

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Wednesday, March 19, 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 Chang and Richards who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Elefante noted that visitors representing the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i Youth Council, under the Hawai'i Public Health Institute, were at the Capitol for National Take Down Tobacco Day, a national day of action. Senator Elefante thanked Saya Shibata and Scott Stensrud and acknowledged representatives from schools throughout the state, who were wearing pink shirts. Seated in the gallery were students from Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i; Honoka'a High & Intermediate School; Kohala High School; Kauai High School; Kamehameha Schools Kapālama; Kealakehe Intermediate School; Pa'auilo Elementary & Intermediate School; Kanu o ka 'Āina Charter School, from Hawai'i Island; Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School, from Kaua'i; Seabury Hall; Maui High School; Molokai Middle School; Kalani High School; Punahou School; Damien Memorial School; Pearl City High School; Hawai'i Pacific University; Kalāheo High School; University Laboratory School; and Moanalua High School.

Senator DeCoite welcomed Douglas Boyer, principal of Lāna'i High and Elementary School; and Rebecca Winkie, complex area superintendent for Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna'i-Moloka'i, who were present in the gallery.

Senator DeCorte introduced Dr. Kolehua Krug, a leader in education, along with the haumāna of Ka Waihona o Ka Na'auao Public Charter School. Senator DeCorte explained that Ka Waihona was not just a school but a community dedicated to nurturing future leaders while honoring the rich cultural heritage of Hawai'i and its kūpuna. Senator DeCorte noted that under Dr. Krug's guidance, Ka Waihona had integrated 'ike Hawai'i into its curriculum and that the school's commitment to educational excellence intertwined with cultural stewardship was a model for all. Seated in the gallery were Po'okumu Dr. Kolehua Krug, Hope Po'okumu Richard Naho'opi'i, Hope Po'okumu Misiipati Karapani, student services coordinator April Kalt, counselor Hakaleponi Nāpū'elua, kumu Pumehana Henderson De Ramos, kumu Rochelle Kane, kumu Kamalei Krug, kumu Ka'ula Krug, kumu Leleapā'o Krug, kumu Leonani Nāho'oikaika-Medeiros, and haumāna. Senator DeCorte then acknowledged members of her staff who were present in the gallery: office manager Malia Agustin, whose family had resided in Nānākuli Homestead for five generations; Bronson Meyers, whose family had long resided in Wai'anae Valley Homestead and Nānākuli Homestead; and legislative aide Nia Tafafi.

Senator Kidani congratulated and recognized an award-winning principal, assistant principals, State Counselor of the Year, and school leaders and presented the following remarks:

"It is now day three of our 2025 Education Week program, and I am eager to welcome our inspiring honorees. The success of our students is a testament to the support they receive from their collective school community, and the awardees we are recognizing today demonstrate educational leadership in various capacities. From principals and assistant principals to counselors and faculty, their collective efforts are essential to establishing a healthy educational environment for students to thrive.

"I would like to call upon the senator from District 25 to introduce the honoree who lives in his district."

Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

"Thank you so much to our Education chair for all the hard work to set this up. I would like to take a moment to introduce someone definitely worthwhile the praise and recognition: I'd like to introduce Joseph Passantino, who has dedicated the past 20 years to education, spending his life within the school system as both a student and an educator at Ke'elikōlani Middle School.

"Through providing guidance and support to his team, they've been able to improve academics at the school and improve student attendance while fostering and combining a culture of growth and success. In recognition of his collective efforts, he was honored to receive the Principal of the Year award for the state of Hawai'i last year. His dedication, hard work, and commitment to the school community and students has allowed both to grow academically and personally.

"Mahalo, Joseph, for all your hard work. We'd like to extend our warm wishes and congratulations for a job well done.

"Mr. President, I'd like to yield the floor to the senator from District 7."

Senator DeCoite rose to present the following remarks:

"I would like to recognize the 2024 National Outstanding Assistant Principal of Elementary Schools, Jennifer Pimentel. Thank you for making your trek all the way from Lāna'i and on time. Thank goodness to actually flying on time.

"Today we celebrate an exceptional leader, a visionary educator, and a true champion for students: Assistant Principal Jennifer Pimentel. Her impact resonates far beyond the walls of her school, reaching into the hearts and minds of everyone she encounters with her innovative spirit and a steadfast commitment to excellence. Assistant Principal Pimentel has transformed her school into an inspiration; fostering a dynamic learning environment, she has empowered students and staff to reach their full potential. Mahalo to you, Jennifer, for your commitment to the school and to our students and our next generation of leaders. Thank you very much.

"I now turn the floor over to the senator representing District 17."

Senator Dela Cruz rose to present the following remarks:

"I am proud to introduce Jeffrey Horstman of Mililani Middle School as the Hawai'i State Assistant Principal of the Year. Let's give him a hand.

"Joining us today in the gallery to support Jeffrey are Shannon Tamashiro, Mililani Middle principal; Sharilyn Pang, Mililani Middle assistant principal; and Ernest Muh, complex area superintendent for Leilehua-Mililani-Waiāluā. Welcome to the Senate.

"Jeffrey's devotion to the growth and success of both his students and staff sets him apart. His eagerness and forward-thinking creative ideas have played a pivotal role in helping transform Mililani Middle School into a vibrant center of innovation and learning. His relentless commitment to nurturing an inclusive and dynamic educational atmosphere has inspired students to push beyond their limits and realize their full potential. Congratulations, Jeffrey, on being named the Hawai'i State Assistant Principal of the Year.

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

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

“On behalf of Senate President, I would like to introduce Tommy Cox, recipient of the 2024 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.

“Tommy Cox, the 2024 Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership awardee, has been a dedicated educator for the past 21 years. Eleven of those years was spent teaching elementary and middle school math. He has served as vice principal at Kapa’a High School for three and a half years before taking over as principal in January of 2019.

“He truly feels privileged to work alongside students, parents, guardians, and community members in Kapa’a, where he is deeply committed to making a positive impact. Currently, he serves as the president of both the Kauai Interscholastic Federation and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association. Additionally, he is currently serving his third year on the board of directors for the National Federation of State High School Associations.

“Joining Tommy in the gallery this morning is Kōloa Elementary School Principal Leila Kobayashi. Mahalo, Tommy.

“Also joining us this morning is Noelani Butcher, the 2025 Hawai‘i State Counselor of the Year.

“Noelani Butcher is a dedicated school counselor since 2011, with 14 years of counseling experience and 24 years in the education field. Noelani holds a master’s degree in special education from the University of North Texas as well as a master’s degree in school psychology. She is a passionate and committed professional, actively contributing to the American School Counseling Association, the Hawaii School Counselor Association, and the Prevent Suicide Task Force on Kaua‘i.

“Joining Noelani in the gallery this morning is her guest, Avery Butcher. Mahalo, Noelani.

“I now turn the floor over to the senator from District 13.”

Senator Rhoads rose to present the following remarks:

“Although unable to join us today, I’m excited to recognize Principal Dale Arakaki as the 2024 National Association of Elementary School Principals award recipient.

“With 27 years of service to the Hawai‘i State Department of Education and as the state’s National Distinguished Principal of the Year, Principal Arakaki will represent Hawai‘i and be recognized for his excellence in leadership along with other national state awardees. He has led Pauoa Elementary as principal for 10 years and is credited with dramatically boosting academic achievement at the school, a Title I school, where half of the students identify as low-income and qualify for free or reduced lunch. The school has successfully narrowed the achievement gap between students with high needs and their peers. Principal Arakaki’s dedication to improving education has resulted in remarkable achievements that has shined through the school’s students. His dedication to excellence earned Pauoa Elementary recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School in 2018. His strategic vision and effective decision-making have garnered well-deserved recognition. How about a round of applause in absentia for Principal Arakaki?

“And I yield the floor to Vice President.”

Senator Kidani rose and stated:

“We have celebrated countless remarkable contributions and achievements, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all dedicated educators, leaders, counselors, and staff members who have made an extraordinary impact on our Hawai‘i school systems. The school leaders we have recognized today have not only transformed their schools but have also fostered a culture

of continuous growth and success. Today, we recognize their vision and passion shown throughout their leadership.

“Joining the awardees this morning in the gallery is DOE’s assistant superintendent Heidi Armstrong, Leadership Institute Executive Director Stacie Kunihisa, and Alisa Bender, and friends and family members of our honorees today. If any of you are here, please stand. Mahalo for supporting our honorees.

“There is still time to visit the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association’s informational booth on the fourth floor lanai. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. today, they will be sharing valuable insights on the challenges and successes in education and how we, as policymakers and community members, can better support our educators.

“Mahalo, Senate President. I now yield the floor.”

The Chair commented that among those staffing the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association booth was Sarah “Mili” Milianta-Laffin, a teacher at Ilima Intermediate School who, with her students, had come to the Capitol in 2020 and 2021 before succeeding in 2022 in getting \$2 million in funding from the Legislature for the Ma‘i Movement. The Chair noted that Ms. Milianta-Laffin continued to be active in education-related issues and that members would find it fascinating to talk to her.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 739 and 740) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 739, letter dated March 18, 2025, correcting the role of the nominee under Gov. Msg. No. 733 (role amended to Chairperson), was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 740, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the nomination of JANET SATO, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 383) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 383, informing the Senate that on March 18, 2025, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 103 (S.D. 1).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1139) recommending that H.B. No. 396, 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. 396, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED COUNSEL,” 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. 1140) recommending that H.B. No. 398, 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. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION," 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. 1141) recommending that H.B. No. 399, 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. 399, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," 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. 1142) recommending that H.B. No. 401, 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. 401, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISTRICT COURT JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1143) recommending that H.B. No. 560, 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. 560, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1144) recommending that H.B. No. 1174, 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. 1174, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST LAWSUITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1145) recommending that H.B. No. 700, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and 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. 700, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1146) recommending that H.B. No. 713, 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. 713, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A RATE STUDY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1147) recommending that H.B. No. 784, 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. 784, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1148) recommending that H.B. No. 1462, 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. 1462, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1149) recommending that H.B. No. 1477, 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. 1477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1150) recommending that H.B. No. 212, 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. 212, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1151) recommending that H.B. No. 213, 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. 213, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1152) recommending that H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2, 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. 303, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE PRECEPTORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1153) recommending that H.B. No. 341, 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. 341, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HAWAII ISLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1154) recommending that H.B. No. 692, 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. 692, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PRESCHOOL OPEN DOORS PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Elefante and Aquino, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1155) recommending that H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1156), recommending that S.C.R. No. 26 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 S.C.R. No. 26, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, IN PLANNING AND DESIGNING THE NEW OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN HALAWA, TO INCLUDE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURT FACILITIES AND ESTABLISH A RELEASE PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH DETAINEES OR INMATES, UPON RELEASE, ARE TRANSPORTED TO A SITE OTHER THAN RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES OR PUBLIC SPACES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Aquino, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1157)

recommending that H.B. No. 164, 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. 164, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE," 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. 1158) recommending that H.B. No. 477, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and 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. 477, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1159) recommending that H.B. No. 133, 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. 133, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SURFING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1160) recommending that H.B. No. 429, 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. 429, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1161) recommending that H.B. No. 961, 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. 961, 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.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1162) recommending that H.B. No. 256, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 256, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1163) recommending that H.B. No. 734, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 734, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators San Buenaventura and Gabbard, for the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1164) recommending that H.B. No. 735, 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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 735, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER," 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. 1165) recommending that H.B. No. 990, 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. 990, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," 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. 1166) recommending that H.B. No. 48, 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 Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 48, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1167) recommending that H.B. No. 782, 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. 782, 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.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1168) recommending that H.B. No. 1237, 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. 1237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOSECURITY," 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. 1169) recommending that H.B. No. 202, 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. 202, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADEQUATE RESERVE FUND," 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. 1170) recommending that H.B. No. 214, 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. 214, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," 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. 1171) recommending that H.B. No. 423, 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. 423, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," 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. 1172) recommending that H.B. No. 430, 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. 430, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1173) recommending that H.B. No. 534, 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 Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator DeCoite, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1174) recommending that H.B. No. 650, 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. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEA SALT PRODUCTS,” 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. 1175) recommending that H.B. No. 874, H.D. 3, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and 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. 874, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PERFORMERS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators DeCoite and Kim, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Higher Education, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1176) recommending that H.B. No. 1494, H.D. 3, 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. 1494, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORTS FACILITIES,” 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. 1177) recommending that H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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. 991, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS,” passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, March 21, 2025.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1137 (S.C.R. No. 20):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted 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 adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1138 (S.C.R. No. 21):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted 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 adopted.

At this time, Senator Moriwaki welcomed Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, who was visiting Hawai‘i. Accompanying him in the gallery was Ian Ross, with the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center.

Senator DeCorte recognized two constituents who were in attendance for National Take Down Tobacco Day and were seated in the gallery: Malia-Lehua Ball and Jamie Lyn Agor.

The Chair commented that he had participated in a one-day seminar with honoree Joseph Passantino and had been impressed with his passion for education. The Chair added that he had been so impressed, he had recognized Principal Passantino when they had ridden the same elevator that morning. The Chair stated that he was not surprised to see Principal Passantino on the Senate floor that day.

The Chair then requested that members of the Majority report to the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment and the greeting of honored guests.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:58 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025.