

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:33 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Awa, Elefante, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Keohokalole, Lee, and Richards who were excused.

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

At this time, Senator Kanuha introduced youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii on Kaua'i: David Braman, Nainoa Hirokane, and Michaela Alcaraz from the Lihue Clubhouse and Tessa'd Ku'ehu-Sheldon from the Kapa'a Clubhouse. Accompanying them in the gallery were Tina Albao, director of development; and Bryden Kaauwai.

Senator DeCoite recognized Makena Fujita, from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui Makawao Clubhouse and 2025 state Youth of the Year finalist, who was seated in the gallery along with her family. Senator DeCoite then welcomed, from the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, interim director Sandi Kanemori and Wayne Inouye, MEP Center director for Innovate Hawai'i; from the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii, Sherry Menor, president and CEO; Tonga Hopoi, vice president for economic development, government and community relations; and Nadia Holt, manager of government affairs and business advocacy; and beneficiaries of the Hawai'i Small Business Innovation Research manufacturing assistance program and accelerator programs, who were present in the gallery. Senator DeCoite added that members should take a look at Manufacturing Industry Day at the Capitol, which was taking place on the fourth floor.

Senator Moriwaki acknowledged Amiah Sproat, a McKinley High School student and 2025 state Youth of the Year candidate representing the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Spalding Honolulu Clubhouse. Also in the gallery was Danielle Trinidad, director of the Spalding Honolulu Clubhouse.

Senator DeCorte welcomed director Kekoa Tupua and Youth of the Year finalist Ladayna Aranas and her parents, Ricardo Aranas and Williamae Aranas, from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii Nanakuli Clubhouse and teen director Raymond Berdon; Alliance Board member Jeffrey Jones; and club members Mathew-Messiah Cargo, second-place Youth of the Year finalist; and Perseverance awardee Shayda Fernandez from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii Waianae Clubhouse, who were seated in the gallery. On behalf of Senator Awa, Senator DeCorte then introduced Mikaela Kopakowski, a 12th-grade student at Leilehua High School and Youth of the Year finalist representing the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawaii Bennett Youth Center – Schofield Barracks, who was present in the gallery. Senator DeCorte explained that Ms. Kopakowski had demonstrated her commitment to community service through activities such as 4-H, hula, and serving as homework helper assistant, which was matched by her dedication to academic excellence as she consistently earned honor-roll status. Senator DeCorte added that Ms. Kopakowski had also taken on leadership roles through her involvement in Keystone, Power Hour, SMART Girls, and special and community events.

Senator McKelvey, on behalf of himself, Senator DeCoite, and Senator Hashimoto, acknowledged guests in the gallery from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Maui: Kelly Maluo-Pearson, chief executive officer; Destinee Dano, special events coordinator; Kacy Schwend, Makawao Club director; Darrell

Akima, Central Club director; and students Hi'ilei Roman; Shannon Milne; and Kyle Thomas, who was from Lahaina.

The Chair commented that Mr. Kaauwai was a former Youth of the Year winner who had become an employee of the Boys & Girls Club and was continuing to make a difference in young people's lives on Kaua'i and in the state.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 8 and 759 to 766) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 8, letter dated March 21, 2025, transmitting proposed changes to the FB 2025–27 Executive Budget for the operating and capital improvement program budget requests for various departments, was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 759, letter dated March 24, 2025, correcting the names of the boards under Gov. Msg. Nos. 746 and 747 (board name amended to State Board of Public Accountancy) and Gov. Msg. Nos. 729, 730, and 731 (board name amended to State Board of Nursing), was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 760, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the nomination of LEONA SA MCDERMOTT, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 761, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, the nomination of DEANNA D'OLIER, term to expire June 30, 2027, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 762, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, the nomination of JENSEN CHOCK, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Water and Land.

Gov. Msg. No. 763, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, the nomination of CHADLEY SCHIMMELFENNIG, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 764, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, the nomination of KYLIE ALARCON, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 765, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, the nomination of RAY GALAS, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 766, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, the nomination of SANDRA LARSEN, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 384 to 387) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 384, informing the Senate that on March 24, 2025, the House disagreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 991, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1), was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 385, transmitting H.C.R. No. 71, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 24, 2025, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 71, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KO OLINA GOLF CLUB OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO PREVENT GOLF BALLS FROM REACHING FARRINGTON HIGHWAY," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 386, transmitting H.C.R. No. 123, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 24, 2025, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 123, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT A RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE KO 'OLINA, HONOKAI HALE, NĀNĀKULI, AND MAILI NEIGHBORHOODS," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 387, transmitting H.C.R. No. 203, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 24, 2025, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 203, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING OF THE NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE KIHEI NORTH-SOUTH COLLECTOR ROAD," was deferred.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1362) recommending that H.B. No. 386 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. 386, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1363) recommending that H.B. No. 408 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. 408, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Senators Lee and Elefante, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1364) recommending that S.C.R. No. 23 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1364 and S.C.R. No. 23, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND SPEED CAMERAS ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING," was deferred until Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Senator Rhoads, for the majority of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1365) recommending that H.B. No. 127, 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. 127, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1366) recommending that H.B. No. 132, H.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 Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 132, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

ORDER OF THE DAY**THIRD READING**

H.B. No. 145, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, H.B. No. 145, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 18. Noes, none. Excused, 7 (Awa, Elefante, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Keohokalole, Lee, Richards).

At this time, the Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:44 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025.