

## THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

## Thursday, March 20, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:31 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-Fifth Day.

The Chair then stated:

"Before moving to introductions, I need to leave and will also be absent tomorrow. Normally, Senator Kidani, the vice president, would succeed me here on the rostrum, but she's also in charge of Education Week and has put so much work into all of the people we're honoring, and you can't do that from the rostrum. So I'm going to ask Senator Ihara to please come forward to preside over the meeting after I call the recess to get us back into order so that Senator Kidani can do the great job of recognizing all the wonderful educators not just here but in our full gallery and, again, we'll allow her to do that tomorrow as Senator Ihara will preside tomorrow as well."

At 11:33 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:34 a.m., with Senator Ihara in the Chair.

At this time, Senator McKelvey recognized students and educators from two schools who were at the Capitol for the student showcase. Seated in the gallery were Lori Koyama, Sofiya Cartegena, Margorie Carillo, Brielle Ramelb, Cami Yasutake, Khrislyn Solano, and Travis Utrillo from Lahaina Intermediate School. Senator McKelvey also acknowledged Kihei Charter School students and requested that their names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Katalina Perry, Maddox DelleFave, Michael May, Mia Rutheford, Lily Rutheford, Brandon Hazlet, Gene Zarro, and Micheal Stubbs."

Senator DeCoite welcomed students, administrators, and chaperones in attendance for the student showcase that was taking place on the fourth floor of the Capitol. Present in the gallery were visitors from Pukalani Elementary School, in Upcountry Maui; Lāna'i High and Elementary School; and Kaunakakai Elementary School, on Moloka'i. Senator DeCoite requested that the names of the guests be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Pukalani Elementary School: Gary Kanamori (Principal); Janelle Tamayose (STEMworks Coor); Melody Ziegler (Curriculum); and students Makana Ramos, Lindsay Kosaka, Naiya Sanorjo, and Nolan Davidson.

"Lāna'i High and Elementary School: Eunice Espirtu, Carla Ramos, Aira Agmata, Princess Baltero, Roxie Sumalbag, Elena Riel, Jessa Acagoili, Jerico Jaramillo, Michelle Fujie-Kaauamo, Jedidiah Sandi, Jake Ropa, Sharmain Elan, Micah K., Taimane Fauatea, Zachariah Manpule, Naighgel Sudio, Michele Holsomback, and Natalie Ropa.

"Kaunakakai Elementary School: Daniel Espaniola (Principal); David Gonzales (Teacher); and student Gabriel Gonzales."

Senator Inouye introduced students from the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy who were in attendance for Student Advocacy Day in conjunction with Education Week: Nanea Lum, Daniel Yee, Andrew Jones, Jay Jay Libao, Poala Olvera-Munoz, Ronel Quebral, Kristen Kasal, Alyssa Joy Fulinara, Yern Florendo, Kamahao Kini-Lopes, Cierra Fujimoto, Stephanie Seip, Cherisse Villanueva, Zachary James Corpuz, and Jaydel Teppang. Accompanying them in the gallery were College of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Rae Matsumoto and Dr. Corrie Sanders of the Hawaii Pharmacists Association, who had helped coordinate the visit. Senator Inouye also welcomed visitors from the Hilo district who were seated in the gallery: Principal Travis Toriano and students Kyani Samson, Temple Conrad, and Lora Manarpac from Hilo Intermediate School; Principal Lisa Souza and students Aria Grace and Mila Lee from Waiākea Intermediate School; and students Malakai Keawe-Correa, Sunita Sipinga, and Keoni Randolph from Hilo High School.

Senator DeCorte acknowledged guests from schools on the Wai'anae Coast who were present in the gallery: Principal Sheldon Konno from Wai'anae Elementary School; Ms. Dana Hoppe; Mr. Tyson Arasato; and students Hyrum Tom, Jazra Oliveria-Nunes, and Mayjean Wakinekona Kahananui from the Wai'anae High School Marine Science Learning Center; Dr. Melissa Shimanuki, Dr. Jamie Cruz, and student Juliana Cruz from Kamaile Academy; and Mr. Richard Enright; Mr. David Kaniaupio; and students Daven Melchor, Jaylin Pablo, and Erixon Fulgencio from the Nānākuli High & Intermediate School robotics team. Senator DeCorte then recognized Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area Superintendent Disa Hauge, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Kanuha introduced students and teachers from Kahakai Elementary School in Kailua-Kona, his alma mater; and students, educators, and administrators from Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary School who were present in the gallery. On behalf of Senate President Kouchi, Senator Kanuha also welcomed educators, administrators, and students from Kōloa Elementary School and Kapa'a High School, both located on Kaua'i, who were seated in the gallery. Senator Kanuha requested that the names of the guests be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

"Kahakai Elementary School: Kori Takaki (Principal); Bree Wee (Teacher); Elissa Fiedler (Teacher); Jessica Young (Counselor); Yuki Lyons-Yglesias; Stephanie Yokoyama (Teacher); and students Yuki Lyons-Yglesias, Liv Josol, Cohen Fediuk, and Kristen DeVito.

"Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary School: Sharon Beck (Principal); Justin Canelas (Project Director); Ulu Makuakane (Student Coordinator); and students Kona Smith, Chazlyn Mukiuni, Waileia Kainoa-Barawis, Kayson Pagan, Nyori Soriano, and Herika Lokot.

"Kōloa Elementary School: Leila Maeda-Kobayashi (Principal); Lisa Finch (SSC); and students Kiani Farias, Sydney Kaauwai, Alakea Kaiminauao, Ayanna Ragsac, and Maverick Sand.

"Kapa'a High School: Thomas Cox (Principal); Kara Kitamura (Teacher); and students Alexis Telles; Zion Kamana Rapozo; Julius Castro, Jr.; Waionohia Kitamura; Curren Pope; and Alena Abell."

Senator Gabbard acknowledged guests from Honouliuli Middle School, which played a large role in shaping the future of keiki in his district. Present in the gallery were Principal

Todd Fujimori; student activities coordinator Gay Young; counselor Evie Joy Chan; and students Milana Sabal, Max Huang, Sofia Silverman, Diesel Roncal, Annelyn Guieb, and Ysabelle Closa.

Senator San Buenaventura introduced visitors from the easternmost part of the state who were seated in the gallery: Lilynoe Lee, Isaac Padilla, and those who had escorted them, including Chris Ho, from Kea'au High School; maroon-wearing students Hāweo Māka'imoku, Lawena Toribio, and Palikapu Wilson from charter school Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u; and Principal Kim Williamson from Pahoā High & Intermediate School.

Senator Kim welcomed guests who were at the Capitol to participate in the student showcase. Present in the gallery were eighth graders Kalani Milne, Xanalei To'o, Brooklyn Daquiaog, Norbert Teves, Camille Doroni-Wong, and Ayana Cabanit and Vice Principal Cindy Ching from Dole Middle School in Kalihi, where Senator Kim had grown up; and seventh graders Karen deBum, Yihen He, Pono Meyer, Ashdon Reid, Rylie Yee, and Justin Xu and teachers Channing Galutira, Sherry Cassetta, and Jennifer Provencio from Moanalua Middle School, located in Moanalua, where Senator Kim resided. Senator Kim thanked the visitors from Moanalua Middle School for the kalo plant and thoughtful gift bag they had presented her.

Senator Wakai recognized U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, who was joined in the gallery by state Department of Education Superintendent Keith Hayashi.

Senator Inouye explained that the guests she had introduced from Hilo Intermediate School, Waiākea Intermediate School, and Hilo High School were those who had visited her office before acknowledging all visitors from those schools who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Aquino introduced Principal Aaron Tominaga, Mrs. Matsubayashi, and students from Waipahu Elementary School, who were present in the gallery. Senator Aquino also welcomed students and administrators from Hawai'i Technology Academy.

Senator Fevella recognized two students from Campbell High School who were participating in the student showcase: Natalie Watts, lead ambassador for the school's STEM Academy; and Emily Loos, who had recently been admitted to an Ivy League school. Accompanying them in the gallery were Vice Principal Barry McCorkell and teacher Vanessa Sanchez. Senator Fevella then acknowledged Nestor Garcia, from the Office of U.S. Representative Ed Case, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator Aquino welcomed Pearl City–Waipahu Complex Area Superintendent Richard Fajardo, who was present in the gallery.

Senator Richards introduced guests from the Kohala Middle School Young Innovators Program who were seated in the gallery and requested that their names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Trisha Sanborn (Principal); Renee Bautista (VP); Ramzen 'Kekai' Coakley (YIP Coordinator/ELA Teacher); Chyler Imai (Math Teacher); Brandon Utemei Pollard (Science/Math Teacher); and students Jimmy Lau, Ishen Salvador, Rain Imasa, Prometheus Santiago, Autumn Mosely, and Ayzia Godoy.”

Senator Hashimoto acknowledged visitors from Lihikai Elementary School in Central Maui who were present in the gallery: Principal Barbara Oura Tavares, who had been his high school vice principal; students; and teachers. Senator Hashimoto also recognized the complex area superintendents

from Maui County, who were seated in the gallery: Lori Yatsushiro and Rebecca Winkie. Senator Hashimoto requested that the names of the Lihikai Elementary School students be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Jack Eitel, Rio Jayden Saludares, Augustine Diamond, and Kayton McLeod.”

Senator Lee, on behalf of Senator Keohokalole and himself, welcomed guests from schools on the windward side of O'ahu that he had met with that morning and who were present in the gallery: Principal Allyson Doherty and students from Kailua Elementary School and Principal Noel Richardson and students from Enchanted Lake Elementary School.

Senator Dela Cruz introduced additional participants of the student showcase. Seated in the gallery were students Harley Vila, Julia Mitchell, Dominik Haney, Tyson Shinsato, Mayci Oshita, and Gabrielle Pascua; teachers Erin Ishikawa and Michael Diggs; Vice Principal Jeffrey Horstman; and Principal Shannon Tamashiro from Mililani Middle School and students Kaimana Martinez, Sydnee Luta, and Addyson Perna; cybersecurity teacher Brent Yamagata; and Principal Jason Nakamoto from Leilehua High School.

Senator Kidani congratulated and recognized Complex Area Teachers of the Year and the Charter School Teacher of the Year and presented the following remarks:

“It's so wonderful to see all of our students here in the gallery this morning. We continue our fourth day into this year's Education Week program. Each year, our Hawai'i State Department of Education solicits nominations for classroom educators to be honored as Complex Area Teachers of the Year. One teacher is selected by a committee from each of the DOE school complex areas and one from public charter school campuses. Today, we get the opportunity to recognize these specific individuals. Due to the number of awardees today, I ask that you please hold your applause until all awardees are recognized.

“On behalf of the senator from District 10, I have the tremendous honor of recognizing three of our dedicated educators who are constituents of his district.

“Joining us today is Robin Barros, Charter School Teacher of the Year.

“Robin is an artist committed to uniting the community through art and examining the relationships that bind communities to the 'āina—teaching and designing a nature-based art curriculum and sculpture course, multimedia electives, and interdisciplinary sustainability classes; overseeing roles such as yearbook coordinator, faculty representative for HSTA, and school leadership team. Mahalo, Robin. You may be seated.

“I now yield the floor to the senator from District 22.”

Senator DeCorte rose to present the following remarks:

“It is my pleasure to introduce my constituent, Leeward District's Nānākuli–Wai'anae Complex Area Teacher of the Year, Tennale Clark. Tennale, here on the Senate chamber floor, you may stand to be recognized, which you already have.

“Tennale is a homegrown educator who has dedicated the last five years to fourth- and fifth-grade students at Wai'anae Elementary School. She coordinated quarterly career days and student-led career fairs, ensuring exposure to various careers and trade pathways. Beyond this initiative, Tennale has also served as a teacher candidate mentor and fifth-grade level chair. Congratulations, Tennale, and continue to do as your school motto says: 'Keep swimming'! Please be seated.

“And I now yield the floor to the Senator from District 2.”

Senator San Buenaventura rose to present the following remarks:

“I am honored to recognize my constituent, Hawai‘i District’s Ka‘ū–Kea‘au–Pāhoā Complex Teacher of the Year, Leah Gouker, who is with us today. Please stand to be recognized.

“So Leah Gouker is a seventh- and eleventh-grade social studies teacher at her alma mater, Pāhoā High & Intermediate School, in Puna, Hawai‘i. She’s a grassroots community activist and has spent the last two decades working with many local nonprofit organizations and governmental entities. You see her all over Puna. Since 2022, Leah has worked in a second position at PHIS, running ‘Aha Lamakū ‘Oia‘i‘o, an ‘āina/project-based leadership program for high school students. Leah is dedicated to bettering her community through social, environmental, political, and economic justice for the Kānaka Maoli. Mahalo, Leah. You may be seated.

“Although unable to join us today, the next honoree from my district is also a constituent, Jonathan Peralto of the Hilo–Waiākea complex area’s Teacher of the Year. He started working in education in 2008 as an educational assistant and substitute teacher. Jonathan’s first teaching job was in the 2010–2011 school year at Hilo High School, his alma mater. Most of his career has been at Waiākea Intermediate School, and it has been the intermediate school where he was able to grow and excel as an educator. Jonathan also developed and expanded the National History Day program. Congratulations and mahalo for your contributions, wherever you are, to education!

“I now yield the floor to the Senate Majority Leader, Senator Kanuha.”

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

“I would like to take a moment to recognize West Hawai‘i’s District Honoka‘a–Kealakhe–Kohala–Konawaena Complex Area Teacher of the Year, Karla ‘Viviana’ Martinez. Please stand to be recognized.

“Karla ‘Viviana’ Martinez is an English language learner coordinator and teacher at Konawaena High School. She has taught in the Konawaena complex area since 2014, beginning her career as a Teach for America Corps member. Using her professional training and life experience, she leads a community-wide effort to support multilingual learners. Her advocacy has resulted in statewide legal protections for immigrant children, a parent engagement network for South Kona’s multilingual families, and a Multilingual Empowerment Center at her school. Absolutely amazing! Congratulations, Karla! We really appreciate you being here.

“I now yield the floor to the senator from District 6.”

Senator McKelvey rose to present the following remarks:

“I’m proud to introduce the next awardee who lives in my district, Jessie O’Neill-Prest. Could you please stand to be recognized?”

“Jesse is Maui District’s Baldwin–Kekaulike–Kūlanihāko‘i–Maui Complex Area Teacher of the Year and is here with us today. She is the curriculum coordinator at Kihei Elementary School in Kihei, Maui, with over 16 years of education experience. She’s been a dedicated teacher, mentor, and active member of the Kihei community. She’s also involved in community organizations like Island Aquatics and Grow Some Good. Throughout her career, she has focused on literacy, arts integration, place-based learning, and aquatics. Her notable contributions include rebuilding the school library, creating the school garden, establishing an electives department, and

working with alumni and cultural practitioners to develop a new school oli. She is passionate about fostering engaging educational experiences that empower students to become lifelong learners. Aloha and congratulations again. You may be seated.

“Also, Mr. President and members, while unable to join us today, I would also like to recognize Jamie ‘Kumu Eva’ Palakiko, Maui District’s Hāna–Lahainaluna–Lāna‘i–Moloka‘i Complex Area Teacher of the Year. She is an esteemed educator at Lahainaluna High School, teaching Hawaiian language, hula, Hawaiian history, and participation in democracy classes. She has enriched her school’s cultural and academic environment by leading celebrations like Lā Kū‘oko‘a Ho‘olaule‘a and David Malo Day. She uses education and culture to utilize innovative approaches to cultivate high-quality environments of teaching and learning where students can thrive. Mahalo and congratulations, Kumu Eva, back in Lahaina side!

“And now, I’d like to yield the floor to the senator from District 24.”

Senator Keohokalole rose to present the following remarks:

“I have the honor of recognizing Lauren Collier, Windward District’s Castle–Kahuku Complex Teacher of the Year. While unable to join us today, Lauren Collier has been a special education teacher for the past twelve years, with seven of those years spent at Kāne‘ohe Elementary School, where she serves as the special education department head. In this role, she tirelessly advocates not only for individuals with disabilities but for all students to receive high-quality academic instruction and resources. Lauren’s leadership and expertise extend beyond her classroom as she collaborates with colleagues, school leaders, and decision-makers to elevate the educational experience for students with disabilities. Ho‘omaika‘i, Lauren!

“I now yield the floor to the senator from Wahiawā.”

Senator Dela Cruz rose to present the following remarks:

“While not present with us today, I am happy to recognize two awardees who are constituents in my district: Ian Cablay, Central District’s Leilehua–Mililani–Waialua Complex Teacher of the Year, and Erin Takamura-Luu, Leeward District’s ‘Aiea–Moanalua–Radford Complex Teacher of the Year.

“Ian has been the band director at Waialua High & Intermediate School for 15 years. He started the program with only 15 students, which has now flourished to 200! Currently, almost half the school’s population is enrolled in band. During his time at Waialua High & Intermediate School, Ian was honored and grateful to have received numerous awards, including OC16’s Outstanding Educator Award in 2011, the 2012 TEAM Excellence Award of Merit for Central District, the 2013 Lex Brodie ‘Thank You...Very Much’ Award, Waialua Bulldog Strong award, and the 2024 College of Education Teach Hero Certificate. Ian has also recently started the first lion dance team in the DOE.

“The next honoree is Erin Takamura-Luu, who was also unable to join us today. Erin is a first-grade teacher whose approach to education focuses on meeting students where they are academically and emotionally positioned. By fostering a strong sense of classroom community, she encourages her students to embrace their full potential. She also created an innovative Hero Class, which inspires students to unleash their inner hero. The exercise reminds students that nothing is impossible and empowers them to adopt a hero’s mindset, make good choices, reflect on their actions, and pursue excellence.

“Congratulations to Ian and Erin! Mahalo.

“I now yield the floor to the Senator from ‘Ewa.”

Senator Fevella rose to present the following remarks:

“Although unable to join us today, I’m proudly recognizing Kim Virtudazo, who lives in my district, as the Leeward District Campbell–Kapolei Complex Teacher of the Year. Kim began teaching ninth-grade ELA in 2012 at James Campbell High School. She held plenty of roles on campus. Her greatest professional accomplishment was earning her National Board Certification in ELA. As an academy coordinator, she worked with community stakeholders to provide students with opportunities to explore their post-secondary options. Mahalo, Kim!

“I now yield the floor to the senator representing Kailua and Waimānalo.”

Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

“I am happy to recognize today Nicole Laeha from our side of the island, this year’s Windward District Kailua–Kalāheo Complex Area Teacher of the Year. Unfortunately, she is not able to join us today. But Nicole teaches seventh- and eighth-grade STEM at Kailua Intermediate School, exemplifying dedication to fostering innovation and collaboration with her students. As the director of Kailua Intermediate’s esports team and drones club, she has transformed traditional educational models by integrating cutting-edge technology and activities into her curriculum. (I just gotta say: That sounds amazing! I actually wish I could be back in school right now.) She’s also forged partnerships with public and private schools to advance drone racing and has seamlessly incorporated artificial intelligence into the context of her lessons. Nicole’s leadership in developing the school’s esports program from the ground up has provided her students with new opportunities to participate in team sports and explore pathways for future esports scholarships. Congratulations to Nicole!

“I now yield the floor back to the senator from District 18.”

Senator Kidani rose to present the following remarks:

“Although unable to attend today’s floor session, I would like to recognize two additional awardees on behalf of Senator Ihara for their accomplishments. Jennifer Sato has been awarded Kaimukī–McKinley–Roosevelt Complex Area Teacher of the Year and Sherry Tenn awarded as Leeward District’s Pearl City–Waipahu Complex Area Teacher of the Year.

“Jennifer Sato has been an exemplary educator, serving as an academic coach and student council advisor at Kūhiō Elementary School, supporting students from preschool through fifth grade. Earning a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and a master’s degree in curriculum studies from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, she has utilized her passion and drive of learning to motivate our students.

“Sherry Tenn has dedicated her educational career at Waipahu High School, where she began as a student teacher under Mr. Stephen Nakano in 2000. Immediately after, she was hired as a biology teacher and has since taught integrated science, biology, chemistry, and AP environmental science. Over the years, she transitioned from the science department into career and technical education, where she now serves as the natural resources/agriculture teacher. In addition to teaching, Sherry serves as the co-director of the Academy of Natural Resources. This position has allowed her to listen and elevate the voices of our academy students and industry partners, shaping our academy to better align with their needs and aspirations.

“Congratulations and thank you to all our complex area teachers for your passion, dedication, and tireless efforts. These dedicated educators inspire, nurture, and guide our keiki, shaping their future one lesson at a time.

“I would also like to take a moment to recognize Superintendent Keith Hayashi and his chief of staff, Camille Masutomi, along with Stacie Kunihisa. I’m not sure if they’re here. Stacie is the executive director of the DOE’s Leadership Institute for supporting Education Week. Thank you, all of you.

“Senate President, colleagues, as you could hear throughout our capitol hallways this morning, the Department of Education and Hawai‘i Public Charter School Commission schools are featured in a student showcase on the fourth-floor lanai, highlighting the amazing work our students are achieving in Hawai‘i’s public schools. Over 120 students from 36 public and charter schools participated, representing 14 complex areas. Their projects reflect the dedication and commitment of our educators to preparing our students to become successful and contributing members of our community. Senate President, may I request that the students’ and teachers’ names participating in today’s student showcase be entered into the Senate Journal?

“Mahalo, I now yield the floor.”

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

“Hilo High, Academies: Keala Ili (Vice Principal); Vanessa Kahihikolo-Perreira (VP); and students Malakai Keawe-Correa (11), Emily Panela (11), Emily Assi (9), Sunita Sipinga (12), Keoni Randolph (11), and Kalino Faanunu (12).

“Hilo Intermediate, Reaching for the STARS with Student Ambassadors: Travis Toriano (Principal); Terrilee Baruela; Jaysen Agena; Chad Nakagawa; and students Kyani Samson, Lora Manarpaac, and Temple Conrad.

“Waiākea Intermediate, STUDENT EMPOWERMENT through Art and Student Leadership: Lisa Souza (Principal); Patrick Jenkins (VP); Jodi Ferreira; and students Malia Matthews, Jaida Moore, Aria Grace, Ethel Satake, Mila Lee, and Welena Kanae.

“Kea‘au High, The Benefits of our Summer Bridge Programs: Anthony Rypka (VP); Elise (Judith) Hannigan (Academy Coor); and students Asheley Stone (9), Isaac Padilla (12), and Lilynoe Lee (11).

“Ka‘ū High and Pāhala Elementary, Malama ‘Aina Compostables - A KHPES Student Enterprise: Sharon Beck (Principal); Justin Canelas (Project Director); Ulu Makuakane (Student Coordinator); and students Kona Smith (11), Chazlyn Mukiuni (11), Waileia Kainoa-Barawis (11), Kayson Pagan (12), Nyori Soriano (12), and Herika Lokot (12).

“Kahakai Elementary, Safety - Aloha - High Quality Learning ... the Kahakai Way!: Kori Takaki (Principal); Bree Wee (Teacher); Elissa Fiedler (Teacher); Jessica Young (Counselor); Yuki Lyons-Yglesias; Stephanie Yokoyama (Teacher); and students Yuki Lyons-Yglesias, Liv Josol, Cohen Fediuk, and Kristen DeVito.

“Kōloa Elementary, Foundation of our Future: A Partnership with The Grand Hyatt Kaua‘i Resort: Leila Maeda-Kobayashi (Principal); Lisa Finch (SSC); and students Kiani Farias (5), Sydney Kaauwai (5), Alakea Kaiminaauao (5), Ayanna Ragsac (5), and Maverick Sand (5).

“Kapa‘a High, IET Academy- Building and Construction, Tiny Home: Thomas Cox (Principal); Kara Kitamura (Teacher); and students Alexis Telles (10), Zion Kamana Rapozo (10), Julius Castro, Jr (10), Waionohia Kitamura (12), Curren Pope (12), and Alena Abell (11).

“Pukalani Elementary, Inclusion and Small Group Instruction: Gary Kanamori (Principal); Janelle Tamayose (STEMworks Coor); Melody Ziegler (Curriculum); and students Makana Ramos (5), Lindsay Kosaka (5), Naiya Sanorjo (5), and Nolan Davidson (5).

“Kaunakakai Elementary, Culturally-Relevant Computing Connecting Culture and Computer: Daniel Espaniola (Principal); David Gonzales (Teacher); and student Gabriel Gonzales (6).

“Lāhainā Intermediate, Renaissance Program: Stacy Bookland (Principal); Lori Koyama (SAC); and students Sofiya Cartagena (8), Margorie Carillo (8), Brielle Ramelb (8), Cami Yasutake (8), Khrislyn Solano (7), and Travis Utrillo (8).

“Fern Elementary, HĀ: Glen Miyasato (Principal); Jessica Canyon (Teacher); Stephen Majzun (VP); Yomy Ludwig (EA); and students Damenisia Chosa (5), Jazrene Jack (5), Rinaja Marcus (5), Lili Techuo (5), Liliana (5), Meryann Fry (5), and Donnamae Ona-Sugui (5).

“Sanford B. Dole Middle, Building a Community School: Mavis Tasaka (Principal); Cindy Ching (VP); Logan Matsushige (Curr Coach); and students Kalani Milne, Xanalei To'o, Brooklyn Daquiaog, Norbert Teves, Camille Doroni-Wong, and Ayana Cabanit.

“Mililani Middle, HIP: High Interest Programs: Erin Ishikawa (Teacher); Michael Diggs (Teacher); Jeffrey Horstman (Vice Principal); and students Harley Vila, Julia Mitchell, Dominik Haney, Tyson Shinsato, Mayci Oshita, and Gabrielle Pascua.

“Leilehua High, Digital protection with Cybersecurity: Jason Nakamoto (Principal); Brent Yamagata (Teacher); and students Kaimana Martinez (12), Sydnee Lutao (10), and Addyson Perna (12).

“James Campbell High, Academies of JCHS: Barry McCorkell (VP); Vanessa Sanchez (Teacher); and students Natalie Watts (11), Emily Loos (12), and Mia Sanchez (9).

“Honouliuli Middle, Growing DIFFERENCE MAKERS in the World Who Know Love, Give Love and Accept Love.: Todd Fujimori (Principal); Gay Young (SAC); Evie Joy Chan (Counselor); and students Milana Sabal, Max Huang, Sofia Silverman, Diesel Roncal, Annelyn Guieb, and Ysabelle Closa.

“Nānākuli High and Intermediate, Design Thinking through Robotics: Christine Udarbe-Valdez (Principal); Richard Enright (CTE Coordinator); and students Erica Fulgencio (12), Erixon Fulgencio (10), Jaylin Pablo (10), and Katelynn Nakata (8).

“Wai'anae High, Wai'anae Aquaculture Eduprise: Ray Jeanine Pikelny-Cook (Principal); Dana Hoppe (Teacher); Tyson Arasato (Teacher); and students Mayjean Waikinekona Kahunanui (12), Diamond Holbron Kealoha (12), Hyrum Tom (12), and Jazra Oliveira Nunes (12).

“Radford High, Transition Center for Incoming Students: James Sunday (Principal); Lisa Johnstone (Counselor, TC Coord); and students Erica Armstrong, Alyssa Looby, Aurianna Perreiar Bolosan, and Madison Soria.

“Moanalua Middle, Aloha Aina in Action: Connecting Community, Culture, and Conservation: Jennifer Provencio; Channing Galutira; Sherry Cassetta; and students Karen deBrum, Yihen He, Kealaponokalani (Pono) Meyer, Ashdon Reid, Rylie Yee, and Justin Xu.

“Kailua Elementary, Robotics & 'Aina Based Learning Projects: Allyson Doherty (Principal); Greg Kent (Tech Coordinator); David Thacker (Teacher); and students Maitea Ramos, Ezra Lee (6), Jackson Stickels (5), Oliver Craddick (5), and Kelly Kowach (5).

“Enchanted Lake Elementary, Design Thinking: Through Gifted and Talented/ School Design: Extended Learning Opportunities: Noel Richardson (Principal); Mari Sato (Academic Coach); and students Archer Rickardsson (4),

Kennedy Owens (4), Lana Lwee (5), Myles Compton (5), Rylee Shiroma (5), and Elise Brightbill (4).

“Pū'ōhala Elementary, Growth of Kaiapuni at Pū'ōhala: Kathy Kahikina (Principal); Wainuhea Walk (Teacher); Lehua Coloma (PTT); and students Moani Mirafuetes (11), Kahanu Wilhelm (9), Lilinoe Bishop (9), Kiha Bishop (7), Manawale'a Laimana (6), and Moana Laimana (6).

“Waiāhole Elementary, Mauka-to-Makai 'Āina-Based Units: Alexandra Obra (Principal); Malia Pimentel (EOEL Kumu); and students Hazel Landeza (3), May Lee Ann Mackenzie (3), Kaysan Mackenzie (5), and Kanaloa Navales-Watanabe (4).

“Kanoelani Elementary, Career Connected Education: Neil Blomberg (Principal); Alisa Kurasake (Might Change); and students Rhian Ramos (6), Taiyo Adams (5), and Benjamin Sherrard (3).

“Waipahu Elementary, Treasures of the Pacific: Aaron Tominaga (Principal); Lorrie Kanno (Teacher); Christine Matsubayashi; and students Gherzel Felipe (6), Lose O Vaihoi Pecipaki (6), Mercy Vaofanua (6), Aezhen Saengthong (6), Amira Sumaoang (6), and Rohan Valencia (6).

“Washington Middle: Michael Harano (Principal); Zijian Wu (Math Teacher); Sung Park (Math Teacher); and students Isaac Qian (6), Taehwan Jeon (7), Rintaro Tanaka (7), Sallie Li (8), Thien Tran (8), and Hilohak Kwak (6).

“Hökūlani Elementary, Co-Curricular activities at Hokulani Elementary School: Ervin Pasalo (Principal); Maile Inskeep (Teacher); and Kimberly Gomes (Teacher).

“Lihikai Elementary: Barbara Oura Tavares (Principal); Wendy M. Wells (Math Support Teacher/Coach); Anya Amaral (Grade 4); Dutch Tanaka-Akana (Grade 3); and students Jack Eitel, Rio Jayden Saludaes, Augustine Diamond, and Kayton McLeod.

“Kohala Middle, Young Innovators Program: Trisha Sanborn (Principal); Renee Bautista (VP); Ramzen 'Kekai' Coakley (YIP Coordinator/ELA Teacher); Chyler Imai (Math Teacher); Brandon Utemei Pollard (Science/Math Teacher); and students Jimmy Lau, Ishen Salvador, Rain Imasa, Prometheus Santiago, Autumn Mosely, and Ayzia Godoy.

“Ke Kula 'o Nāwahīokalani'ōpu'u Iki Lab Public Charter School: Students Hāweo Māka'imoku, Lawena Toribio, and Palikapu Wilson.

“Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha: School Director Tia Koerte and student Liloa Pantohan.

“Hawai'i Technology Academy (HTA): Students Jordyn Tomas Quinsaas (10th), John-David Araki (12th), Gabriel Torres- Nieves (grade 4), and Angel Torres- Nieves (Grade 5).

“Kamaile Academy: Student Juliana Cruz.

“Kīhei Public Charter School: Students Katalina Perry, Maddox DelleFave, Michael May, and Mia Ruthford.

“Kanu o ka 'Āina (Waimea Campus & Online and Blended Learning): Students Boston Benz (9th Grade, Waialua, O'ahu), Cali Ryan (8th Grade, Waimea, Hawai'i Island), Skyler Ryan (6th Grade, Waimea, Hawai'i Island), Rocky Ryan (3rd Grade, Waimea, Hawai'i Island), David Chen (5th Grade, 'Ewa, O'ahu), Daniel Chen (4th Grade, 'Ewa, O'ahu), Kaleb Chen (3rd Grade, 'Ewa, O'ahu), Naupaka Figueira (9th, Kāne'ohe, O'ahu), and Hilina'i Figueira (4th, Kāne'ohe, O'ahu).”

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. 7) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 7, dated March 19, 2025, transmitting the Commission on Salaries, Report and Recommendations to the 2025 Legislature pursuant to Section 26-56, HRS.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1178) recommending that H.B. No. 432, 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. 432, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND," 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. 1179) recommending that H.B. No. 740, 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. 740, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," 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. 1180) recommending that H.B. No. 833, 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. 833, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS," 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. 1181) recommending that H.B. No. 286, 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. 286, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL HOUSING ACCOUNT PROGRAM," 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. 1182) recommending that H.B. No. 1428, 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. 1428, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," 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. 1183) recommending that H.B. No. 110, 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. 110, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kidani, for the majority of the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1184) recommending that H.B. No. 1069, 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. 1069, 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 Kidani, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1185) recommending that H.B. No. 1293, 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. 1293, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1186) recommending that H.B. No. 703, 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. 703, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KUPUNA HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Gabbard and Chang, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1187) recommending that H.B. No. 1294, 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. 1294, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Gabbard, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1188), recommending that S.C.R. No. 91 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 91, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION AND SUPPORT POLICIES THAT SAFEGUARD INDIVIDUALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR LIVESTOCK AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS UNDER THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR CARE BY AMENDING THE STATE'S SELF-DEFENSE LAWS TO DEPRIORITIZE THE DUTY TO

RETREAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,” was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Gabbard, for the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1189), recommending that S.R. No. 74 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 74, entitled: “SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION AND SUPPORT POLICIES THAT SAFEGUARD INDIVIDUALS IN THE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILIES, THEIR LIVESTOCK AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS UNDER THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR CARE BY AMENDING THE STATE’S SELF-DEFENSE LAWS TO DEPRIORITIZE THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,” was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1190) recommending that H.B. No. 239, 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. 239, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1191) recommending that H.B. No. 244, 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. 244, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN 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. 1192) recommending that H.B. No. 320, 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. 320, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUPPORTED DECISION-MAKING AGREEMENTS,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1193) recommending that H.B. No. 474, 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. 474, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION,” 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. 1194) recommending that H.B.

No. 648, 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. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP SERVICES,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Lee, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1195) recommending that H.B. No. 437, 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. 437, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE OFFICES,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators DeCoite and Lee, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1196) recommending that H.B. No. 1391, 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. 1391, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRADE,” 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. 1197) recommending that H.B. No. 139, 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. 139, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE,” 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. 1198), recommending that S.R. No. 6, as amended in S.D. 1, 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 S.R. No. 6, S.D. 1, entitled: “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 HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE,” was referred to 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. 1199) recommending that S.C.R. No. 10, as amended in

S.D. 1, 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 S.C.R. No. 10, S.D. 1, entitled: "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 HEALTH CARE IN THE STATE," was referred to 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. 1200) recommending that H.B. No. 716, 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. 716, H.D. 1, S.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. 1201) recommending that H.B. No. 701, 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 report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 701, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," 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. 1202) recommending that H.B. No. 613, 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. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESS YOUTH," 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. 1203) recommending that H.B. No. 1345, 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. 1345, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER EDUCATION," 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. 1204) recommending that H.B. No. 1170, 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. 1170, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII RESIDENT TUITION FEE," 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. 1205) recommending that H.B. No. 1168, 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. 1168, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," 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. 1206) recommending that H.B. No. 718, 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. 718, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POSITIONS AT THE JOHN A. BURNS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Aquino, for the Committee on Higher Education and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1207) recommending that H.B. No. 546, 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. 546, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE," 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. 1208) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of STEPHEN LOGAN (position amended to Adjutant General by Gov. Msg. No. 648) to the Department of Defense, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 644.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1208 and Gov. Msg. No. 644 was deferred until Friday, March 21, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1209) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MIKE LAMBERT (position amended to Director by Gov. Msg. No. 650) to the Department of Law Enforcement, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 645.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1209 and Gov. Msg. No. 645 was deferred until Friday, March 21, 2025.

At this time, Senator McKelvey, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.R. No. 215;  
S.C.R. No. 239; and  
S.C.R. No. 44.

Senator McKelvey noted:

"Your committee is requesting this waiver to meet the First Lateral deadline for Senate resolutions."

Pursuant to Senate President Kouchi's approval of the request the previous day, the Chair granted the waiver.

Senator McKelvey announced that the Committee on Government Operations would be holding a public hearing on the measures that afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

Senator Richards introduced visitors from Kanu o ka 'Āina, a charter school in Waimea, who were in attendance that day and requested that their names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Boston Benz, Cali Ryan, Skyler Ryan, Rocky Ryan, David Chen, Daniel Chen, Kaleb Chen, Naupaka Figueira, and Hilina'i Figueira.”

Senator DeCorte recognized friends and family of honoree Tennelle Clark who were seated in the gallery and requested that their names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Jonathan Clark, Aubree Quon-Clark, and Alicezandrea Quon-Clark.”

Senator Kanuha acknowledged Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Complex Area Superintendent Stacey Bello and Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena Complex Area Superintendent Janette Snelling, who were present in the gallery.

Senator Moriwaki welcomed Principal Michael Harano and other guests from Washington Middle School who would be representing the state in the national MATHCOUNTS competition in Washington, D.C., the following summer. Senator Moriwaki requested that the names of the students and teacher be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

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

“Math teacher Mr. Sung Park and students Thien Tran, Taehwan Jeon, Isaac Qian, Hilohak Kwak, and Sallie Lei.”

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The filing deadline to file standing committee reports on House bills that need to pass Second Reading and move laterally to the final Senate committee is 12:00 midnight this evening.”

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:17 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 21, 2025.