

FIFTIETH DAY

Monday, April 14, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:37 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senator Fevella who was excused.

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

At this time, Senator McKelvey introduced Hawai'i Poet Laureate Brandy Nālani McDougall, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Joining her in the gallery were members of Senator McKelvey's staff: office manager and "right hand" Wendee Wilson, "left hand" Beth MacKenzie, committee clerk Kamana Levy, and assistant committee clerk Kauila Pratt.

Senator San Buenaventura acknowledged Daintry Bartoldus and Che Silvert, who were present in the gallery on behalf of individuals to be confirmed that day to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 706 to 715) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 706, returning S.C.R. No. 38, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 707, returning S.C.R. No. 73, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 708, returning S.C.R. No. 182, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 709, returning S.C.R. No. 200, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 710, returning S.C.R. No. 231, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 711, returning S.C.R. No. 50, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 50, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 712, returning S.C.R. No. 153, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 153, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 713, returning S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 11, 2025, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed

by the House to S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair then announced:

"Conferees will be named at a later date."

Hse. Com. No. 714, informing the Senate that on April 11, 2025, the House reconsidered its action taken on April 10, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1194, H.D. 2 (S.D. 3), was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 715, informing the Senate that on April 14, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bill:

H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Yamashita, chair; Grandinetti, Holt, Hussey, Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Kitagawa, Kusch, Lamosao, Lee, Miyake, Morikawa, Takenouchi, Templo, Alcos, Reyes Oda,

was placed on file.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator DeCoite, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1865) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority of the following:

LISA PAULSON, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 511; and

CHRISTIAN WEST, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 615.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1865 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 511 and 615 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1866) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Stadium Authority of the following:

ERIC FUJIMOTO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 600; and

ANDREW PEREIRA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 616.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1866 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 600 and 616 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1867) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WALTER THOEMMES III to the Stadium Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 601.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1867 and Gov. Msg. No. 601 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1868) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation of the following:

LISA RANTZ, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 699; and

LESLIE KIMURA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 700.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1868 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 699 and 700 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1869) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARK AUGUSTINE to the Commission on Fatherhood, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 716.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1869 and Gov. Msg. No. 716 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1870) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of BARBARA SERVICE to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 734.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1870 and Gov. Msg. No. 734 was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1871) recommending that H.C.R. No. 33 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1871 and H.C.R. No. 33, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO RELOCATE THE PEARL CITY POST OFFICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY PROPERTY ON THE PEARL CITY PENINSULA," was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1872) recommending that H.C.R. No. 58, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1872 and H.C.R. No. 58, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE REGULATORY AND POLICY LANDSCAPE SURROUNDING GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN HAWAII," was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1873) recommending that H.C.R. No. 68 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1873 and H.C.R. No. 68, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL, AND DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CREATE A DEDICATED ANIMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLEX WITHIN KALAELOA PARKLANDS," was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1874) recommending that H.C.R. No. 157 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1874 and H.C.R. No. 157, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE FOR SPEED (SIMPLIFYING PERMITTING FOR ENHANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) TO IDENTIFY ACTIONS

NEEDED TO EXPEDITE, FACILITATE, AND COORDINATE STATE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERMIT PROCESSES," was deferred until Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1875), recommending that H.C.R. No. 72 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.C.R. No. 72, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE ETHICS COMMISSION OF EACH COUNTY TO ADOPT STANDARDS SIMILAR TO THAT APPLICABLE TO STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND OFFICERS AS ADOPTED AND ENFORCED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1876), recommending that H.C.R. No. 102, H.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 H.C.R. No. 102, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S EXAMINATION IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING A LIMITED REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S LICENSE, FOR THE SALE OF TIMESHARE PRODUCTS IN HAWAII, TO JAPANESE NATIONAL VISITORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING JAPAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN AND SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII TOURISM INDUSTRY," was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1860 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 544, 545, and 547):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1860 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances of the following:

EMILY ANDRADE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 544);

LILINOE KAUAHIKAUA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 545); and

JAWANA READY, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 547),

seconded by Senator Aquino.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

For Gov. Msg. No. 544: Ayes, 22. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte). Excused, 1 (Fevella).

For Gov. Msg. Nos. 545 and 547: Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1861 (Gov. Msg. No. 546):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1861 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JOHN PAUL MOSES III to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Aquino.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1862 (Gov. Msg. No. 572):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1862 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROXANN ROWE to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Aquino.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1863 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 604, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, and 612):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1863 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities of the following:

CYNTHIA FOWLER, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 604);

BRANDI-LYNN HYDEN, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 606);

JOSHUA IGE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 607);

ALYSHA KIM, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 608);

RAYMOND MAMEA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 609);

MARIA CRISTINA VALENZUELA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 610);

EDEN WATABAYASHI, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 611); and

SIERRA WHITESIDE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 612),

seconded by Senator Aquino.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1864 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 603, 605, 758, and 760):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1864 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aquino and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities of the following:

HO'OPI'OOKALANI BALAZ, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 603);

JOSHUA GOETZ, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 605);

KAREN GLASSER, term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 758); and

LEONA SA MCDERMOTT, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 760),

seconded by Senator Aquino.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Fevella).

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Chair re-referred the following House concurrent resolution that was received:

H.C.R. No.: Re-referred to:

H.C.R. No. 59 Committee on Government Operations

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:42 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.