

TENTH DAY

Friday, January 31, 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 Senators Awa, Kanuha, and Richards who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura welcomed participants of the annual Secondary Student Conference (SSC) who were seated in the gallery: Tiffany Edwards Hunt, Elaina Hasting, Emilia Baldan Jenkins, Andrea Antonio, and Khalila-Pietra Comier from Kea'au Middle School and Alayna Kadarusman from Pahoahoa High School. Senator San Buenaventura, on behalf of Senator Kanuha, then acknowledged Kealahou High School SSC delegates who were present in the gallery: Kimberle Maro, Lizamarie Utrera, Julia Cassandra Bowman, Colten Clarke, Williene Cruz, Luke Gee, Lucy Cameron, and EJ Savella.

The Chair announced that, because of the storm moving from Kaua'i to O'ahu to Maui, the complex area superintendent for Maui schools had decided that the students should not travel. The Chair expressed the Senate's happiness that those SSC participants present had been able to arrive safely and noted his understanding of the reasons those absent were unable to attend.

Senator Chang introduced David McCarthy, a good friend originally from Minnesota who was visiting from Washington, D.C., who was seated in the gallery. Senator Chang noted that Mr. McCarthy was a lawyer who was the head of legislative affairs for the Commercial Real Estate Finance Council and had previously interned for then-congressman Charles Djou in 2010.

Senator Fukunaga welcomed SSC participants from Roosevelt High School. Present in the gallery were group leaders Jasmine Miyake and Doreen Dudoit and students Ariana Cadina, Audrey Sheehan, Olivia Butterfly Rodriguez, Kealani Valdez, and Audrey Shum.

Senator Kim introduced delegates to the SSC from her and Senator Kidani's alma mater, Farrington High School, who were seated in the gallery: ninth-grader Arabella Cruz, who wanted to be an attorney; eleventh-grader Angela Kate Arana, who wanted to enter politics; and chaperone and student activities coordinator Grace Domingo, who was also a proud graduate of Farrington High School.

Senator Gabbard recognized Kapolei High School SSC delegates who were present in the gallery: chaperone Kay Gonzalez, Judith Allison from the co-curricular committee, Teanini Colburn and Dennessy Bautista from the school environment committee, and Charlotte Beagle and Tiara Williams from the student achievement committee.

Senator Elefante welcomed Gabriella Rafael, a participant of the SSC from his alma mater, 'Aiea High School, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Inouye acknowledged delegates to the SSC from Hilo High School, her alma mater. Present in the gallery were Molli Liu, Mariella Wasserman, Clara Steele, Mayo Nakajima, Hunter Collins, and Tanyalee Switzer. Senator Inouye, on behalf of Senator Richards, also introduced SSC participants Dakota Tavares Varios, Cheylie Thomas, Haylee-Love Sylva, Ed Kristian Agustin, Nathaniel Custodia, and Chrissie Perez-

Martinez from Honoka'a High School and Tyler Pascual from Kohala High School, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Wakai welcomed SSC delegates from Radford High School who were present in the gallery: Brylee Puchalski, Alema Tu'umalo, Shiloh Delos Santos, Gregory John Cachero, Tatum Antonio, Jennifer Nguyen, Denise Mina, Gabriela Aguilar Salazar, Princess Hailey Asuncion, Ariel Williams, Skye Gussenhoven, Kristiana Leafa, Hannah Pasion, and Christyna Platt.

Senator Keohokalole introduced participants of the SSC from Windward high schools. Seated in the gallery were Leelah James Abelaye from Castle High School; Mackenzie Brammer, Katherine Reynolds, Felicia Sendrey, Ashton Awaya, and student activities coordinator Richard Lau from Kalāheo High School; and Keaulana Cordero, May Campo, Ty Yakuma, Julian Baciu, London Isbell, and coordinator Sheri Hanoa from Kailua High School.

Senator DeCorte welcomed Nānākuli High & Intermediate School delegates to the SSC. Present in the gallery were eleventh-graders Jade Bruies-Omy, who aspired to be a postpartum nurse; Cherish Samarripa, who hoped to be a veterinarian; and Ahlena Ako, who wanted to attend UH West O'ahu to pursue graphic design or teaching; and chaperone Leona Delos Santos, who had worked as an educational assistant since 2000.

Senator Aquino recognized Waipahu High School SSC participants who were seated in the gallery: Lotus Yasuda, chaperone Joy Takara, Izeah Almogela, Alexis Soriano, Jhazlynn Rosal, Iris Soriano, Jayce Nakamura, Tiffany Victoria Tolentino, Tyler Agarpao, Zach Espino, and Tiffany Frias.

Senator San Buenaventura acknowledged members of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association: Hope McKeen, Tiffany Edwards Hunt, and Edwin Kagawa.

Senator Fevella introduced SSC delegates from his alma mater, Campbell High School, who were present in the gallery and requested that the names of the students and chaperone be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Students Kris Corrales, Jordyn Alexis Blue, Mia Fetalco, Eriquel Coffin, Ian Matthew Eugenio, Kuuhokuouilani Fisher, Ei (Lily) Tait, and David Josh Sanidad and chaperone Sara Ann Kimura-Tung."

Senator Kidani welcomed participants of the SSC from Mililani High School who were seated in the gallery: advisors Leilani Riehle and Danielle Castro and students Rachel Alonzo, Trinity Huynh, and Cruz Sagaysay.

Senator Dela Cruz acknowledged additional delegates to the SSC from Mililani High School. Present in the gallery were students Kaila Kutaka, Treytin Cabral, and Noah Felts.

Senator Lee recognized Ethan Yang, an SSC participant from Kaiser High School and Board of Education student member, who was seated in the gallery.

The Chair remarked that there were unfortunately no students from Kaua'i in attendance but that he, an alumnus of Waimea High School, wanted to thank the students from Campbell High School, who had met with him and given him a school lanyard.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 9 to 15) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 9 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO REFORM OR ELIMINATE THE LAND COURT.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Hashimoto, McKelvey

S.C.R. No. 10 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS ON THE TIMELY DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE IN THE STATE.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Elefante, Gabbard, McKelvey, Rhoads, Wakai

S.C.R. No. 11 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION TO COVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL-BASED SETTINGS.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Hashimoto, McKelvey

S.C.R. No. 12 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, McKelvey, Rhoads, Wakai

S.C.R. No. 13 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO INCENTIVIZE COMMUNITY CARE FOSTER FAMILY HOMES IN THE STATE TO ACCEPT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THE STATE’S MEDICAID I/DD WAIVER PROGRAM.”

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S.C.R. No. 14 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF LACTATION CONSULTANT LICENSURE.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Hashimoto

S.C.R. No. 15 “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO AMEND ITS TECHNOLOGY MONITORING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE MONITORING THAT BLOCKS STUDENTS FROM RECEIVING INAPPROPRIATE MESSAGES AND ACCESSING HARMFUL MATERIAL.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Wakai

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The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 5 to 11) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 5 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO REFORM OR ELIMINATE THE LAND COURT.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Hashimoto, McKelvey

S.R. No. 6 “SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCING THE IMPACT OF PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS ON THE TIMELY DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE IN THE STATE.”

Offered by: Senators San Buenaventura, Aquino, Elefante, Gabbard, McKelvey, Rhoads, Wakai

S.R. No. 7 “SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES MED-QUEST DIVISION TO COVER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL-BASED SETTINGS.”

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S.R. No. 8 “SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK.”

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) recommending that S.B. No. 75 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. 75, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING,” 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. 67 Committee on Housing, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.B. No. 135 Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 395 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.B. No. 544 Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 682 Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 691 Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 694 Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 1028 Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 1100 Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 1133 Committee on Housing, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.B. No. 1263 Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- S.B. No. 1333 Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- S.B. No. 1531 Committee on Judiciary

At this time, the Chair thanked the members, their staff, and support staff for successfully conducting Senate business safely, including holding scheduled hearings, the previous day during the storm.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025.