

## SEVENTH DAY

**Tuesday, January 28, 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, with the exception of Senators Ihara, Kidani, and Richards who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator DeCorte introduced Lora Reinbold, a retired legislator from Alaska who had served in the Alaska House of Representatives and Alaska Senate who was seated in the gallery. Senator DeCorte noted that Ms. Reinbold had been excited to move to Hawai'i and live in Mākaha.

Senator Keohokalole welcomed approximately 70 students and 25 parents from the Christian Homeschoolers of Hawaii who were present in the gallery. Senator Keohokalole explained that the Christian Homeschoolers of Hawaii had been established in 1988 by parents who collaborated with the Board of Education to shape the state's homeschool law and that members of the organization were visiting the Legislature to meet with elected officials. Senator Keohokalole then recognized Lora Burbage, who had coordinated that day's visit and was also a member of the Kāne'ōhe neighborhood board, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator DeCorte acknowledged Patty Kahanamoku-Teruya, a lifelong Nānākūli Homesteader, former Department of Hawaiian Home Lands commissioner, and strong advocate for Native Hawaiians, who was present in the gallery.

The Chair added that Ms. Kahanamoku-Teruya was also active with nonprofits in her community.

The Chair continued on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"I had a chance, walking into my office, to meet Jenna and her four children. She is the wife of a naval officer and lives on the base at Pearl Harbor. And she was sharing with me that her oldest son with her today—although she has two in college, so not her oldest child, but oldest of the four present—is taking AP math classes and was trying to find out how to sit to take the AP math test to get the credits. And as she started on the journey of finding out where her son could do this, her home school is Radford, and they were very polite but unable to help. And as she continued on her journey to find out how her son could do this, everyone was polite. Everyone treated her respectfully, but no one had the right answer at the end of the day until, senator from Wahiawā, she came across Leilehua High School, who then said they would be happy to have her son go to Leilehua High School—of course, pay the fee like everyone else, and Leilehua High School is making this opportunity happen.

"I had hoped to talk to Senator Kidani, but she is under the weather and absent today, but I think that we need to find out, you know, what that policy is so that any of our students, no matter how they're being educated, have the opportunity to get these tests. Getting these credits, if they're successful, helps in keeping the cost of going to college down for our families here in Hawai'i. And, in particular, with her husband serving our country, ensuring our freedoms, and we're not able to help the families who are sacrificing their loved ones on our behalf, is really not how we want to do our business. And so, you know, I will work with Senator Kidani and try to find a path forward that, hopefully, will be clearer and a better way to ensure

opportunities for our students here in Hawai'i. (And, I might add, there were several private schools called that also, you know, were unable to assist.)"

## 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:                                                                                                                      |
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| S.B. No. 74   | Committee on Government Operations, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary                   |
| S.B. No. 140  | Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection                                  |
| S.B. No. 280  | Committee on Judiciary                                                                                                               |
| S.B. No. 301  | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment                                                         |
| S.B. No. 319  | Committee on Judiciary                                                                                                               |
| S.B. No. 330  | Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Judiciary                                                         |
| S.B. No. 356  | Committee on Judiciary                                                                                                               |
| S.B. No. 446  | Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means                                                      |
| S.B. No. 593  | Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means        |
| S.B. No. 755  | Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary                                                                      |
| S.B. No. 786  | Committee on Government Operations, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary                   |
| S.B. No. 792  | Committee on Judiciary                                                                                                               |
| S.B. No. 1005 | Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary |
| S.B. No. 1216 | Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Judiciary                                             |
| S.B. No. 1244 | Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means                                        |

At this time, Senator Gabbard rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

"Mr. President, colleagues, staff, and guests: Today, we have the honor of recognizing the 44th birthday of our colleague representing District 25, on my right, who is currently serving as the chair of the Transportation and Culture and the Arts committee. As we say in the old country, 'manuia lou aso fanau,' and aloha congrats! Please give him a big hand. Aloha."

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:41 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025.