

## FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Thursday, April 17, 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.

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

At this time, Senator Rhoads acknowledged Taylor Lane Daymude, associate counsel for U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono, who was visiting from Washington, D.C. Joining him in the gallery was Jessie Faige, a staff member in Senator Rhoads's office.

Senator Richards introduced members of his staff who were seated in the gallery: office manager Margarete Olson, clerk staff member Reggie Garcia, and session hire Maigee Chang.

Senator Kanuha welcomed a friend, Alex Hetherington, who was present in the gallery with Lamnos Syrmos.

The Chair clarified that Mr. Syrmos was from the office of U.S. Senator Brian Schatz. The Chair noted that the gallery included representation from both of the state's U.S. senators and welcomed the two guests.

Senator Kim introduced Senator Randy Iwase, with whom she had served on the Honolulu City Council, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator DeCoite recognized Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke, who was present in the gallery. Senator DeCoite lauded Lieutenant Governor Luke's work on the Hawai'i Foodbank fundraiser upstairs and invited the members to stop by all vendors to purchase something to eat.

Senator Dela Cruz noted that Lieutenant Governor Luke was in fact acting governor that week.

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 750 to 753) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 750, returning S.C.R. No. 128, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 16, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 751, returning S.C.R. No. 184, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 16, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 752, returning S.C.R. No. 204, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 16, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 753, returning S.C.R. No. 192, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 16, 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. 192, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair then announced:

"Conferees may be named at a later date."

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Lee and Wakai, for the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1931) recommending that H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1931 and H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE AND ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS TO DECARBONIZE HAWAII'S TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND SUPPORT THE STATE'S CLIMATE GOALS," was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1932) recommending that H.C.R. No. 71 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1932 and 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 until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1933) recommending that H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1933 and H.C.R. No. 163, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING PACIFIC ISLAND CULTURE AND ARTS," was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator Lee, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1934) recommending that H.C.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1934 and H.C.R. No. 119, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING TAIWAN'S INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION, SUPPORTING THE SIGNING OF A UNITED STATES-TAIWAN BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT, AND COMMEMORATING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND TAIWAN," was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senators Lee and Wakai, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1935) recommending that H.C.R. No. 123, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1935 and H.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, 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 until Monday, April 21, 2025.

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. 1936) recommending that H.C.R. No. 28, H.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1936 and H.C.R. No. 28, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RECONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 18, H.D. 1 (REGULAR SESSION OF 2024) TO CONTINUE THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOLO RANGE TRAINING FACILITY,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1937) recommending that H.C.R. No. 59 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1937 and H.C.R. No. 59, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF LIMITING THE COSTS OF PROJECT AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT IN EACH STATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO TEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1938) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DAVID PADILLA to the State Boxing Commission of Hawai‘i, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 515.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1938 and Gov. Msg. No. 515 was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1939) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES PLEISS to the Hawai‘i Board of Chiropractic, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 707.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1939 and Gov. Msg. No. 707 was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senators Lee and Elefante, for the majority of the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1940), recommending that H.C.R. No. 43, H.D. 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 43, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF A HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED CAMERAS ALONG MAJOR FREEWAYS AND HIGHWAYS IN PRIMARY AREAS OF SPEEDING, INCLUDING THE IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE DISTRICT COURTS,” was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1897 (Gov. Msg. No. 535):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1897 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DEBORAH MCMENEMY to the Board of Acupuncture, term to expire June 30, 2026, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1898 (Gov. Msg. No. 710):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1898 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SCOTT COLLINS to the Board of Private Detectives and Guards, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1899 (Gov. Msg. No. 708):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1899 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JILL WAKABAYASHI to the Board of Physical Therapy, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1900 (Gov. Msg. No. 705):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1900 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ANDREW FONG to the Hawai‘i Medical Board, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1901 (Gov. Msg. No. 687):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1901 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of AILEEN WADA to the Hawai‘i Board of Veterinary Medicine, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1902 (Gov. Msg. No. 562):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1902 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NATHANIEL EVSLIN to the Cable Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1903 (Gov. Msg. No. 659):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1903 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DAVID KAMAKEA III to the Board of Electricians and Plumbers, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1904 (Gov. Msg. No. 714):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1904 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of FRANK GOODALE to the Real Estate Commission, term to expire June 30, 2029 (expiration date amended to June 30, 2026, by Gov. Msg. No. 723), seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1905 (Gov. Msg. No. 715):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1905 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of EVAN FONG to the Elevator Mechanics Licensing Board, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1906 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 565, 656, and 668):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1906 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Professional

Engineers, Architects, Surveyors and Landscape Architects of the following:

JOHN TAKITANI, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 565);

TONY LAU, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 656); and

ALISSA TOYAMA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 668),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1907 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 534, 657, and 711):

Senator Keohokalole moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1907 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Dentistry of the following:

STEVEN PINE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 534);

JOY SHIMABUKU, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 657); and

STAPHE FUJIMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 711),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1908 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 779, 777, 778, 780, 781, 586, and 698):

Senator Kidani moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1908 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kim and carried.

Senator Kidani then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the School Facilities Authority of the following:

SHELLIE PAIVA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 779);

ROBERT DAVIS, term to expire June 30, 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 777);

ROBERT DAVIS, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 778);

MICHAEL UNEBASAMI, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 780);

DAMIEN KIM, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 781);

JAN IWASE, term to expire June 30, 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 586); and

JAN IWASE, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 698),

seconded by Senator Kim.

Senator Kidani rose to speak in support of the nominees as follows:

“Colleagues, I am honored to share that the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on G.M. 761, Deanna D’Olier, to the Hawai’i Teacher Standards Board; and G.M. 774, Wesley Lo, and G.M. 776, Sylvia Lee, to the Hawai’i State Board of Education. Further, the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on the following nominees to the School Facilities Authority Board:

- G.M. 586 and 698: Jan Iwase,
- G.M. 777 and 778: Robert Davis,
- G.M. 779: Shellie Paiva,
- G.M. 780: Michael Unebasami,
- G.M. 781: Damien Kim.

“The wealth of experience in education and public service in our nominees will serve all of our public schools well, and I ask for your consideration for these crucial positions. Mahalo, Senate President. I now yield the floor.”

Senator Fevella rose to speak in support of Gov. Msg. No. 781 as follows:

“I’m not sure if he has time, but when I first met Damien a long time ago, the dedication that he shows to our communities—lot of you guys don’t know because he’s an unsung hero, and thank you, Senator Kidani, for saying what you said. He doesn’t like recognition; he doesn’t want to be in the spotlight. And I know he doesn’t want what I’m saying here, but this guy belongs to more boards and been more in the community out there—believe it or not, I think more than me even though I work seven days a week for my community. But this guy gives his heart and soul in everything he do, and I have confidence that he’s going to do really well for us. I appreciate it, and I want to show my support for him. Thank you, Senate President.”

Senator Awa rose to speak in opposition to Gov. Msg. Nos. 780, 586, and 698 as follows:

“Just like on Opening Day, I don’t want to be the guy to do this, but, you know, while it’s not illegal ... For my friends at *Civil Beat*, listen up: Five of the eight people nominated in the education side pay to play, in our opinion, by donating to campaigns of voting members. G.M. 586/698 has donated to two current sitting senators who will be voting on this, including our Education committee chair. G.M. 780 has donated to 10 voting members in this room, including 14 times to our Education chair. And G.M. 774 has donated to seven voting members in this room. Again, I don’t want to be the one to do this, but Governor: Send us some parents who are not politically motivated, parents that care about their children because paying to play has no place in Hawai’i politics. While it’s not illegal, it’s immoral, and that’s why we’re voting ‘no.’ Thank you.”

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

For Gov. Msg. Nos. 779, 777, 778, and 781: Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

For Gov. Msg. Nos. 780, 586, and 698: Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1909 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 774 and 776):

Senator Kidani moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1909 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kim and carried.

Senator Kidani then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Education of the following:

WESLEY LO, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 774); and

SYLVIA LEE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 776),

seconded by Senator Kim.

Senator Kidani rose to speak in support of Gov. Msg. No. 774 as follows:

“Colleagues, I am honored to share that the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on G.M. 761, Deanna D’Olier, to the Hawai’i Teacher Standards Board; and G.M. 774, Wesley Lo, and G.M. 776, Sylvia Lee, to the Hawai’i State Board of Education. Further, the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on the following nominees to the School Facilities Authority Board:

- G.M. 586 and 698: Jan Iwase,
- G.M. 777 and 778: Robert Davis,
- G.M. 779: Shellie Paiva,
- G.M. 780: Michael Unebasami,
- G.M. 781: Damien Kim.

“The wealth of experience in education and public service in our nominees will serve all of our public schools well, and I ask for your consideration for these crucial positions. Mahalo, Senate President. I now yield the floor.”

Senator Awa rose to speak in opposition to Gov. Msg. No. 774 as follows:

“Just like on Opening Day, I don’t want to be the guy to do this, but, you know, while it’s not illegal ... For my friends at *Civil Beat*, listen up: Five of the eight people nominated in the education side pay to play, in our opinion, by donating to campaigns of voting members. G.M. 586/698 has donated to two current sitting senators who will be voting on this, including our Education committee chair. G.M. 780 has donated to 10 voting members in this room, including 14 times to our Education chair. And G.M. 774 has donated to seven voting members in this room. Again, I don’t want to be the one to do this, but Governor: Send us some parents who are not politically motivated, parents that care about their children because paying to play has no place in Hawai’i politics. While it’s not illegal, it’s immoral, and that’s why we’re voting ‘no.’ Thank you.”

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

For Gov. Msg. No. 774: Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

For Gov. Msg. No. 776: Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1910 (Gov. Msg. No. 761):

Senator Kidani moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1910 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kim and carried.

Senator Kidani then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DEANNA D’OLIER to the Hawai’i Teacher Standards Board, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Kim.

Senator Kidani rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“Colleagues, I am honored to share that the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on G.M. 761, Deanna D’Olier, to the Hawai’i Teacher Standards Board; and G.M. 774, Wesley Lo, and G.M. 776, Sylvia Lee, to the Hawai’i State Board of Education. Further, the Senate Committee on Education has moved to advise and consent on

the following nominees to the School Facilities Authority Board:

- G.M. 586 and 698: Jan Iwase,
- G.M. 777 and 778: Robert Davis,
- G.M. 779: Shellie Paiva,
- G.M. 780: Michael Unebasami,
- G.M. 781: Damien Kim.

“The wealth of experience in education and public service in our nominees will serve all of our public schools well, and I ask for your consideration for these crucial positions. Mahalo, Senate President. I now yield the floor.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1911 (Gov. Msg. No. 666):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1911 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROSE KEMNA to the Commission on the Status of Women, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1912 (Gov. Msg. No. 689):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1912 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MELISSA SOTELO to the Commission on the Status of Women, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Awa rose to speak in opposition to the nominee as follows:

“Just like on Opening Day, I don’t want to be the guy to do this, but, you know, while it’s not illegal ... For my friends at *Civil Beat*, listen up: Five of the eight people nominated in the education side pay to play, in our opinion, by donating to campaigns of voting members. G.M. 586/698 has donated to two current sitting senators who will be voting on this, including our Education committee chair. G.M. 780 has donated to 10 voting members in this room, including 14 times to our Education chair. And G.M. 774 has donated to seven voting members in this room. Again, I don’t want to be the one to do this, but Governor: Send us some parents who are not politically motivated, parents that care about their children because paying to play has no place in Hawai‘i politics. While it’s not illegal, it’s immoral, and that’s why we’re voting ‘no.’ Thank you.”

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

Ayes, 22. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1915 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 726 and 737):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1915 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Defender Council of the following:

ANDREW KENNEDY, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 726); and

SETSUKO GORMLEY, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 737),

seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Kanuha rose to request that remarks in support of Gov. Msg. No. 726 be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Kanuha’s remarks read as follows:

“Mahalo, Mr. President.

“Colleagues, I rise today in strong and enthusiastic support of Governor’s Message 726, which seeks to confirm Mr. Andrew Kennedy to serve as a member of the Defender Council.

“Having had the privilege of working directly with Mr. Kennedy during his time with the Office of the Public Defender, I can speak with confidence to both his qualifications and his character. Mr. Kennedy served with distinction as a Deputy Public Defender in the Kona Branch from 2013 to 2017, during which time he consistently demonstrated a deep understanding of our state’s criminal legal system, a steadfast commitment to justice, and a sincere dedication to public service.

“The Defender Council plays a critical role in strengthening our legal institutions. It provides guidance and recommendations to the Office of the Public Defender and is also entrusted with the significant responsibility of appointing the State Public Defender. This is not a responsibility we take lightly, and I believe Mr. Kennedy is exceptionally suited to contribute meaningfully in this role.

“What sets Mr. Kennedy apart is not only his legal expertise, but also his collaborative spirit and genuine desire to help others succeed—be it fellow attorneys, stakeholders in the legal system, or the individuals and families they serve. His years of service reflect a career built on integrity, diligence, and compassion.

“Moreover, the testimony submitted in support of Mr. Kennedy’s nomination paints a consistent and compelling portrait. During the Senate’s review of the nomination, community members and legal professionals have shared stories of his dedication to the most vulnerable in our society—particularly indigent individuals who often face the greatest barriers to justice. His unwavering commitment to ensuring that every person receives fair and effective representation is a core value that aligns directly with the mission of the Office of the Public Defender.

“In short, Mr. Kennedy brings not only technical competence, but a spirit of service that will elevate the work of the Defender Council. I am confident that he will continue to serve our state with the same excellence and integrity he has shown throughout his career.

“I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting Governor’s Message 726 and confirming Mr. Andrew Kennedy to the Defender Council.

“Mahalo.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Kidani introduced the following newly confirmed members of boards and commissions: Jan Iwase of

the School Facilities Authority, who was seated in the gallery with her husband, former senator Randy Iwase; Sylvia Lee of the Board of Education, who was present in the gallery with her husband, Ford Okamoto; Robert “Bob” Davis of the School Facilities Authority, who was accompanied in the gallery by his wife, Carol Davis; and Damien Kim of the School Facilities Authority. Joining them, from the Department of Education, were Superintendent Keith Hayashi; Deputy Superintendent Tammi Oyadomari-Chun; and Ken Kakesako, director of the Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch of the Office of Strategy, Innovation, and Performance. Senator Kidani also congratulated newly confirmed nominees who were not in attendance. Senator Kidani noted that the education boards and authorities played a vital role in formulating statewide educational policy, appointing executive leadership, developing and modernizing public school facilities, and supporting a qualified and effective educator workforce and that their members represented the values, expertise, and dedication needed to support students, families, and educators.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1913 (Gov. Msg. No. 580):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1913 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DWIGHT TAKAMINE to the Hawai‘i Labor Relations Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Lee.

Senator Aquino rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“The Labor and Technology committee finds that Dwight Takamine’s distinguished background and extensive experience make him well qualified for appointment as chair of the Hawai‘i Labor Relations Board and as a representative of the public.

“Mr. Takamine is a retired attorney with a career that spans the Legislature, executive branch, and private sector. He has held prominent roles, including chair of the House Committee on Finance, also as chair of Labor and Public Employment committee and director of Department of Labor and Industrial Relations as well as legislative director of ILWU Local 142. His dedication to fairness, public service, and balanced decision-making has earned him the trust and respect of both colleagues and stakeholders. I humbly urge my colleagues to support 580 for confirmation.”

Senator Richards rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“Dwight Takamine: We’ve heard his résumé; we’ve heard his work experience. I’d like to touch on the man, Dwight Takamine. You cannot talk about Hāmākua, you cannot talk about Big Island without talking about the Takamine family and what they mean. Yes, you’ve heard the labor relations, but we’re also talking about what the community is and what the Takamines bring. It is my great pleasure to endorse my friend, Dwight Takamine, for this, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same.”

Senator Inouye rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“I also served with his dad at my entry into this chamber, and I was so proud, upon the retirement of his dad, that he replaced his dad in the Hilo–Hāmākua district, and he was also my House representative. He replaced me as a senator when I departed from this chamber in 2008, and he became a senator. Then he became the director of Labor under Governor Abercrombie. He will serve as well in this role as the chairperson of the Hawai‘i Labor Relations Board. May I ask

that the comments of the Labor chair be entered into the Journal as if it was mine? And I urge our colleagues to please support our friend, our former senator, and the new position he’s being entered into with full support in his nomination and confirmation. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in strong support of the nominee as follows:

“I do not have prepared remarks, but I stand in strong support of my friend and former colleague, Dwight Takamine. He and his predecessor, his dad, are the architects of the vast labor benefits that our employees in Hawai‘i now enjoy: Prepaid Health Care, TDI. His knowledge of labor law is vast, and the fact that he is willing to come out of retirement to share his mana‘o in this field shows his dedication to public service. He is a friend of both labor and employer alike because of his knowledge, and he’s a strong friend of the Big Island. And for those reasons, I urge my colleagues to also support his confirmation. Thank you.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Aquino introduced Chairperson Dwight Takamine, who was joined in the gallery by his wife, Carol Takamine; his sister-in-law Jean Remigio; Director Jade Butay and Deputy Director Bill Kunstman of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations; Stacy Moniz and Clark Hirota, his colleagues on the Hawai‘i Labor Relations Board; Jan Kusakabe, Bill Hoshijo, Anne Eustaquio; Susan Weber; Janine Abe; Nora Ebata; Joyce Matsumoto Hoshijo; and relatives and family members. Senator Aquino noted that some supporters of Chairperson Takamine were in attendance via the YouTube live stream.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1914 (Gov. Msg. No. 641):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1914 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHRISTINE SAKUDA to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (position amended to Chief Information Officer by Gov. Msg. No. 652), term to expire December 7, 2026, seconded by Senator Lee.

Senator Aquino rose to speak in support of the nominee as follows:

“The Labor and Technology committee finds that Christine Sakuda’s extensive experience, background, and dedication to public service makes her highly qualified for appointment as chief information officer. With over 25 years of expertise in leading IT transformations, including her current role as interim CIO, Ms. Sakuda has demonstrated exceptional leadership. Her tenure as executive director of Transform Hawai‘i Government and Hawai‘i Health Information Exchange showcases her ability to implement complex modernization projects and build sustainable systems. Additionally, her commitment to public service is evident through her involvement in various boards and commissions, further solidifying her qualifications for this role. In addition, Senate President, she is the first female and Native Hawaiian to serve as CIO. I humbly urge my colleagues to support G.M. 641 for confirmation.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Aquino introduced Chief Information Officer Christine Sakuda, who was seated in the gallery with

her father, Alan Maii; her mother, Jennifer Maii; her husband, Dr. Michael Sakuda; and children Olivia Sakuda and Noah Sakuda.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1929 (Gov. Msg. No. 767):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1929 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KAUAOUE A. D. JACKSON as Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit (Island of Hawai'i), for a term of 10 years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

"I want to thank Judiciary chair for giving me the opportunity to announce Ms. Jackson's credentials. I wholeheartedly support Ms. Jackson's confirmation. As a practicing attorney on the Big Island, members of the Bar quietly tell me their support or opposition to proposed nominees, and everyone has spoken in favor of Kauanoe Jackson. Several even flew in from Kona, a feat that is not that easy recently as our Kona senators can attest to.

"As the Senate knows from the prior nominee's withdrawal, filling this position is difficult, and the governor's quick decision to nominate Ms. Jackson shows her outstanding résumé. Kauanoe Jackson has committed her legal practice to public service. She has worked in various capacities with the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Hawai'i since 2007. Ms. Jackson progressed from deputy prosecuting attorney to the role of circuit court co-supervising deputy prosecuting attorney in 2021. She recently was promoted to the role of supervising deputy prosecuting attorney, where she oversees the operations of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney's West Hawai'i office. She was also assigned for several years to reviewing cases focused on narcotics investigations and recently was designated as a traffic safety resource prosecutor. It was in her early years as a district court prosecutor that I met Kauanoe Jackson in a case I had against her. Her fairness in that case and in the cases thereafter is shown by the support of those whom she had litigated against.

"Ms. Jackson has been appointed to fill the vacancy of the Honorable Robert Kim, who retired last July as the chief administrative judge for the Third Circuit. Judge Kim, who was also the 2023 Jurist of the Year for the state, flew over to the Judiciary committee to testify in support.

"Ms. Jackson received her bachelor's from Chaminade and her juris doctor's from the Chapman University School of Law, now known as the Dale Fowler School of Law. She has been licensed to practice in California and Hawai'i since 2006.

"After reviewing the testimony, which was overwhelmingly in support, and other materials to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Kauanoe Jackson is qualified to serve as circuit court judge and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment."

Senator Kanuha rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

"Mr. President, requesting permission to insert comments into the Senate Journal in strong support of G.M. 767 and urge my colleagues for their support as well."

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Kanuha's additional remarks read as follows:

"Mahalo, Mr. President.

"Colleagues, I rise in strong support of Governor's Message 767, which seeks to confirm Ms. Kauanoe A.D. Jackson as Circuit Court Judge of the Circuit Court of the Third Circuit.

"It has been an honor to meet personally with Ms. Jackson to discuss her vision for justice in the Third Circuit, which includes the communities I represent in Senate District 3. For nearly a year now, Division Three has been without a permanent judge—leaving a critical gap in our judicial system. I firmly believe that the confirmation of Ms. Jackson will provide the stability, fairness, and leadership our West Hawai'i community deserves.

"In our conversation, I was struck by her judicial temperament, preparation, and eagerness to serve. She displayed a deep understanding of the law and a clear commitment to fairness and equity. While some may note her relative lack of experience on the bench, I am confident that she more than makes up for it with her strong legal acumen, deep sense of kuleana, and genuine understanding of the people and places she will serve.

"I was especially moved by the testimony of community members—those who have worked alongside Ms. Jackson or observed her in court—who consistently spoke of her professionalism, integrity, and compassion. Beyond her work in the courtroom, Ms. Jackson's active engagement in the West Hawai'i community demonstrates her lifelong dedication to giving back to the place that raised her.

"For these reasons, I am confident that, if confirmed, Ms. Jackson will serve the Third Circuit with integrity, impartiality, and the utmost professionalism.

"I respectfully ask for your support of Governor's Message 767. Mahalo."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura introduced Judge Kauanoe A. D. Jackson, who was present in the gallery with her parents, Michael and Joanne Kaneshiro; family members Pena, Kaha, Ala, Eric, Kaylyn, and Baylee; and her Kaneshiro and Lu'uwai 'ohana.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1930 (Jud. Com. No. 28):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1930 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of SONYA H. TOMA as Judge of the District Family Court of the Second Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Rhoads introduced and congratulated Andrew Kennedy, newly confirmed member representing Hawai'i Island on the Defender Council; Setsuko "Gina" Gormley, who had been reappointed for a second term on the Defender Council, representing Maui; and Rose Kemna, newly confirmed member representing O'ahu on the Commission on the Status of Women, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Rhoads continued, speaking in support of the appointee as follows:

"Sonya Toma has spent most of her legal career in public service. After clerking for a year with then-judge Richard Bissen on the Circuit Court for the Second Circuit, she worked in the Hilo and Maui offices of the public defender for four years. Ms. Toma then worked in private practice on Maui and in

Las Vegas for several years, followed by her role as staff attorney for the Family Law Self-Help Center with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada.

“In 2021, Ms. Toma returned to Maui and was an attorney with several government offices, including the Family Law Division of the Department of the Attorney General; the Department of the Corporation Counsel for the County of Maui; and, most recently, Maui County’s Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. Toma has also been a Kids First parent co-facilitator for Kids First Hawaii, where she facilitates parent group instruction in the mandatory Kids First program for separating and divorcing parents.

“Ms. Toma received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Oregon and her juris doctor from Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i Mānoa, where she was a recipient of the Maui County Bar Association Arthur T. Ueoka Scholarship. She has been licensed to practice in Hawai‘i since 2007 and is also licensed to practice in Indiana and Nevada.

“After having reviewed the testimony, the majority of which was in support of the appointment, and other materials submitted to the committee and having examined the appointee in a hearing, your Judiciary committee finds that Sonya H. Toma is qualified to serve as a district family court judge on the Second Circuit and recommends that the Senate consent to the appointment. Mahalo.”

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

At this time, Senator Rhoads introduced Judge Sonya H. Toma, who was accompanied in the gallery by her husband, Derrick Lahrman; their sons Joey and Jenson; her father, Joe Toma; her aunty Jackie Toma; and family friend Matthew Kohm. Senator Rhoads added that Judge Toma also wanted to acknowledge the Maui Department of the Prosecuting Attorney ‘ohana and other friends and family members who were watching from Maui and elsewhere.

The Chair recognized Rod Maile, administrative director of the courts, who was present in the gallery.

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

#### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

##### **MATTERS DEFERRED FROM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1916 (H.C.R. No. 40):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 40, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO WORK WITH COMMITTED COMMUNITY GROUPS TO CO-STEWARD COMMUNITY FORESTS LOCATED ON PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE STATE’S FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1917 (H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A

COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1918 (H.C.R. No. 128, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 128, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE STATE’S OBLIGATION TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF ITS PEOPLE BY RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL ROLE OF FRESHWATER IN MAINTAINING HEALTHY NEARSHORE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1919 (H.C.R. No. 191, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 191, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A KAILUA BAY ADVISORY WORKING GROUP,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1920 (H.C.R. No. 78):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 78, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT THAT PROJECTS WITH HOUSING UNITS THAT QUALIFY FOR HOUSING CREDITS UNDER ACT 31, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2024, ARE STILL ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE HOUSING CREDITS AFTER THE REPEAL OF THAT ACT IF THE HOUSING PROJECTS WERE APPROVED BY THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BEFORE JULY 1, 2031, AND REQUESTING THE CORPORATION AND EACH COUNTY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION WHEN APPROVING HOUSING PROJECTS FOR HOUSING CREDITS,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1921 (H.C.R. No. 174, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 174, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES’ OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES AND JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE THE USE OF AINA-BASED LEARNING PROGRAMS OFFERED TO YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE LEGAL SYSTEM,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1922 (H.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 27, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PETITION THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF PARITY BETWEEN HAWAII AND OTHER STATES AND TERRITORIES PERTAINING TO THE EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL GOODS,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1923 (H.C.R. No. 25, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 25, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO INCLUDE A SECTION ON DESECRATION LAWS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII PLANT AND ANIMAL DECLARATION FORM,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1924 (H.C.R. No. 200, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 200, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO TAKE FURTHER MEANINGFUL ACTION TO ADDRESS THE AXIS DEER OVERPOPULATION,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1925 (H.C.R. No. 130, H.D. 1, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 130, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS, THE COUNTIES OF THE STATE, AND OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING TO THE INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEES AND HAWAII ANT LAB WITHIN THE PACIFIC COOPERATIVE STUDIES UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1926 (H.C.R. No. 42, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 42, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING EACH COUNTY TO ESTABLISH ITS OWN BIOSECURITY PLAN THAT PRIORITIZES THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1927 (H.C.R. No. 164, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 164, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, COUNTY OF MAUI, COUNTY OF HAWAII, AND COUNTY OF KAUAI TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF HURRICANE REFUGES AND SHELTERS ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC,” was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1928 (H.C.R. No. 180, H.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 180, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOMELESS COORDINATORS OF EACH COUNTY, COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN HAWAII,” was adopted.

#### FINAL READING

S.B. No. 849, S.D. 1, H.D. 2:

Senator Gabbard moved that S.B. No. 849, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Kanuha rose to request that remarks in support of the measure be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered.

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Kanuha’s remarks read as follows:

“Mahalo, Mr. President.

“Colleagues, I rise today in strong support of Senate Bill 849, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 2, which increases penalties for the taking and killing of indigenous species of aquatic life, wildlife, and land plants that are native to our islands. This measure also establishes specific penalties for the taking, harming, or killing of the ‘io, or Hawaiian hawk.

“Hawai‘i is home to over one-third of all federally listed endangered species in the United States. Yet the threats to our native plants and animals continue to grow—whether due to invasive species, habitat loss, or the worsening impacts of climate change. Despite these growing challenges, our response as a state has often lacked the urgency and resolve that the moment requires.

“Our native species are more than biological resources—they are essential to the health of our ecosystems and the perpetuation of our cultural identity. The ‘io, in particular, is a powerful symbol of strength and resilience in Hawaiian culture. As a native raptor, it also plays a crucial role in maintaining ecological balance. But like many of our indigenous species, the ‘io faces mounting threats—from habitat destruction, illegal hunting, and environmental degradation.

“As amended, this bill sends a clear message: Hawai‘i will no longer tolerate actions that endanger the species that are unique to our islands. By strengthening penalties, we are taking a necessary step toward deterring harmful activities and protecting the plants and animals that call Hawai‘i home.

“At a time when protections for endangered species are being rolled back across the nation in the name of development and industry, Hawai‘i has the opportunity to lead. I respectfully urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this measure—and in reaffirming our kuleana to the native species that make our home unlike any other place in the world.

“Mahalo.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 849, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 849, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE CONSERVATION,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

##### RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Senator Elefante moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 8, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Elefante then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Elefante noted:

“The House amendments are stylistic and provide added clarity to S.B. 116, and there is a clean date of September 1, 2025.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 116, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled: “A

BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Monday, April 21, 2025.

S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 8, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

“The reason for the agreement is that the House amendments are just technical in nature, and it provides a clean date.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 946, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT,” was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Monday, April 21, 2025.

At this time, Senator Richards recognized the Honoka‘a Jazz Band from the Big Island, who was present in the gallery. Senator Richards observed that the band had grown into one of the most respected student music programs in the country under the leadership of Gary Washburn and that its students had earned national recognition, including the GRAMMY Signature Schools Award, which only a handful of schools across the nation had received. Senator Richards explained that the band had performed across the state and on the mainland, shared stages with world-class musicians, and recorded albums in addition to contributing to their community by mentoring young students and playing for kūpuna. Senator Richards expressed his pride to the students and requested that their names be entered into the Journal, and the Chair so ordered. Senator Richards also thanked Mr. Washburn for his decades of service before extending his thanks to all who supported the arts. Senator Richards invited the members to a performance by the band in the Rotunda at 3:00 p.m. that afternoon.

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

“Chance Kim, Cheyne Ah Puck, Daniel Candelario, Dillon Delos Santos, Ed Agustin, Eldrich Pagaran, Gabriel Motas, Hanah Subia, Isaiah Hinton, Jahzeel Ubarre, Jed Pilapil, Jezabelle Acidera, Jilleane Gonzales, Jurrel Bielza, Kaile Hinokawa, Kalan Matsumoto, Kalihiwai Cantor, Kaysen Takamine, Khamryan Bragado, Leandra Delos Santos, Levi Abad, Quade Viernes, Raven Javier, Reese Todd, Reign Barrios, Ryshel Nillo, Sante Raggala, Seda Lee, Sunny Zook, Zaylen Miyasaki, and Zoie Fontanilla.”

The Chair related his memory of previous Honoka‘a Band members who had played in the Rotunda and noted with pride that his mother was an alumna of Honoka‘a High School.

Senator Elefante welcomed Judge Jackson’s sister-in-law, Eileen Sam, who had been his schoolmate at Saint Mary’s College of California. Accompanying Ms. Sam in the gallery was her husband, Mr. Jackson.

Senator Aquino acknowledged Director of the Department of Human Services Ryan Yamane and Director of Finance of the Department of Budget and Finance Luis Salaveria.

Senator McKelvey introduced Comptroller of the Department of Accounting and General Services Keith Regan, who was seated in the gallery.

The Chair made the following announcement:

“The deadline to file committee reports on amended House concurrent resolutions in order to meet Monday’s Second Crossover deadline is 4:30 p.m. today. The Senate Floor Action Memo issued this evening will include a list of all resolutions scheduled for adoption on Monday.”

The Chair then addressed Senator Aquino, advising him to inform Sergeant-at-Arms staff if he would like Chairperson Takamine and Chief Information Officer Sakuda to be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

Senator Wakai rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“I really feel compelled to respond to the comments offered by the senator from the North Shore, who claimed confirmations are somehow tied to pay-to-play. So you can add me to the list of people who have donated to the senator for Mililani, and I gladly do so because I really believe in her, and I think she does a fantastic job for the state as well as particularly for our educational sector.

“You know, these nominees that we confirmed today, they’re all volunteers. They’re not here to somehow enrich themselves by being on the school community council, and to somehow tie that with somehow getting that position because they donated to the senator from Mililani, I think, is just a ridiculous connection that you made earlier today and really sullies the entire process that we go through in this chamber. And then, rather than judging the nominees on the skills and the acumen that they bring, you somehow discount them purely because they made a donation and exercise their civic right to donate to people who they believe in. So, to those who were just confirmed to the school facilities council: thank you. Thank you for volunteering and sharing your skills with the state of Hawai‘i, and also thank you for showing good judgment and supporting good senators in this body.”

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 30 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 30, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Chang, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 65, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 65, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Kanuha, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 102, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 102, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Fukunaga, McKelvey, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 119, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-

chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 176, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 176, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Chang, Gabbard as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 321, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 321, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Inouye, Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 332, S.D. 1 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 332, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Chang, co-chair; McKelvey, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 382 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 382, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators McKelvey, chair; Chang, co-chair; Moriwaki, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 385, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 385, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; McKelvey, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 657, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 657, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Gabbard, Hashimoto, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 822, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 822, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Chang, Fukunaga as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 825, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 825, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Hashimoto, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fukunaga, McKelvey as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 865, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Kanuha, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 934, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 934, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Elefante, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 935, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

The President appointed Senator Rhoads as manager on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 935, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 960, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 960, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1044, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Fukunaga, McKelvey, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; McKelvey, co-chair; Fukunaga, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1146, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Inouye, Moriwaki, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1170, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Inouye, Rhoads, co-chairs; Hashimoto, Kanuha, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1245, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1245, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1252, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1252, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Aquino, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1263, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1263, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1316, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1316, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Elefante, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1343, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1343, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Fukunaga, Chang, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1429, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1429, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Gabbard, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1500, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1501, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1501, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hashimoto, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1502, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1526, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1526, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Hashimoto,

Moriwaki, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1536, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Aquino, Kim, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1571, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1571, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Aquino, Wakai, co-chairs; Kim, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1585, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1585, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Kidani, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1667, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1667, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Hashimoto, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 3, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 3, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 302, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 302, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Gabbard, Moriwaki, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Inouye, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Kanuha, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Richards, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Keohokalole, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 420, H.D. 3 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 420, H.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Fukunaga, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 422, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 422, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Kim, Kidani, co-chairs; Hashimoto, Kanuha as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Lee, Keohokalole, Wakai, Rhoads, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Kanuha, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 549, H.D. 3 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 549, H.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Kidani, Kanuha, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 622, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 622, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kanuha, Kim, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 643, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 643, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Gabbard, DeCoite, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 713, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 718, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Kanuha, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 736, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 736, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Gabbard, Lee, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 740, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 740, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 860, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 860, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Wakai, Rhoads, Kanuha, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 934, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 934, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Kim, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 939, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 939, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Wakai, co-chair; McKelvey, Richards, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1007, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

The President appointed Senator Inouye as manager on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1007, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 1052, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1052, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Hashimoto, Kanuha, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1055, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Wakai, Aquino, co-chairs; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1064, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Elefante, chair; Aquino, Lee, Rhoads, co-chairs; Wakai, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1155, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1155, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; McKelvey, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1162, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Elefante, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1168, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1169, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1169, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1170, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-

chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1171, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1291, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1291, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Richards, chair; Gabbard, co-chair; Keohokalole, McKelvey, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1300, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1300, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1320, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1320, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kim, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1369, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hashimoto, chair; Kim, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1370, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1370, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Keohokalole, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried unanimously, the Senate authorized the Clerk to receive standing committee reports on amended House concurrent resolutions to be placed on the calendar for adoption. In consequence thereof, and subsequent to its recessing at 12:18 p.m., the Senate took the following actions on the following House concurrent resolutions and standing committee reports:

Senator Rhoads, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1941) recommending that H.C.R. No. 55, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1941 and H.C.R. No. 55, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY HOW EFFECTIVE EXISTING LAWS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING

ORDERS, PROTECTIVE ORDERS, AND HARASSMENT BY STALKING ARE IN PREVENTING CONTINUED ABUSE AND HARASSMENT,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1942) recommending that H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1942 and H.C.R. No. 77, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DESIGNATE KUNIA, LEILEHUA PLATEAU, AND POAMOHO AS THE CENTRAL OAHU AGRICULTURAL CORRIDOR AND ESTABLISH A LIST PRIORITIZING POTENTIAL AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATEWIDE THAT WOULD PROVIDE THE MOST VALUE TO THE STATE,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1943) recommending that H.C.R. No. 146, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1943 and H.C.R. No. 146, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO APPLY FOR AND IMPLEMENT THE ELDERLY SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION PROJECT IN THE STATE WHEN CAPABLE,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

Senators Lee and Wakai, for the Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1944) recommending that H.C.R. No. 205, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1944 and H.C.R. No. 205, S.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE THE PLANNING, FUNDING, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE KULANIHAKOI BRIDGE,” was deferred until Monday, April 21, 2025.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 p.m., the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 21, 2025.