

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:43 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-Fourth Day.

At this time, Senator Wakai introduced intern Sunny Kazama, who had offered a moment of contemplation prior to the Senate's floor session. Joining her in the gallery were her father, Davin Kazama; and Richard Mizusawa, Ashley Niibu, and Tosa Lobendahn, staff members in Senator Wakai's office.

The Chair noted that Ms. Kazama had decided to learn about the legislative process at the Senate during the gap year between her graduation from high school and her attendance at the University of San Diego the following fall.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 782 to 798) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 782, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 952, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Marten, Morikawa, co-chairs; Kapela, Olds, Garcia.

S.B. No. 1120, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Kila, Lowen, Grandinetti, co-chairs; La Chica, Muraoka.

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

Representatives Woodson, Morikawa, co-chairs; Amato, La Chica, Souza,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 783, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House bills:

H.B. No. 1079, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Marten, Morikawa, co-chairs; Kapela, Olds, Garcia.

H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Marten, Morikawa, co-chairs; Garcia,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 784, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 693, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Kahaloa, Kusch, co-chairs; Matsumoto.

S.B. No. 1186, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Representatives Kahaloa, Ilagan, Kusch, co-chairs; Matsumoto,

was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 785, returning S.C.R. No. 20, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 786, returning S.C.R. No. 31, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 787, returning S.C.R. No. 32, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 788, returning S.C.R. No. 58, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 789, returning S.C.R. No. 145, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 790, returning S.C.R. No. 194, S.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2025, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 791, returning S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 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. 86, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 792, returning S.C.R. No. 117, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 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. 117, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 793, returning S.C.R. No. 121, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 21, 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. 121, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair then announced:

“Conferees may be named at a later date.”

Hse. Com. No. 794, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the House agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate and passed the following House bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 413, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 477, H.D. 1, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 871, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 951, H.D. 2, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1002, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1017, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1065, H.D. 1, S.D. 1;
H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, S.D. 2;
H.B. No. 1152, H.D. 1, S.D. 2; and

H.B. No. 1379, H.D. 2, S.D. 1,
was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 795, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bills:

S.B. No. 66, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Representatives Evslin, Lamosao, Tarnas, co-chairs; Miyake, Pierick.

S.B. No. 944, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Evslin, Miyake, co-chairs; Pierick,
was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 796, informing the Senate that on April 21, 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. 1409, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Evslin, Hashem, Miyake, co-chairs; Muraoka,
was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 797, informing the Senate that on April 21, 2025, the Speaker appointed conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate bill:

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

Representatives Garrett, Hashem, Holt, co-chairs; Olds, Souza,
was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 798, informing the Senate that on April 21, 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. 1320, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Garrett, Holt, co-chairs; Souza,
was placed on file.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. No. 32) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 32, letter dated April 21, 2025, correcting the name of the appointee under Jud. Com. No. 31 (name amended to ROCHELLE I. VIDINHA CUSUMANO).

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1964) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Enhanced 911 Board of the following:

MATTHEW KURIHARA (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 505;

REED MAHUNA (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 614;

REBECCA LIEBERMAN (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 661;

ELLIOTT KE (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 662; and

FRANCIS ALUETA (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 664.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1964 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 505, 614, 661, 662, and 664 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator Gabbard, for the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1965) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Environmental Advisory Council of the following:

JAY STONE, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 509; and

DAWN HEGGER-NORDBLOM, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 557.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1965 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 509 and 557 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1966) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of COREY SHAFFER to the 911 Board (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 663.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1966 and Gov. Msg. No. 663 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1967) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission of the following:

BENTON PANG, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 783; and

JENSEN CHOCK, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 762.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1967 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 783 and 762 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1968) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHAEL CHINA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 735.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1968 and Gov. Msg. No. 735 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1969) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of THORNE ABBOTT to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 745.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1969 and Gov. Msg. No. 745 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Water and Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1970) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HANNAH SPRINGER to the Commission on Water Resource Management, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 770.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1970 and Gov. Msg. No. 770 was deferred until Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

**ORDER OF THE DAY
ADVISE AND CONSENT**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1945 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 590 and 591):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1945 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission of the following:

ARCHIE KALEPA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 590); and

LAWRENCE LASUA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 591),

seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1946 (Gov. Msg. No. 773):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1946 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SHAYLYN ORNELLAS to the Hawaiian Homes Commission, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1947 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 669, 670, and 671):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1947 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu of the following:

KEKAMAMAKOAAKAILIHOU CACERES, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 669);

JULIAN AKO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 670); and

CHARISH MILLER, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 671),

seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1948 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 676, 677, 678, and 679):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1948 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Maui and Lana'i of the following:

DANE MAXWELL, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 676);

NOELANI PARESA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 677);

CAROLINE HARTMAN, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 678); and

BENNADETTE DUMAN, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 679),

seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1949 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 680, 681, and 686):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1949 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Island Burial Council - Island of Hawai'i of the following:

LEIMANA ABENES, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 680);

CYRUS SETO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 681); and

SHANTEL FREEMAN, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 686),

seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1950 (Gov. Msg. No. 763):

Senator Richards moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1950 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura and carried.

Senator Richards then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHADLEY SCHIMMELFENNIG to the Island Burial Council, Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator San Buenaventura.

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. 1951 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 502, 581, and 690):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1951 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council of the following:

KEN LOUI, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 502);

JARED HIGASHI, term to expire June 30, 2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 581); and

JARED HIGASHI, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 690),

seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1952 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 717, 728, and 744):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1952 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council of the following:

SCOTT COLLINS, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 717);

PANE MEATOOGA III, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 728); and

AMBER AKANA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 744),

seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1953 (Gov. Msg. No. 529):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1953 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 FONOKALAFI MISI to the Hoisting Machine Operators Advisory Board, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1954 (Gov. Msg. No. 560):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1954 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 DAVID LOUIE to the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System, term to expire January 1, 2030, seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1955 (Gov. Msg. No. 660):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1955 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 KELLY UEOKA to the Hawai'i

Technology Development Corporation, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1956 (Gov. Msg. No. 727):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1956 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 BARBARA KRIEG to the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1957 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 571 and 667):

Senator Aquino moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1957 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Lee and carried.

Senator Aquino then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Trustees of the Deferred Compensation Plan of the following:

ERIC NOUCHI, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 571); and

TY NOHARA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 667),

seconded by Senator Lee.

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. 1958 (Gov. Msg. No. 592):

Senator Chang moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1958 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried.

Senator Chang then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LISA ANNE DARCY to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Hashimoto.

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. 1959 (Gov. Msg. No. 736):

Senator Chang moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1959 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Hashimoto and carried.

Senator Chang then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GRANT CHUN to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Hashimoto.

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS
MATTERS DEFERRED FROM
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1960 (H.C.R. No. 61):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 61, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY EXAMINING HOW CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS PRODUCE FISCAL NOTES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1961 (H.C.R. No. 182):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 182, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION CONSIDER CERTAIN GOALS FOR AN EQUITABLE, EFFICIENT, AND ADEQUATE TAX POLICY STRUCTURE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1962 (H.C.R. No. 183):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 183, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE AND DEVELOP DATA DRIVEN ANALYSES OF THE IMPACTS OF TAX POLICIES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MIGRATION PATTERNS, AND OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING PUBLIC POLICY," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1963 (H.C.R. No. 94):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 94, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING HAWAII AS A PURPLE HEART STATE ON AUGUST 7, 2025," was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

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

The President discharged all conferees 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. 1369, S.D. 1.

Senator Keohokalole moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 4, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1369, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Keohokalole then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1369, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Keohokalole noted:

"After reviewing the House amendments, we find them acceptable, and I ask my colleagues to support the changes. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1369, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1369, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TITLE 24, HAWAII

REVISED STATUTES," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Senator Lee moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 4, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Lee noted:

"Clarification was made to exemptions within the bill that is appropriate."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1402, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS IN STATE COMMERCIAL HARBORS," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

S.B. No. 1411, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

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. 1411, 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. 1411, S.D. 2, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator San Buenaventura noted:

"The amendments by the House were just technical in nature and adding 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. 1411, S.D. 2, and S.B. No. 1411, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAID THIRD PARTY LIABILITY," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees 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. 1511, S.D. 1.

Senator Inouye moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 10, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Inouye noted:

"Hanalei Bay is cherished as a peaceful recreational area where families and visitors enjoy ocean activities. However, the growing presence of large vessels poses risks to public safety and disrupts the bay's tranquil atmosphere. To protect its welcoming character, this measure limits the size of vessels allowed to enter. And the Senate agrees with the House's decision to change the effective date to 'upon approval.' Thank you, Mr. President."

The Chair, addressing Senator Inouye, noted the gratitude for her efforts from the people of the North Shore and island of Kaua'i.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HANALEI BAY," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

WAIVERS OF REFERRAL

Senator Keohokalole, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, rose to request that the referrals of the following measures to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection be waived:

H.C.R. No. 91; and
H.C.R. No. 102, H.D. 1.

Senator Keohokalole noted:

"After reviewing the changes in the subject-matter committee, I recommend them for adoption. Thank you."

The Chair granted the waivers, and the following House concurrent resolutions were placed on the calendar for Adoption on Wednesday, April 23, 2025:

H.C.R. No. 91, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HEALTH INSURERS AND MANAGED CARE PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES."

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."

At this time, Senator Richards introduced Kekamamakoakailihou "Makoa" Caceres and Charish Miller, newly confirmed members of the Island Burial Council, Island of O'ahu. Senator Richards noted that the volunteer members of the five Island Burial Councils brought to their roles deep understandings of the culture, history, customs, and practices of kānaka maoli and that he had been moved and impressed by the nominees' commitment and passion for the proper treatment of iwi kūpuna and native burial council sites. Senator Richards observed that Mr. Caceres's father had also served on the O'ahu Island Burial Council and that both Mr. Caceres and Ms. Miller brought a wealth of knowledge to the council. Senator Richards also welcomed Shaylyn Ornellas, newly confirmed member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. Senator Richards explained the role of the commission and noted that Ms. Ornellas had received nearly 50 letters of support describing her dedication, passion, and creative solutions toward "mālama 'āina." Joining Ms. Ornellas in the gallery were her parents, Raymond and Valerie Ornellas; family members Jan, Taelee, and Torren Kimura; and sister Noelani Hochuli.

Senator DeCoite acknowledged Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism James Tokioka, who was seated in the gallery and visiting from Kaua'i in support of Ms. Ornellas, who also hailed from Kaua'i.

Senator Kanuha recognized students, teachers, and chaperones from Kōloa Elementary School, from Kaua'i, who were present in the gallery.

Senator Aquino introduced and congratulated Jared Higashi, newly confirmed member of the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, who was seated in the gallery.

Senator San Buenaventura reminded the members that Massage Awareness Day at the Capitol would be taking place the following day on the fourth floor from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with donations going to the Foodbank.

Senator Gabbard wished members, staff, and guests a happy Earth Day, noting that the event was first held in 1970, and encouraged listeners to hug a tree, shake hands with a frog, or visit the disappearing Waikīkī beaches. Senator Gabbard then expressed his startlement on reading a *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* headline from the previous day, "Chronic beach loss, infrastructure risks loom as parts of Hawaii sink," and observed that a specialist at UH Mānoa's School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology had described the loss of about five feet of sand and recession of about thirty feet of shoreline at a particular Waikīkī beach. Senator Gabbard then thanked the members for their help in "keeping paradise, paradise" and expressed his hope that they would continue to work together as stewards of the 'āina.

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment.

APPOINTMENT AND DISCHARGE OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 104, 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. 104, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Elefante, chair; Rhoads, Moriwaki, co-chairs; Fukunaga, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 125, 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. 125, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Kim, Kanuha, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 183, 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. 183, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

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

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair and appointed Senator Fukunaga as chair 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. 332, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 336 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 336, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; Rhoads, Kanuha, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 401, 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. 401, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof,

the President appointed Senators Elefante, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Chang, Wakai as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 441, 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. 441, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Elefante, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 589, 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. 589, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Keohokalole, Lee, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 732, 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. 732, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Kim, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 752, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair, and discharged Senator Fukunaga as manager and appointed her as chair 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. 752, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1009, 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. 1009, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Rhoads, Aquino, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1051, 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. 1051, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; DeCorte, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1065, 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. 1065, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Aquino, chair; McKelvey, Hashimoto, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1095, 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. 1095, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Elefante, Inouye, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1186, 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. 1186, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Rhoads, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1195, 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. 1195, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1221, 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. 1221, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Hashimoto, Kanuha, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3 (H.D. 3):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Gabbard, Kim, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1589, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1589, S.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, Lee, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1669, 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. 1669, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Chang, Hashimoto, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 48, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as co-chair, and discharged Senator Richards as manager and appointed him as co-chair 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. 48, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 127, 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. 127, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Chang, San Buenaventura as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 133, 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. 133, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair;

Kanuha, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as co-chair and appointed Senator Fukunaga as co-chair 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. 228, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 235, 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. 235, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Elefante, Rhoads, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 277, 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. 277, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Elefante, Rhoads, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 348, 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. 348, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Gabbard, Keohokalole, Rhoads, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 437, 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. 437, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Lee, Kim, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 496, 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. 496, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Gabbard, Kanuha, Keohokalole, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as co-chair and appointed Senator Richards as co-chair 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. 534, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 563, 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. 563, 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. 650, 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. 650, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, co-chair; Fukunaga, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 692, 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. 692, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Moriawaki, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 697, 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. 697, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Wakai, Rhoads, DeCoite, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 750, 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. 750, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hashimoto, chair; Gabbard, Wakai, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 774, 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. 774, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Gabbard, Wakai, co-chairs; Fukunaga as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 782, 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. 782, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; DeCoite, co-chair; Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 862, 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. 862, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Kidani, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 969, 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. 969, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Inouye, Hashimoto, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

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

The President discharged Senator Keohokalole as chair and appointed Senator Fukunaga as chair 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. 1055, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 1153, 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. 1153, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators McKelvey, chair; Lee, co-chair; Hashimoto as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1179, 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. 1179, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, DeCoite, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1187, 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. 1187, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators McKelvey, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1294, 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. 1294, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Chang, Moriwaki, co-chairs; DeCoite, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1298, 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. 1298, H.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chair; Aquino, Hashimoto, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1308, 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. 1308, H.D. 3, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Keohokalole, Kanuha, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1365, 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. 1365, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Gabbard, chair; Inouye, Aquino, co-chairs; Rhoads, Richards, Awa as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1378, 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. 1378, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Hashimoto, co-chair; Kanuha as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1391, 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. 1391, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Lee, Kim, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1406, 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. 1406, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Wakai, chair; Kim, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025.