emanuel Walters, Enoch Faasu, Enzo Castro, Eson Eram, Franz Abaya, Hevanli Orichiro, Ireynna Navasquez, Jahzekiel Faanu, Jaybo Kaniki, Jazrene Jack, Jeyan Garingo, Jhayden Cris Badua, Josephine Toref, Kaiden Fred, Karina Mau, Kasandra Tapeç, Keakuhinamakalei Walker, Kylee Angela Acob, Lamour Mauricio, Lance Morales, Legend-Blaze Lacar, Leila Faletoes, Liam Nebab, Liliana Techuo, Lily Techuo, LJ Eaz, Lucky Phasouk, Maria Batoon, Marlynn Jemwai, Mckellen Atendido, Melino Bloomfield, Merryann Fry, Okirelyn Rekis, Onivram Bolly, Preston Edwin, Princess Joy Puducay, Rayden Sabino, Rianna Abanilla, Rickjerry Lowary, Rinaja Amor Marcus, Roseleen Tamapolu, Ryu Katzuka, Sale Liufau, Santana Labaun-Gafa, Sa’preyjah Hufanga, Shayston Lauama, Taiaumani Remigio-So’oalo, Tatum Bryant-Sigrah, Vadny Rosokow, Victoria Paclib-Alves, Willy Samuel, Yuna Yere, Zhakea Garcia, and Zhixi Li and teacher Jessica Canyon.”

Senator Dela Cruz recognized and celebrated the retirement of Michael “Mike” Unebasami from the University of Hawai‘i System and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Kim rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair stated:

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The Chair then announced that the honoree and associated guests would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

Senator Kim rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair assented and clarified that his remarks pertained to projects on Kaua‘i.

Senator Dela Cruz rose and stated:

REMARKS

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 726 and 1101) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 726, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Defender Council, the nomination of ANDREW KENNEDY, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 1101, informing the Senate that on March 12, 2025, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 1440, H.D. 1 as Act 1, entitled: “MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION,” was placed on file.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 381 and 382) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 381, transmitting H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 12, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET,” passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hse. Com. No. 382, transmitting H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 12, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY,” passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1075) recommending that H.B. No. 984, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 984, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL LOANS,” 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. 1076) recommending that H.B. No. 1450, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1450, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CLIMATE RESILIENCY,” 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. 1077) recommending that H.B. No. 1497, H.D. 1, 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 H.B. No. 1497, H.D. 1, 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.

Senators Wakai and Chang, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1078) recommending that H.B. No. 350, H.D. 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 350, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1079) recommending that H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS SEQUESTRATION TASK FORCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following House bill that was received:

H.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2	Committee on Education, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolutions that were offered:

S.C.R. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.C.R. No. 38	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
S.C.R. No. 57	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.C.R. No. 153	Committee on Judiciary

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolutions that were offered:

S.R. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.R. No. 22	Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts
S.R. No. 41	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

S.R. No. 123 Committee on Judiciary

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"The deadline to file standing committee reports on House bills with a triple referral with the Senate Clerk's office is 4:30 p.m. this afternoon."

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., Friday, March 14, 2025.