

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Monday, March 17, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Second Day.

At this time, Senator Richards introduced members of his staff who were seated in the gallery: office manager Margaret Olson; committee clerk Reggie Garcia; session hire and legislative aide Maigee Chang; and session hire and legislative aide Magdalena Marban, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Joining Ms. Marban was her father, David. Senator Richards then recognized members of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council who were in attendance for Cattlemen at the Capitol and were present in the gallery, including president Lani Petrie and executive director Nicole Galase. Senator Richards requested that the names of the visiting members of the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, the list of names is as follows:

- Taylor Kellerman, Kualoa Ranch
- Bridget Napier, Hawaii Meats LLC
- Amy Ridela, Kualoa Ranch
- DeeDee Bertelmann, Parker Ranch
- Whitney Boteilho, Parker Ranch
- Darrell Bueno, dB Cattle
- Jim Duffy, 4-J Livestock
- BobbieJo Griffith, Griffith Livestock Company LLC
- Dawstin Hoopai, Parker Ranch
- Gordon Kalaniopio, Parker Ranch
- Roger Rembold, Rocker G Livestock
- Noah Silva, Kualoa
- Jacob Tavares, Parker Ranch
- Jason Moniz, KK Ranch
- Jeri Moniz, KK Ranch
- McKenzie Wildey, HCC
- Randy Cabral, Hawaii Farm Bureau
- Kristin Mack Almasin, Ulupalakua Ranch
- Lani Petrie, Kapapala Ranch
- Bill Petrie, Kapapala Ranch
- Greg Friel, Haleakala Ranch Company
- Keith Unger, McCandless Ranch
- Nicole Galase, HCC
- Tristan Griffith, Griffith Livestock Company LLC
- Pohai Griffith, Griffith Livestock Company LLC
- Brooke Napier, Griffith Livestock Company LLC
- Tim Luton, Maui Cattle Co / Kulolio Ranch
- Joey Loyola, Boteilho Hawaii Enterprises
- Stephen De Luz, Ernest De Luz Ranch
- Brian Miyamoto, Hawaii Farm Bureau
- Janet Ashman, Hawaii Farm Bureau
- Doug Beaton, Puuwai Ranch
- Scott Enright
- John Morgan

Senator Inouye acknowledged visitors to the Capitol from Hilo. Seated in the gallery were the wife, family, and supporters of honoree Rory Inouye.

Senator Keohokalole welcomed constituents who had engaged with him that morning in a lively discussion on Kalāheo High School student Senate politics. Present in the gallery were seniors Mackenzie Brammer and Ava Sojot; junior

Liliana Perrine; sophomores Alexis Fuentes and Henry Poorman; and their coordinator, Richard Lau, and his daughter.

Senator Kidani congratulated and recognized the State Teacher of the Year and Milken Award-winning educators and presented the following remarks:

“Colleagues, each spring, the chairs of the Senate and House Education committees designate a week during which we invite teachers, students, and educational professionals to our capitol to be recognized with floor presentations and various education-related events. Our annual Education Week celebration is an event that I look forward to each year.

“Today, we recognize individuals who have demonstrated teaching excellence, student achievement, and campus leadership. Those whose names are entered into the official record in each of these categories are just a few of the thousands within our education system whose contributions comprise the collective educational efforts in our state. As chair of your Committee on Education, I am moved and inspired by the diligent work of each awardee and their determination and resilience to support our education system.

“Mr. President, I request that the names and accomplishments of all of our honorees be entered into the Senate Journal each day to ensure that the 2025 Education Week recipients are rightfully recognized.

“This morning's honorees include the 2025 State Teacher of the Year as well as two cohorts of outstanding Milken Teachers. While the 2023 Milken educators were announced in April of 2024, I am happy to welcome them to the floor today to be recognized.

“I now yield the floor to Senator Keohokalole to introduce our first honoree from the Twenty-Fourth District.”

Senator Keohokalole rose to present the following remarks:

“As a resident of my district (24), it is with great honor to open this year's Education Week by recognizing our 2025 State Teacher of the Year honoree, Bryan Silver. Mr. Silver, may you please stand and be recognized?”

“Bryan Silver has been a dedicated Kalani High School teacher for 25 years teaching history, special education, science, and career technical education - engineering. Throughout his teaching career, he has also dedicated 23 years mentoring the robotics teams in after-school programs. Mr. Silver has created engaging and innovative ways of hands-on learning, creating the First Lego League, Teach Challenge, VEX, Robotics Competition, and Aerial Drones Competition. His dedication to science and technology continues to motivate and push creativity to young minds and has earned him statewide recognition but also the support and respect throughout his community as he continues to inspire others.

“Please join me in congratulating Kalani High School's Bryan Silver as the 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year. Mahalo, Bryan; you can now be seated. You had to stand for that salutation.

“I now yield the floor to the senator from Hawai'i Kai.”

Senator Chang rose to present the following remarks:

“I would like to now recognize Jade Pham of District 9 as the 2023 Milken Teacher of the Year. Jade, may you please stand to be recognized?”

“As mentioned by the senator from District 18, since the 2023 Milken educators were nominated in April of 2024, we

welcome these high-achieving educators to the floor this year to be recognized. Jade Pham has had an impressive background within her teaching career. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science, she then pursued her further education by achieving her master of education from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

"Although she began her career as an emergency-hire special education teacher at her alma mater, Kaimuki High School, she continued to inspire her students, peers, and community. She transitioned to Kawananakoa Middle School, where she served as general education teacher, student services coordinator, and temporary-assignment vice principal. Her dedication to teaching in public schools for eight years has allowed her to push her career further by being able to contribute to roles such as social studies department coordinator, Hawai'i Multi-Tiered System of Support Task Force chair, mentor teacher, Micronesian Culture Club advisor, e-sport program advisor, and HSTA school-level leader and Honolulu government relations co-chair. It is my hope that this award will serve as a reminder that the dedication and passion of educators like Jade are the true catalysts for change, inspiring generations to dream, learn, and achieve greatness.

"It is my honor to recognize Jade Pham as the 2023 Milken Teacher of the Year. Mahalo, Jade. You may now be seated.

"And I now turn the floor over to Senator Inouye."

Senator Inouye rose to present the following remarks:

"I am honored to recognize Rory Inouye as the 2023 Milken Teacher of Promise and my constituent. Rory, please stand and be recognized.

"Rory Inouye is currently a math teacher at Waiākea High School, having started at Waiākea Intermediate School in 2011. Rory's a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Education and the University of Hawai'i Hilo master of education program. He has been teaching math since 2011 and is the head baseball coach. Rory Inouye is a beacon of excellence, dedication, and unwavering passion for our keiki. His commitment to nurturing the minds and the hearts of his students transcends the boundaries of the classroom, inspiring a love of learning and a drive for success that will echo for many years to come. Today, we recognize and celebrate not just a teacher but a visionary leader whose impact has been nothing short of transformative.

"Just to add, Rory was honored by Waiākea High School last year, and I was pleased to be in attendance with the entire school in honor of his award, and also, we did offer a Senate certificate at that time.

"Colleagues, please join me in congratulating the 2023 Milken Teacher of the Year, Rory Inouye.

"I now turn the floor to Senator Keohokalole."

Senator Keohokalole rose to present the following remarks:

"As a resident of District 24, I am also honored to recognize Kristy Inamasu as the 2024 Milken Teacher of the Year. Please stand and be recognized.

"In the vibrant and diverse educational community of Hawai'i, Kristy demonstrated within her 13 years of teaching her tireless commitment to fostering a nurturing and dynamic learning environment. That commitment not only shaped the minds of her students but also uplifted the entire educational landscape as she serves as a primary school adjustment program coordinator, provides English language support, and as she teaches first and second grade. Kristy's passion for teaching and ability to connect with each student on a personal level has

inspired students to remain committed and connected to learning.

"Please join me in congratulating the 2024 Milken Teacher of the Year, Kristy Inamasu. Mahalo, Kristy.

"I now yield the floor to the senator from Pearl City."

Senator Elefante rose to present the following remarks:

"Proudly representing District 16, I am honored to recognize Kimberly Kim as the 2024 Milken Teacher of Promise. Kimberly, please stand to be recognized.

"It is with great excitement and pride that we gather here to honor an outstanding educator, Kimberly Kim. In her 18 years of teaching within her vibrant community, Ms. Kim has already begun to leave an indelible mark with her innovative teaching methods, boundless enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment to her students' success. As a dedicated social studies teacher, Kimberly's ability to connect with her students and inspire a love for learning is nothing short of remarkable. Her proudest achievement was being named the 2011 Navy League Military Spouse of the Year, which allowed her to support military families within her community.

"Please join me in recognizing our final honoree for today, the 2024 Milken Teacher of Promise, Ms. Kimberly Kim. Mahalo again, Ms. Kim.

"I now return the floor back to the senator from Mililani."

Senator Kidani rose and stated:

"Colleagues, as you can see, we have a wealth of educational excellence in our midst whom we are thrilled to celebrate. These outstanding teachers represent the excellent talent, dedication, and accomplishments of our public school educators here in Hawai'i, and we are grateful to have this opportunity to honor them. A special mahalo for DOE's Alisa Bender, Heidi Armstrong, and Pamela Goodwin for joining our awardees today.

"I would also like to take a moment to recognize our longtime community partner, Friends of the Library, for their continued support of Education Week. Many of us look forward to their annual book fair (which I just attended this morning, and I hope some of you have and if not have done yet, please do so) at the Capitol during this exciting week of celebrations. Mahalo nui to Nainoa Mau and the Friends of the Library volunteers for bringing the book fair to the Capitol this morning. It is a fantastic way to kick off the start of Education Week and to welcome all of our honored guests to such a joyous occasion!

"Senate President, I now yield the floor. Thank you."

Senator Kim introduced Komarey Moss, from Moanalua Middle School; and Derek Santos, from Kalihi Uka Elementary School.

The Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 734) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 734, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board on Elder Affairs, the nomination of BARBARA SERVICE, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1089) recommending that H.B. No. 428, 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. 428, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARM TO FAMILIES," 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. 1090) recommending that H.B. No. 858, 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. 858, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS," 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. 1091) recommending that H.B. No. 1051, H.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 Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1051, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," 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. 1092) recommending that H.B. No. 455, 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. 455, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BUSINESS LOANS," 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. 1093) recommending that H.B. No. 395, 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. 395, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO JURY DUTY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1094) recommending that H.B. No. 1093, 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. 1093, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1095) recommending that H.B. No. 529, 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. 529, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE FINANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1096) recommending that H.B. No. 367, H.D. 2, 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. 367, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING PERMITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1097) recommending that H.B. No. 1411, 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. 1411, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING PREFERENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 103, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 103, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SENTENCING," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22; Ayes with Reservations (Aquino, Elefante, McKelvey). Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following House bills that were received:

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| H.B. No.: | Re-referred to: |
| H.B. No. 511, H.D. 1 | Committee on Water and Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary |
| H.B. No. 1155, H.D. 1 | Jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Government Operations |

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.