

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 11:32 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-Fifth Day.

At this time, Senator Wakai introduced Tomohiko Nishi, who ran a Japanese travel agency out of Nagoya and had visited Hawai'i 160 times over a period of 50 years. Joining him in the gallery was Cyndi Nakagawa, his longtime assistant who lived in Hawai'i. Senator Wakai noted that Mr. Nishi and Ms. Nakagawa had helped the state's economy and kept its residents employed.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 798 and 1119 to 1123) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 798, letter dated April 22, 2025, correcting the position of the nominee under Gov. Msg. No. 697 (position amended to Deputy to the Chairperson).

Gov. Msg. No. 1119, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1202 as Act 19, entitled: "RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE."

Gov. Msg. No. 1120, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 111 as Act 20, entitled: "RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING."

Gov. Msg. No. 1121, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill No. 1508, S.D. 1 as Act 21, entitled: "RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1122, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 125, H.D. 1 as Act 22, entitled: "RELATING TO FIREARMS."

Gov. Msg. No. 1123, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the Governor signed into law House Bill No. 995 as Act 23, entitled: "RELATING TO FIREARMS REPORTING."

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 799 to 805) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 799, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 281, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Marten, Tarnas, co-chairs; Olds, Garcia.

S.B. No. 447 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Takayama, Sayama, Keohokapu-Lee Loy, co-chairs; Olds, Alcos.

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

Representatives Takayama, Matayoshi, Tarnas, co-chairs; Matsumoto.

Hse. Com. No. 800, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 103 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Tarnas, chair; Poepoe, Shimizu.

H.B. No. 371, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Tarnas, Kitagawa, co-chairs; Poepoe, Garcia.

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

Representatives Hashem, Tarnas, Lamosao, co-chairs; Evslin, Shimizu.

Hse. Com. No. 801, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 701, H.D. 3 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Marten, Ilagan, Morikawa, co-chairs; Chun, Alcos.

Hse. Com. No. 802, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 1520, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Marten, Tarnas, co-chairs; Lamosao, Garcia.

Hse. Com. No. 803, informing the Senate that on April 22, 2025, the House made the following changes to the conferees on the following bills:

H.B. No. 110, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Discharged all conferees.

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

Discharged all conferees.

Hse. Com. No. 804, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 344, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

Representatives Lowen, Takenouchi, co-chairs; Kusch, Perruso, Alcos.

Hse. Com. No. 805, informing the Senate that on April 22, 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. 127, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

Representatives Tarnas, chair; Poepoe, Garcia.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1296, S.D. 2, presented a report (Conf.

Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that S.B. No. 1296, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, as amended in C.D. 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1 and S.B. No. 1296, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RECOVERY," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1318, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that S.B. No. 1318, H.D. 1, as amended in C.D. 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2 and S.B. No. 1318, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1971) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GENE DEMELLO JR. to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 567.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1971 and Gov. Msg. No. 567 was deferred until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1972) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JENNIFER MERKLE to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 619.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1972 and Gov. Msg. No. 619 was deferred until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1973) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of LINDA RICH to the Hawai'i Paroling Authority, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 620.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1973 and Gov. Msg. No. 620 was deferred until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1974) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CARLA KOBASHIGAWA to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 623.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1974 and Gov. Msg. No. 623 was deferred until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1975) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SAIFOLOI AGANON to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 694.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1975 and Gov. Msg. No. 694 was deferred until Thursday, April 24, 2025.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1964 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 505, 614, 661, 662, and 664):

Senator McKelvey moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1964 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator McKelvey then moved 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), term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 505);

REED MAHUNA (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 614);

REBECCA LIEBERMAN (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 661);

ELLIOTT KE (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 662); and

FRANCIS ALUETA (board name amended to 911 Board by Gov. Msg. No. 712), term to expire June 30, 2026 (Gov. Msg. No. 664),

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. 1965 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 509 and 557):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1965 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Richards and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Environmental Advisory Council of the following:

JAY STONE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 509); and

DAWN HEGGER-NORDBLOM, term to expire June 30, 2027 (Gov. Msg. No. 557),

seconded by Senator Richards.

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. 1966 (Gov. Msg. No. 663):

Senator McKelvey moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1966 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator McKelvey then moved 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), term to expire June 30, 2026, 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. 1967 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 783 and 762):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1967 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission of the following:

BENTON PANG, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 783); and

JENSEN CHOCK, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 762),

seconded by Senator Elefante.

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. 1968 (Gov. Msg. No. 735):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1968 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHAEL CHINA to the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (Kakaako District), term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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. 1969 (Gov. Msg. No. 745):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1969 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of THORNE ABBOTT to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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. 1970 (Gov. Msg. No. 770):

Senator Inouye moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1970 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Elefante and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HANNAH SPRINGER to the Commission on Water Resource Management, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Elefante.

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 McKelvey introduced Reed Mahuna, who had been confirmed for another term on the 911 Board and was seated in the gallery. Senator McKelvey noted that Mr. Mahuna had been a member of the Hawai'i Police Department since 1998 and was currently deputy chief of police, where he oversaw critical operations for the department. Senator McKelvey thanked Mr. Mahuna for his commitment

and desire to serve on the board and also thanked the members, especially those from the Big Island, for their support in Mr. Mahuna's confirmation.

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

"G.M. 770, Hannah Kihalani Springer, who unfortunately was unable to attend today's floor session, is a highly qualified cultural practitioner who has the experience and knowledge to qualify her for the appointment to the Commission on Water Resource Management. She is the commissioner who possesses substantial experience and expertise in traditional Hawaiian water resource management techniques and traditional Hawaiian riparian usage.

"A native of Ka'upulehu in North Kona, Ms. Springer has deep ancestral and generational ties to the lands and waters of Hawai'i Island. She has long served as a respected voice in policy discussions and community-based efforts focused on protecting the state's natural and cultural resources, demonstrating a deep commitment to sustainability, collaboration, and the integration of Hawaiian values and practices into resource management decision-making.

"More than 300 individuals and numerous organizations sent in testimony supporting Ms. Springer's nomination. Typical of a lot of the submitted testimony, people stated: 'Hannah embodies the role of a kahu wai—a guardian of water. She holds wai as sacred, not merely a resource, but a relative to be protected.' 'We have known Ms. Springer for many years and have observed that she is a reasoned, thoughtful advocate for wise management of island resources. In our view, she can be counted on to provide pragmatic, balanced and fair assessments of all matters that come before the Water Commission - and is the kind of commissioner that this particular panel needs.'

"Aunt Hannah, as she is fondly known, is a lineal descendant of Ka'upulehu and Kūki'o, grounded in the 'ike kūpuna of her ancestors, who understood how to not just survive but thrive within the highly variable rainfall conditions of the Hawai'i ahupua'a.

"The governor made the right choice in appointing Aunt Hannah Springer to the Commission on Water Resource Management. She will be a valuable member of the commission as water issues come up in the weeks and months to come.

"Mr. President, I'd like to take this time to honor Ms. Springer, and we thank our colleagues for her vote. Mahalo."

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

H.C.R. No. 91:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, 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," was adopted.

H.C.R. No. 102, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, H.C.R. No. 102, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S EXAMINATION IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING A LIMITED

REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S LICENSE, FOR THE SALE OF TIMESHARE PRODUCTS IN HAWAII, TO JAPANESE NATIONAL VISITORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING JAPAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN AND SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII TOURISM INDUSTRY," was adopted, with Senator Awa voting "No."

FINAL READING

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

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Wakai 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," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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

On motion by Senator Lee, seconded by Senator Wakai 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," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Wakai 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," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

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

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Wakai 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 HANAIEI BAY," 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.C.R. No. 4 (H.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 4, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Inouye then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 4, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Inouye noted:

"On S.C.R. 4, House Draft 1, and S.C.R. 5, House Draft 1, the Senate notes that these resolutions both have importance in relation to easements into portions of state submerged lands. The House made technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style on both of these."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 4, and S.C.R. No. 4, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KIKIAOLA, KEKAHA, KAUAI, FOR A SHORELINE PROTECTION STRUCTURE, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 5, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 5, 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.C.R. No. 5, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Inouye noted:

"On S.C.R. 4, House Draft 1, and S.C.R. 5, House Draft 1, the Senate notes that these resolutions both have importance in relation to easements into portions of state submerged lands. The House made technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purpose of clarity, consistency, and style on both of these."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 5, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 5, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR CONCRETE STAIRS, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 54, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Inouye moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 54, 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.C.R. No. 54, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Inouye noted:

"S.C.R. 54, House Draft 1, is a measure to request the DLNR to convene and provide administrative assistance to a Desalination Planning Task Force to determine whether the use of desalinization for large-scale water consumption in the state is feasible. The Senate agrees to the amendments made by the House extending the year from 2026 to 2027 in which the task force is to report its findings and their date of dissolution. The Senate also agrees to the technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style to this measure. Thank you, Mr. President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 54, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 54, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE AND PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TO A DESALINATION PLANNING TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE WHETHER

THE USE OF DESALINATION FOR LARGE-SCALE WATER CONSUMPTION IN THE STATE IS FEASIBLE,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator McKelvey moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 15, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator McKelvey then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator McKelvey noted:

“The changes made to the measure were accepted by the author, who urged our reluctant agreement.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 53, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMPTROLLER TO COOPERATE WITH THE HAWAII STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND HAWAII BROADBAND AND DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE TO IDENTIFY RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE WITH A NEED FOR BETTER TELECOMMUNICATION ACCESS FOR RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

S.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Senator Wakai moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 21, 2025, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator DeCoite and carried.

Senator Wakai then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator DeCoite.

Senator Wakai noted:

“Members, as we race to a hundred percent renewable, this resolution creates a working group to look at the idea of adding nuclear power to our tool of opportunities and would be helpful in our aspirations to get to 100 percent by 2045.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 136, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: “SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A NUCLEAR ENERGY WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGIES IN THE STATE,” was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

At this time, Senator Gabbard introduced Jay Stone, newly confirmed member of the Environmental Advisory Council, who was present in the gallery. Senator Gabbard observed that Mr. Stone, a “Kailua boy,” was an environmental engineer with over 30 years of experience designing wastewater and stormwater systems and teaching the next generation about water technology. Senator Gabbard then congratulated and thanked Mr. Stone for his service on the council.

Senator San Buenaventura reminded the members that that day was Massage Awareness Day at the Capitol and that they had about an hour following session to participate.

The Chair, noting that he had seen the length of the line of those waiting for massages on his way to session, observed that the event appeared to be quite popular.

Senator Awa welcomed students from Waiāhole Elementary School, in District 23, who were accompanied in the gallery by teacher Crystal Empalmado and academic coach Donna Kawasaki.

The Chair requested that members of the Majority report to the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment.

APPOINTMENT AND DISCHARGE OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 694 (H.D. 1):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 694, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; Gabbard, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 933, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged Senator Kanuha as manager and appointed Senator Aquino 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. 933, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 989, 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. 989, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators DeCoite, chair; Wakai, Hashimoto, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 1520, 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. 1520, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 237, 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. 237, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 250, 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. 250, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Keohokalole, Aquino, co-chairs; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 329, 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. 329, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Lee, Chang, co-chairs; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 359, 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. 359, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Rhoads, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 496, 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. 496, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 613, 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. 613, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Hashimoto, chair; Inouye, co-chair; Fevella as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 620, 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. 620, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Kanuha, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 698, 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. 698, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Rhoads, chair; DeCoite, Gabbard, Richards, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 778, 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. 778, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Inouye, chair; Gabbard, DeCoite, co-chairs; Elefante, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 943, 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. 943, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators San Buenaventura, chair; Moriwaki, co-chair; Hashimoto, Fevella as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 957, 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. 957, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Elefante, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 961, 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. 961, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Kanuha, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1159, 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. 1159, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Lee, chair; Rhoads, Aquino, co-chairs; Inouye, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 1293, 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. 1293, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Kidani, chair; Kim, co-chair; Kanuha, DeCorte as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:47 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2025.