

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:33 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Third Day.

At this time, Senator Keohokalole introduced residents of the windward side who were taking part in his office's annual legislative field trip. Senator Keohokalole noted that participants had met with the lieutenant governor, sat in on public hearings, and taken a tour. Seated in the gallery were Michael O'Neill; David and Judith Kim; Lynette Williams; Bill and Torsie Young; Wilma Friesema; Candice Wessinger; Vernon and Suzanne Kano; Cheryl and Terry Tyler; Eassie Soares-Ha'ae; Roberta You, who had gone to church with Senator Keohokalole when he was six years old; Grace Shin; Randy Kopp; Sarah Henry; and Kathleen Merriam.

Senator Elefante recognized guests in the gallery who were at the Capitol for the 2025 Trades and Motorsports Education Fair, which was taking place in the Rotunda from 10:00 to 1:00 that day. Present from Senator Elefante's alma mater, 'Aiea High School, were auto program instructor Ethan Kwon; Vice Principals Carlos Ramirez and Henri Alyward; and students Kuuleilani Ching, Nathan Mitchell, Kevin Proctor, and Aiko Shimizu, who were assisted by 'Aiea Neighborhood Board member Tracy Arakaki. Also seated in the gallery were UH College of Engineering Dean Brennon Morioka and the UH Engineering Rainbow Warrior Racing Team: Blaise Barry, Alena Bolosan, Sofina Firouzi, Zayd Hussain, Ryan Kawabata, Gavin Kawaguchi, Aadil Kher, and La-Marr Smith. Professor Bobby Salvatierra and students Linkin Begonia, Jeremiah Cacbbab, Cagen Esperanza, Dehl Foster, Scarlett Ishido, Reece Oie, and Salena Rafael from the Honolulu Community College diesel technology program and Charles Dias, president of the Malama Motorsports Foundation, who had organized the trades and sponsors for the fair, were also present in the gallery.

Senator DeCoite welcomed staff member Thomas Gomes, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Accompanying him in the gallery were his parents, Bryan and Barbara Gomes; and staff members Seta Malufau, Jessie Kalahui, and Richard Oshiro.

Senator Rhoads acknowledged Alyn Vasquez-Dela Cerna, whom he had met about 20 years previously while campaigning at Mayor Wright Homes. Senator Rhoads explained that when Ms. Vasquez-Dela Cerna had been a resident there, she had noticed that many kids lacked footwear and had founded the Slippah Foundation, whose goal was to ensure that kids had at least rubber slippers and which was celebrating its 20th anniversary. Joining Ms. Vasquez-Dela Cerna in the gallery were Janeen Dunahoo; Kana'i Dunahoo; Kaleo Dunahoo; and Gail Eckerd, one of her biggest supporters.

Senator San Buenaventura welcomed members of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network who were seated in the gallery and thanked them for their invaluable contributions, unwavering advocacy, and commitment to improving the lives of those affected by cancer. Senator San Buenaventura requested that the visitors' names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Leana Abe, Christopher Alvarado, Lynda Asato, Lily Au, Cynthia Au, Cheryl Beckley, Benita Brazier, Elizabeth Browning, Lark Jason Canico, Mark Niko Casimiro, Laura Creider, Michelle Emura, Elton Fukumoto, Jeremi Ganotisi, Jennifer Hausler, Patricia Huff, Natalie Hyman, Matthew Hyman, Lila Johnson, Jense Merice Jose, Keith Kanetani, Mary Kemp, Kellen King, Michelle LaVarre, Lourdes Marcelo, Uri Martos, Carol Marx, MaryJane McCullah, Ayrie Nases, Christel Pope, Rebecca Vandaele, Mark Vasconcellos, Rebecca Ward, Alex Wiles, Mark Willingham Jr., Amanda Witting, Aaron Yanagi, Michael Kidonakis, Jennifer Kidonakis, Harry Kidonakis, Zoe Kidonakis, Chandra Quinlan, and Kira Sano."

Senator Lee observed that the members of the Senate were part of a larger network of state legislators from across the country, the Council of State Governments West (CSG West). Senator Lee introduced CSG West director Edgar Ruiz and professional development manager Will Keyse, who were visiting Hawai'i and were present in the gallery. Senator Lee then acknowledged Principal Justin Mew of Kaiser High School, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Lee noted that Principal Mew was an avid *Star Wars* fan who had used "the force" of nature and drive of his staff to take the school to new heights.

Senator Elefante recognized Honolulu City Councilmember Tyler Dos Santos-Tam, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Kidani congratulated and recognized the Kaua'i District Complex Area Teacher of the Year, a Senate Youth delegate, the Prudential Emerging Visionary, and National Blue-Ribbon School winners and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Chang rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Awa rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Dela Cruz rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Kidani rose and stated:

REMARKS

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 735 to 738) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 735, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), the nomination of MICHAEL CHINA, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

Gov. Msg. No. 736, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the nomination of GRANT CHUN, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 737, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Defender Council, the nomination of

SETSUKE GORMLEY, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 738, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Defender Council, the nomination of RANDALL HIRONAKA, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this time, the Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1098) recommending that H.B. No. 159, 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. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO QUALIFIED COMMUNITY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1099) recommending that H.B. No. 162, 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. 162, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1100) recommending that H.B. No. 480, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, 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 H.B. No. 480, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1101) recommending that H.B. No. 1027, 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. 1027, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1102) recommending that H.B. No. 1028, 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. 1028, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1103) recommending that H.B. No. 1029, 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. 1029, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1104) recommending that H.B. No. 1152, 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. 1152, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1105) recommending that H.B. No. 1026, 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. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1106) recommending that H.B. No. 1030, 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. 1030, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1107) recommending that H.B. No. 1031, 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. 1031, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1108) recommending that H.B. No. 1032, 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. 1032, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1109) recommending that H.B. No. 1033, 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. 1033, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1110) recommending that H.B. No. 1034, 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. 1034, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1111) recommending that H.B. No. 1035, 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. 1035, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1112) recommending that H.B. No. 1036, 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. 1036, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1113) recommending that H.B. No. 1037, 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. 1037, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1114) recommending that H.B. No. 1038, 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. 1038, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1115) recommending that H.B. No. 1039, 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. 1039, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," 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. 1116) recommending that H.B. No. 977, 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. 977, H.D. 1, 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 Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1117) recommending that H.B. No. 1406, 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. 1406, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT PROCEDURES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1118) recommending that H.B. No. 242, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE BATTERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1119) recommending that H.B. No. 1020, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1020, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A PROGRAM TO CHARACTERIZE CARBON SEQUESTRATION

POTENTIAL AND UNDERGROUND WATER RESOURCES STATEWIDE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1120) recommending that H.B. No. 433, 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. 433, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1121) recommending that H.B. No. 1002, H.D. 1, as amended in S.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. 1002, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1122) recommending that H.B. No. 1296, 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. 1296, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE MAJOR DISASTER FUND,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1123) recommending that H.B. No. 596, H.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. 596, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1124) recommending that H.B. No. 1045, H.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. 1045, H.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL COSTS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1125) recommending that H.B. No. 97, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, 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 report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 97, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1126) recommending that H.B. No. 934, 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. 934, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE,” 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. 1127) recommending that H.B. No. 134, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS,” 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. 1128) recommending that H.B. No. 369 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. 369, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS,” 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. 1129) recommending that H.B. No. 773, 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. 773, 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 Gabbard and Wakai, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1130) recommending that H.B. No. 751, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 751, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORGANIC WASTE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1131) recommending that H.B. No. 3, 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. 3, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1132) recommending that H.B. No. 442, 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. 442, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1133) recommending that H.B. No. 563, 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. 563, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S SPACE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INITIATIVE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1134) recommending that H.B. No. 1169, 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. 1169, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CONFERENCE CENTER REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1135) recommending that H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2 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. 1171, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RELIEF FUNDING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1136) recommending that H.B. No. 1320, 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. 1320, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1137) recommending that S.C.R. No. 20 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1137 and S.C.R. No. 20, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO

COMPREHENSIVELY REEVALUATE ITS POLICIES REGARDING IN-PERSON CONTACT VISITATION AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO BEST SUPPORT INCARCERATED PERSONS IN STAYING CONNECTED WITH LOVED ONES WHO CAN HELP THEM ON THEIR JOURNEY OF REHABILITATION," was deferred until Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1138) recommending that S.C.R. No. 21 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1138 and S.C.R. No. 21, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY STAFF MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE CLINICAL COUNSELING SERVICES THAT ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO INMATES," was deferred until Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

At this time, Senator Inouye, Chair of the Committee on Water and Land, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. No. 511, H.D. 1.

Senator Inouye noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Inouye announced that the Committee on Water and Land would be holding a public hearing on the measure on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 12:30 p.m. in Conference Room 016.

Senator Kidani, Chair of the Committee on Education, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. No. 1088, H.D. 1.

Senator Kidani noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Kidani announced that the Committee on Education, Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, and Committee on Housing would be holding a public hearing on the measure on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 224.

Senator San Buenaventura, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1098, H.D. 1; and
H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 3.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator San Buenaventura announced that the Committee on Health and Human Services would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 1:10 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment and the greeting of honored guests.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.