

SIXTIETH DAY

Friday, May 2, 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-Ninth Day.

At this time, Senator Keohokalole welcomed "grumpy old man" Isaac Choy, who was seated in the gallery. Senator Keohokalole added that he had served with Mr. Choy, a friend, in the state House of Representatives and that he was happy Mr. Choy was serving the public.

Senator Dela Cruz noted his agreement with the characterization of Mr. Choy as a "grumpy old man" and then recognized Committee on Ways and Means (WAM) Bills staff members, who had gotten WAM and House Committee on Finance releases out in time for members to vote on their measures: AsherRay Palomares, Diana Setness, Fabian Respicio, Kristie Castillo, Joshua Bumanglag, and David Cho.

Senator Gabbard introduced members of his staff who were present in the gallery: office manager Meg Turner, community liaison Melanie June, legislative aide Donna Lay, committee clerk Lia Bellord, assistant committee clerk Nadia Riggs, and intern Ari Romualdo.

The Chair recognized Senator Gabbard's wife, Carol Gabbard, who was seated in the gallery, and thanked her for bringing toffee to the Capitol that day.

Senator Gabbard then acknowledged his wife, Carol Gabbard, "the toffee-maker."

Senator Rhoads introduced members of his staff: attorneys Moya Gray, Teddy Brokaw, and Jessie Faige; committee clerk Imiloa Borland; legislative aides Mia Ogata, Sara Thorn, and Payton Haygood; and office manager Glen Young.

Senator DeCoite recognized members of his staff: Eseta Malufau, Richard Oshiro, Thomas Gomes, and Jessie Kalahui. Also in the gallery, from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, were interim CEO Caroline Anderson, Roy Pfund, Todd Apo, and "grumpy old man" Isaac Choy.

Senator Lee acknowledged members of his staff who were present in the gallery: Anthony Miranda, Danielle Evangelista, and Natasha Quinn.

Senator Fevella introduced members of his staff: office manager Raiza Dalofin, Morgan-Star England, Chris Lualemaga, Joyce Oliveira, Wylend Lu, and Matt Elgarico. Senator Fevella noted that Ms. Dalofin ran "like a rabbit" to ensure he was on time for hearings and expressed his appreciation to all members of his staff for helping him be on time for committee hearings and conference committee meetings.

Senator Kanuha welcomed two of his aunties who were visiting from California. Seated in the gallery were Aunty Rosemary Kanuha, from Los Angeles, and Aunty Linda Gusek, from San Diego. Senator Kanuha thanked them for visiting and for everything they do. Senator Kanuha then introduced members of his staff: Aunty Poni Daines, Netty Leviticus, and Kepa Command. Senator Kanuha also recognized Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke and her "trusty sidekick" Kaleo Chang, who were present in the gallery.

Senator Elefante acknowledged members of his staff: office manager Jan Salcedo, legislative aide Taylor Sayles, and session staff member Faith Quintua. Senator Elefante then welcomed Richmond Luzar, Melissa Pavlicek, Steve Teves, and Kat Brady, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator Kim introduced members of her staff: intern Crystal Castille, who would be graduating from UH and whose last day in the office was that day; Kathy Nii; and Savannah Coules.

Senator Aquino acknowledged members of his staff who were present in the gallery: Nathaniel Isei; committee clerk Jayne Nantkes; and office manager Maureen Andrade, who had been with him since 2008.

Senator Chang recognized members of his staff: legislative aide Zephaniah Smith-Eisenstat, committee clerk Angie Chapman, office manager Ruben Sierra, and intern Shaina Laguatan.

Senator Inouye introduced members of her staff: Tammie Kotani, who had been a "spark plug" in the office for several years; Amelia Dudley; and Mel Ah Ching, who had been with her for the previous six years and had worked for Senator Sam Slom for fifteen years.

Senator McKelvey acknowledged members of his staff: Wendee Wilson, Beth MacKenzie, Kauila Pratt, and Kamana Levy.

Senator Awa introduced Alan Johnson, photographer with *Hawaii News Now*; Jamm Aquino, photojournalist for the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*; and Blaze Lovell, reporter for *Honolulu Civil Beat*, who were seated in the gallery.

Senator San Buenaventura recognized members of her staff: Luis Lopez, who had previously offered the Senate a moment of contemplation and would be departing for Florida; and Juliet Begley, who had a wealth of experience working at the Capitol dating back to Governor Benjamin Cayetano's administration.

Senator Rhoads welcomed Will Kane, senior advisor to Governor Josh Green.

Senator Richards acknowledged members of his staff: office manager Margarete Olson; committee clerk Reggie Garcia; and session hires Maigee Chang, Magdalena Marban, and Spencer Thomas.

Senator Kidani honored the late Patsy Takemoto Mink, observing that women's sports were alive and well in high schools. Senator Kidani acknowledged the new women's sport of flag football, played by her granddaughter, whose team was in the running, along with Campbell High School, for the finals that evening.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 316 to 412) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 316, from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, dated December 18, 2024, transmitting the 2024 Report on Procedures That Will Expedite the Hiring Process for Security Guards pursuant to H.R. No. 93, H.D. 1 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 317, from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, dated December 18, 2024, transmitting the 2024 Report on the Lanai Community Health Center's Telepharmacy Pilot Demonstration and Research Project pursuant to H.R. No. 124 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 318, from the Department of Taxation, dated December 23, 2024, transmitting the Telework Program Report pursuant to H.R. No. 61 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 319, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 9, 2025, transmitting the DOT Highways Financial Management System Project Report for November 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 320, from the Department of Law Enforcement, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the Narcotics Enforcement Division Annual Report pursuant to Section 329-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 321, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, dated December 5, 2024, transmitting the Instance of Usage of Electric Guns pursuant to Section 134-87(b)(3), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 322, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 3, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Motion Picture, Digital Media and Film Production Tax Credit Report pursuant to Act 217, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 323, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Report of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation pursuant to Section 26-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 324, from the University of Hawai'i, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the 2024 RCUH Annual Report pursuant to Section 304A-3007, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 325, from the Department of Human Services, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the Report Related to the East Hawaii Child Welfare Services Pilot Project pursuant to Act 177, SLH 2018.

Dept. Com. No. 326, from the Hawai'i Medical Service Association, dated December 31, 2024, transmitting the HMSA QUEST Integration 2024 Medicaid Contracting Report pursuant to Act 12, First Special SLH 2009.

Dept. Com. No. 327, from the Department of Human Services, dated January 14, 2025, transmitting the Report on the Spouse and Child Abuse Special Fund pursuant to Section 346-7.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 328, from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, dated December 16, 2024, transmitting the State Historic Preservation Income Tax Credit Report pursuant to Section 235-110.97(1), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 329, from the Department of Taxation, dated January 10, 2025, transmitting the Report on Administratively Created Accounts and Funds pursuant to Section 37-52.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 330, from the Department of Health, dated December 23, 2024, transmitting the Report of Findings and Recommendations to Enhance Meaningful Access to Health Care in the State Through the Provision of Language Assistance Services pursuant to H.C.R. No. 71 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 331, from the Department of Agriculture, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on the Transfers Between the Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund and Aquaculture Loan Revolving Fund pursuant to Sections 155-14 and 219-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 332, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated January 15, 2025, transmitting the Report on Recommendations for Denial of Claims for Legislative Relief pursuant to Section 37-77, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 333, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 9, 2025,

transmitting the 2024 Environmental Advisory Council Annual Report pursuant to Act 24, SLH 2023.

Dept. Com. No. 334, from the Department of Transportation, dated January 15, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Safe Routes to School pursuant to Act 244, SLH 2023.

Dept. Com. No. 335, from the Department of Transportation, dated January 8, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Annual Report on Bikeway Projects and Expenditures pursuant to Act 222, SLH 1995.

Dept. Com. No. 336, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 15, 2025, transmitting the Study of Proposed Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage Regarding Step Therapy Requirements for Stage 2 Through Stage 5 Cancer Report (Report No. 25-02) pursuant to H.C.R. No. 225 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 337, from the Department of Health, dated January 16, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Implementation of the State Comprehensive Integrated Service Plan pursuant to Section 334-10(e), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 338, from the Department of Transportation, dated January 15, 2025, transmitting the Mamalahoa Highway Flooding Report pursuant to S.C.R. No. 63, S.D. 1 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 339, from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, dated January 15, 2025, transmitting the Annual Activity Report pursuant to Act 279, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 340, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 16, 2025, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 341, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 17, 2025, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 342, from the Office of the Auditor, dated January 17, 2025, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 343, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 17, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project IV&V Report for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 344, from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, dated December 6, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on the Status of the Federal Reimbursement Maximization Special Fund pursuant to Section 353-38, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 345, from the Hawai'i Police Department, dated January 13, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Electric Guns and Use Report pursuant to Section 134-87(b), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 346, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated January 3, 2025, transmitting the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to Section 87A-25, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 347, from the Department of Education, dated January 22, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Six-Year Program and Financial Plan for School Repair and Maintenance pursuant to Section 302A-1312, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 348, from the Department of Human Resources Development, dated January 23, 2025, transmitting the Remote Work Report pursuant to S.C.R. No. 184, S.D. 1 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 349, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 23, 2025, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project IV&V Report for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 350, from the Department of Transportation, dated January 23, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report for the Photo Red Light Imaging Detection System Pilot Program pursuant to Act 30, SLH 2020.

Dept. Com. No. 351, from the University of Hawai'i, dated January 27, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Workforce Development Programs pursuant to Section 202-10, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 352, from the Public Utilities Commission, dated January 24, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024 pursuant to Sections 269-5 and 269-33(c), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 353, from the Kaua'i Police Department, dated January 14, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Kaua'i Police Department Disciplinary Report pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 354, from the Kaua'i Police Department, dated January 14, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Kaua'i Police Department Electric Gun Report pursuant to Section 134-87(b)(3), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 355, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 31, 2025, transmitting the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Modernization (Hui Huaka'i) Project Report for October 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 356, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 31, 2025, transmitting the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Modernization (Hui Huaka'i) Project Report for November 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 357, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated January 31, 2025, transmitting the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Modernization (Hui Huaka'i) Project Report for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 358, from the Hawai'i Police Department, dated January 22, 2025, transmitting the HPD 2024 Annual Disciplinary Report pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 359, from the Department of Human Services, dated January 30, 2025, transmitting the Reports on the Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness and the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions pursuant to Sections 346-381 and 346-386, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 360, from the Department of Human Services, dated December 16, 2024, transmitting the Neighbor Island Blind and Visually Impaired Pilot Program report pursuant to Act 253, SLH 2023.

Dept. Com. No. 361, from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, on behalf of the 2024 OHA Salary Commission, dated January 29, 2025, transmitting the Report and Recommendations Regarding the Salary of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs pursuant to Section 10-9.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 362, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated February 6, 2025, transmitting the Wildfires Expenditure Report January 2025 pursuant to Act 10, Section 6, SLH 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 363, from the Honolulu Police Department, dated January 31, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on the

Use and Discharge of Electric Guns pursuant to Section 134-87(b)(3), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 364, from the Maui Police Department, dated February 4, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Legislature Disciplinary Report pursuant to Section 52D-3.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 365, from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, dated February 7, 2025, transmitting the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Coordinator Monthly Report for January pursuant to Section 353L-6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 366, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated January 31, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Goals, Objectives, Policies, Action Plan, and Performance Measures pursuant to Act 100, SLH 1999.

Dept. Com. No. 367, from the Department of Human Services, dated February 11, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus Commission pursuant to Section 369-5(8), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 368, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 11, 2025, transmitting the IV&V Report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for November 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 369, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 5, 2025, transmitting the DOT Highways Financial Management System Project Report for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 370, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 11, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA ADAD INSPIRE-Plus IV&V Report for November 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 371, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 11, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA ADAD INSPIRE-Plus IV&V Report for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 372, from the Department of Health, dated December 26, 2024, transmitting the Annual Report on Recommended Primary Health Care Incentives, Strategies, and Implementation pursuant to Section 321-1.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 373, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated February 3, 2025, transmitting the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Sections 201H-21, 201H-95, 201H-202, and 201H-206, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 374, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated February 13, 2025, transmitting the 2025 Penalty Adjustment Report pursuant to Act 126, SLH 2017.

Dept. Com. No. 375, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 18, 2025, transmitting the Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounts of the Department of the Attorney General (Report No. 25-04) pursuant to Section 23-12, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 376, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 19, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project IV&V Report for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 377, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 19, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA ADAD INSPIRE-Plus IV&V Report for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 378, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated February 19, 2025, transmitting the IV&V Report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for December 2024 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 379, from the Department of Health, dated February 20, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report for the Our Care, Our Choice Act pursuant to Section 327L-14, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 380, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated February 14, 2025, transmitting the DBEDT 2024 Annual Report pursuant to Section 201-10, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 381, from the Department of Health, dated February 3, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Addendum to the Hawai'i Trauma-Informed Care Task Force Recommendations Report of 2023 pursuant to Act 209, SLH 2021.

Dept. Com. No. 382, from the Office of the Auditor, dated February 28, 2025, transmitting the Sunset Analysis: Regulation of Midwives Report (Report No. 25-03) pursuant to Chapter 26H, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 383, from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, dated March 4, 2025, transmitting the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Annual Report FY 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 384, from the Department of Accounting and General Services, dated March 4, 2025, transmitting the DAGS Report on the Plan to Decrease Costs of Utilities pursuant to Act 230, Section 5.1, SLH 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 385, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 4, 2025, transmitting the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Modernization (Hui Huaka'i) Project Report for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 386, from the Department of Agriculture, dated March 6, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report for FY2023-2024 pursuant to Section 141-1(7), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 387, from the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, dated March 7, 2025, transmitting the Annual Evaluation of the Hawaii Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Report pursuant to Section 383-126.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 388, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated March 6, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Wildfires Expenditure Report as of February 2025 pursuant to Act 10, SLH 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 389, from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, dated March 7, 2025, transmitting the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Coordinator Monthly Report for February pursuant to Section 353L-6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 390, from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, dated March 7, 2025, transmitting the Hoe Amau: The Current State of Reentry in Hawaii Report pursuant to Section 353L-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 391, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 7, 2025, transmitting the Analyses of Proposed Special and Revolving Funds 2025 (Report No. 25-05) pursuant to Section 23-11, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 392, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 4, 2025, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project IV&V Report for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 393, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated March 11, 2025, transmitting the Notification to the Legislature of Transfers from Non-General Funds to General Fund FY 25, March 7, 2025, pursuant to Section 37-46, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 394, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 13, 2025, transmitting the IV&V Report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 395, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 13, 2025, transmitting the DOH BHA Integrated Case Management System Project IV&V Report for February 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 396, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 6, 2025, transmitting the DOT Highways Financial Management System Project Report for January 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 397, from the Department of Human Services, dated March 20, 2025, transmitting the Report on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) & Temporary Assistance for Other Needy Families (TAONF) Programs pursuant to Section 346-51.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 398, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 20, 2025, transmitting the Financial Audit of the State of Hawai'i Annual Comprehensive Financial Report pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 399, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 20, 2025, transmitting the Financial Audit of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 400, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 20, 2025, transmitting the Single Audit of Federal Financial Assistance Programs of the Department of Transportation, Harbors Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 401, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 20, 2025, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 402, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 14, 2025, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project IV&V Report for February 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 403, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 25, 2025, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audit of the Department of Transportation, Administration Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 404, from the Office of the Auditor, dated March 25, 2024, transmitting the Financial and Compliance Audits of the Department of Transportation, Highways Division, pursuant to Chapter 23, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 405, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated March 27, 2025, transmitting the IV&V Report on the AG Child Support Enforcement Agency's KROM Project for February 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 406, from the Department of Human Services, dated April 1, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Medicaid Health Care Insurance Plan Contracts for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 pursuant to Section 103F-107, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 407, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated March 24, 2025,

transmitting the Online Sports Wagering Working Group Final Report pursuant to H.C.R. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 408, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated April 7, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Listing of Opinions Issued by the Attorney General pursuant to Section 28-3, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 409, from the Department of Budget and Finance, dated April 7, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Wildfires Expenditure Report as of March 2025 pursuant to Act 10, SLH 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 410, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 4, 2025, transmitting the DLIR Unemployment Insurance Modernization (Hui Huaka'i) Project Report for February 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 411, from the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission, dated April 11, 2025, transmitting the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission Monthly Report for March pursuant to Section 353L-6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 412, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated April 7, 2025, transmitting the DOT Highways Financial Management System Project Report for February 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 821) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 821, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2025, the following bills passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives:

H.B. No. 3, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 70, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 72, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 97, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 103, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 126, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 133, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 134, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 159, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 162, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 226, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 228, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 235, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 237, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 242, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 250, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 277, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 280, H.D. 3, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 300, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 302, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 316, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 320, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 329, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 341, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 345, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 359, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 396, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 398, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 399, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 400, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 401, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 410, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 420, H.D. 3, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 422, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 427, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 430, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 431, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;

H.B. No. 441, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 442, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 474, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 496, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 505, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 511, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 529, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 534, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 544, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 550, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 613, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 648, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 650, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 H.B. No. 667, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1;
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 S.B. No. 1571, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1578, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1;
 S.B. No. 1602, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1; and
 S.B. No. 1651, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

JUDICIARY COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Judiciary (Jud. Com. Nos. 33 to 35) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Jud. Com. No. 33, dated January 21, 2025, transmitting the 2024 Hawai'i State Judiciary Annual Report pursuant to Section 601-2(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 34, dated February 10, 2025, transmitting a report on administratively established new accounts for Appropriation No. S-25-258-J State Access & Visitation Program (FY 25) and Appropriation No. S-25-259-J State Court Improvement Program (FY 25) pursuant to Section 37-52.5(a), HRS.

Jud. Com. No. 35, dated March 5, 2025, transmitting the Report on Intercepted Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications pursuant to Section 803-47(b), HRS.

ORDER OF THE DAY**ADVISE AND CONSENT**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 510 and 602):

Senator DeCoite moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2010 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator DeCoite then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority of the following:

TODD APO, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 510); and

ROY PFUND, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 602),

seconded by Senator Wakai.

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. 2011 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 506, 507, 508, and 556):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2011 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission of the following:

LEINAALA LOPEZ, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 506);

PAMELA ALCONCEL, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 507);

BEVERLY LEE, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 508); and

LOUISE ALINA, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 556),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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. 2012 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 740, 742, and 743):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2012 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts of the following:

JANET SATO, term to expire June 30, 2028 (Gov. Msg. No. 740);

MARCIA ROBERTS-DEUTSCH, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 742); and

RANDALL FRANCISCO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 743),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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. 2013 (Gov. Msg. No. 654):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2013 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Inouye and carried.

Senator Lee then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JUDY KOVELL to the Medical Advisory Board, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Inouye.

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 DeCoite introduced and thanked Todd Apo and Roy Pfund, newly confirmed members of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Tourism Authority, who were seated in the gallery.

FINAL ADOPTION

S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 12, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY WEEK," was Finally Adopted, with Senator Fevella voting "No."

S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT HOUSING TO MEET THE STATE'S DEMAND," was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 86, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE AN AEROMEDICAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP," was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 115, and S.C.R. No. 115, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF MARINE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TO ACHIEVE THE STATE'S DECARBONIZATION GOALS," was Finally Adopted, with Senators Awa and DeCorte voting "No."

S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 123, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE TO DETERMINE IF ANY AMENDMENTS OR UPDATES ARE NECESSARY TO IMPROVE LANDLORD-TENANT INTERACTIONS AND ADDRESS OTHER HOUSING ISSUES," was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 180, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO SHARE INFORMATION ON THE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE OF HELICOPTER AND AIR TOUR OPERATORS TO HELP RESIDENTS AND VISITORS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS," was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 197, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JUNE 21, 2025, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, JULY 1, 2025, AS CANADA DAY, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY, IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF CANADA AND HAWAII, THE INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CANADA, AND A COMMITMENT TO NEVER AGAIN ALLOW THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF A PEOPLE TO SELF DETERMINATION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THEIR WILL," was Finally Adopted, with Senators Awa and DeCorte voting "No."

FINAL READING

S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2:

Senator Lee moved that S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Elefante.

Senator Elefante rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

"Imagine this: You're peacefully sleeping at night, and within moments, it feels like you're at the center of the Daytona 500 racetrack with loud noises and excessive speeding. Suddenly, the quiet, peaceful neighborhood you live in turns into a loud motor speedway. As you awake from your sleep, you immediately contact 911 to make a report. Yet, by the time you

make the report, the speeders are gone. Report filed. Complaint made.

"The following weekend, instead of one night, now it's every weekend from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. and now at all times of the day unless there's the state Department of Transportation roadwork on the freeway and highways.

"Mr. President and fellow colleagues, excessive speeding is real and happening every day in our communities, especially for the communities I represent in 'Aiea and Pearl City. Lives have been lost.

"I'd like to share with you and this body and members of the public a personal story. During my preschool years, my grandfather would take me to school every morning, and sometimes along the way, we would stop by to get pandesal at Stadium Marketplace by Ice Palace. One morning, as we were making a right turn from Kahuapaani Street into Ala Alii Street (across from Crosspointe), a vehicle behind us was speeding and suddenly slammed into the back of the Volkswagen van that my grandfather and I were in. It ejected him from his seat. He fell to the ground, unconscious. I suddenly unbuckled my seatbelt, and as I awoke him, I could hear sirens and first responders in the distance. And within minutes, they arrived at the scene to transport us to the hospital. At the time, there was no traffic light at that intersection. Fortunately for my grandfather and I, we survived.

"Mr. President, in the state Department of Transportation's testimony in this measure, 'According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 44 percent of Hawaii's traffic fatalities from 2013 to 2022 were speed-related.'

"In 2025, according to data from HDOT, there have been a total of 46 traffic fatalities statewide as of April 20, 2025. And, to give you more context, at this time last year, there were only 32 fatalities.

"Recently, from the Honolulu Police Department, from November 2024 to January of this year, HPD issued the following citations and arrests:

- 3 racing arrests;
- 29 reckless driving arrests;
- 49 impaired driving arrests;
- 57 excessive speeding arrests;
- 100-plus moving and equipment citations.

"This needs to stop, and motorists who violate our current laws need to be held accountable for their irresponsible actions by putting their life at risk and other lives as well.

"Supporting S.B. 97 is a step in the right direction to give another tool in our toolbox to go after repeat offenders within five years of two prior convictions for excessive speeders and hold them more accountable by:

- a mandatory minimum jail sentence of 30 days;
- the removal of their license and privilege to operate a motor vehicle not less than 90 days but not more than six months;
- attending a driver training course;
- fines;
- an assessment of their driver education; and
- that the vehicle used in the commission of the offense may be subject to forfeiture.

"Lastly, thank you to the Honolulu Police Department and all law enforcement for their efforts to enforce our current laws; they also put their lives at risk by making citations and arrests. And many thanks to the Transportation and Culture and Arts chair in our Senate, the senator from Waimānalo; our House Transportation chair, the representative from Nānākuli; our

Judiciary chairs in the House and Senate for their leadership on this bill.

“Mr. President, in closing, let’s get serious with reckless motorists and do the right thing by passing and supporting this measure. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this bill. Thank you.”

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“I thank the chair of PSM for his story, and I agree that excessive speeders should be punished. My concern is the forfeiture, the vehicle forfeiture, especially in multi-generational households where there is only one vehicle to get anywhere. And I’m one of those families, when I was growing up, where brother, sister—who are all older than me—and my mom, we all shared one vehicle that we needed to get to work, to school. And when that vehicle is forfeited because of the reckless actions of one—I agree with punishing that one person, but when you start punishing the family by removing their ability to work or to go to school, then I have a problem with that. And with that, I’m in opposition.”

Senator DeCorte rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“As the senator from Puna had stated, I also have the same concerns. My community also deals with a multi-generational household with, usually, one vehicle, so to have a vehicle be forfeited because of one person in the household’s reckless mistakes—which I do believe should be held accountable, and there should be punishment to its fullest extent. However, the same car that is used to drive recklessly is the same car that mom uses to drop the kids off at school, is the same car that is used to go to work, is the same car that is used to go to Tamura’s to buy food. This is the same vehicle we’re talking about because of one person’s reckless—not mistake—because of one person’s irresponsibility to drive excessively, the whole household suffers. And right now, on the Wai’anae Coast, we cannot afford to have not even one vehicle taken from the household, so, respectfully, I oppose. Thank you.”

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

“I also take my hat off to our chair for introducing this bill.

“My issue with the bill is, beside the forfeiture, is that we already have laws. How I know is because I got penalized. Having more than one ticket on your abstract, you have to have a special insurance or you forfeit your license. There is laws and parameters that is in place right now that is working—not into the areas that people that is already driving without license and disrespecting the law anyway. So, when I was young, I lost my license for five years for not only speeding but having car accidents within the same year. I had to have an SR, \$1,000 to \$2,000 every three months insurance coverage, else I could not drive. I lost my license—I couldn’t drive; I lost the privilege. And because, you know, I was reckless and it was my fault, I didn’t blame anybody. But we have laws that is on the books to protect certain people that’s going to follow the law anyway, but if they gonna break the law, they’re gonna break the law. And, again, like I said, my hats go out to the introducer, but taking away cars and opportunities for other things like what we’re talking about that already have laws on the books.

“One thing I just want to share with my colleagues here—no disrespect to the chair—but we seem to make bills and laws that we already have laws in place that we’re not even enforcing. And it’s not anything to do with HPD, but to put more laws on the books to have HPD hardly can even enforce the laws that we have is just another law that’s gonna sit there. Thank you.”

Senator Lee rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“I appreciate the comments from all our colleagues. I’d just like to point out the provisions with respect to S.B. 97 address a situation where our current laws on the books are not strong enough when it comes to repeat offenders who are killing people out on our highways. The forfeiture provisions for vehicles that are contained in the measure give judges the discretion in a repeat circumstance where someone has repeatedly violated the law and excessively speeded, causing dangers to everybody—to have the discretion for that judge to remove a vehicle when appropriate, taking into account, I think, some of the considerations when you have other family members who might use a vehicle. At the end of the day, vehicles can be forfeit, but what this is really about is stopping those situations when there’s a forfeiture of life, and that is not a choice that is given to those drivers who are killed each and every day on our roads. Thank you very much.”

Senator McKelvey rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“First, I have to, unfortunately, not support this measure. Would first like the words of the senator from Puna entered in the record as if it were my own—definitely don’t want the words of the good senator from ‘Ewa into the record as if they were my own.

“But the other reason why I have serious concerns with the measure—and, again, saving lives is critical—but it’s the fact that you’re talking about automatic things that take away discretion from judges. The other thing is, it doesn’t allow you to break up the sentencing; it’s 30 days continuous. A lot of people are gonna lose their jobs as well as their cars, so we need to be tough—one life is one life too many—but we also need to be smart about it as well, so thank you.”

Senator DeCoite rose to speak in opposition to the measure as follows:

“I’d like to thank the chair from Public Safety for all his hard work, and I do have a problem with the seizure. I live on an island that I get one hard time getting one plane there, let alone the existing cars that are there. Exactly the same situation—I’d like the words of the senator from Puna be inserted in the Journal as if they were my own. (The Chair so ordered, by reference only.) And it’s a huge challenge. You know, while we can walk across the island because we don’t have the mass, but it’s taking that car away that has served its purpose, and I’d like to punish the people that are the ones that are in the act of it. I would not want a life to be taken, but the rest of the family suffers. Thank you, Mr. President.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 97, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 18. Noes, 7 (Awa, DeCoite, DeCorte, Fevella, Hashimoto, McKelvey, San Buenaventura).

S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator San Buenaventura, seconded by Senator Dela Cruz and carried, S.B. No. 1434, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIVERSAL IMMUNIZATION FUNDING PROGRAM,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Aquino, seconded by Senator Lee and carried, H.B. No. 1026, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 2:

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, H.B. No. 1483, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREWORKS," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 2:

Senator Kanuha moved that S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Final Reading, seconded by Senator Richards.

Senator McKelvey rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations as follows:

"I am supporting this measure now, but I was in strong opposition to this measure when it was first heard. I have a lot of concerns because, right now, tourism on Maui, which is still the number one economic engine (like it or not, it is the existing engine), is dying badly thanks to a lot of things that are beyond our control. Especially with what's happened to our neighbors to the north, tourism has taken an unexpected dive. So this increase is going to be very impactful to an area that is already detrimentally suffering.

"That being said, when it was heard by the committee originally, I said, if I know that this money can be there for us to protect the kids, protect our programs, protect all the other things that will be taken away by this federal government and administration, I said I would support it. I think, even though that is not in the bill, I'm doing that today because I honestly think, given what we've heard and what to expect, that coming in the fall, if we come back, we will be needing that money. So I think I can say that this is indeed the case, but also it's a very responsible changes of putting projects forward to us to approve and to the governor, and I'm very hopeful that his administration will use these moneys and these projects to showcase the very vulnerable areas, particularly in Maui and other communities, so that they know that this will go to mitigate wildfire, go to mitigate environmental damages, to mitigate all of the things that will cause future disasters. So, with that, I do support this bill. I have a lot of reservations, but I think we need to move forward because of the very reasons that I state. Thank you."

Senator Inouye rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations as follows:

"Senate Bill 1396, Conference Draft 2 increases the tax burden on our tourism industry, particularly harming neighbor-island markets dependent on the cruise ship trade. The bill raises the TAT from 10 percent on all lodging, including hotels, vacation rentals, and timeshares. Additionally, it introduces the TAT on the cruise ship industry to 11 percent. This measure regarding TAT increase was introduced by Governor for specifically just the TAT on the hotels, vacation rentals, and timeshares. Additionally, during the conference, we decided we're going to tax the cruise ships. I supported the governor and told him, normally, as many of you know, in my 20 years, I

have very, very serious concerns with raising taxes onto our people.

"This cruise ship tax will negatively impact communities like Hilo, Kona, Maui, and Kaua'i. Cruise lines may reduce neighbor-island stops, limiting their itineraries to Honolulu for refueling. The *Pride of America*, our only U.S.-flagged, interisland cruise ships that base in our state, might scale back its weekly island cruises, harming local businesses in Hilo, Kona, Maui, and Kaua'i.

"At the very least, U.S.-flagged cruise ships should have been exempted from this tax. However, I have no problem with the increases to the foreign cruise lines which already arrive in our state.

"Let's not forget that local residents will also pay these taxes when booking hotels or other accommodations for vacations, medical reasons, or business within the state.

"With that, Mr. President, thank you for allowing for me to share my serious reservations on S.B. 1396, Conference Draft 2, regarding the cruise lines that give our state some businesses that we can thrive on our neighbor islands. Mahalo."

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

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

"Mr. President, I rise in strong support of *SB1396*.

- Hawaii's natural resources – beaches, oceans, forests, streams, estuaries, and shorelines, provide invaluable – and irreplaceable benefits – to residents and visitors alike and are part of what make Hawai'i nei such a special place.
- Not only are they beautiful, but our natural resources are also critical to generating billions of dollars for Hawaii's economy.
- They support the visitor industry and the livelihoods of those that depend on it.
- Despite the incredible value of Hawaii's natural resources, the State currently invests less than 1% of its budget to protect, restore, and manage these assets.
- And at the same time, Hawaii's natural resources are being 'loved to death.'
- So, as the Agriculture & Environment Chair, a big priority for me over the years has been to implement a Visitor Green Fee bill, and no – I'm not talking about raising golf green fees. ;)
- This truly is a no-brainer. We should all pay our fair share in protection of our island's beauty and bounty.
- Including tourists...Fact is, many visitors, family and tourists, I've talked to over the years...agree.. it's a no brainer. They want to contribute to help keep paradise paradise, so that when they return, or their kids or grandkids come, there's still a paradise here to enjoy.
- We've attempted to pass green fee bills over the years, but none crossed the finish line. Until now. :)
- Visitor green fees have been successfully implemented in other visitor destinations around the world, including the Galapagos Islands, New Zealand, and Palau.
- A visitor green fee program will provide additional resources to protect our environment for the enjoyment of future generations while supporting the creation of thousands of jobs for Hawaii residents.
- Colleagues, I ask you to join me in supporting *SB1396*."

Senator Richards rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations as follows:

“The words coming from my colleague on the Big Island, Senator Inouye—I echo those same concerns. We’re looking at a time when we’re unsure of our financial future, and we have to make some tough decisions. That being said, I am concerned we are hitting a ceiling here and we’ll be discouraging tourism as we go forward. I am going to support this with reservations because I am looking to the future, but I think we have to be very mindful that we may have to come back and revisit this. Thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator DeCoite rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“Mr. President, this bill identifies what we’ve gone through in the past years. The bill addresses climate change, mitigation, restoration, you name it. At the point of us taxing residents, it is fair, I believe, that it is a fair tax across the board in tourism. While many of us across the U.S. and across the country have our challenges with tourism, we have vowed that we would not want to increase taxes in regards to our residents. I think, at the end of the day, as the prioritization of these issues come back, it is this body that will also decide and agree or not to agree of the prioritization. As change we must all understand, do we continue to tax our residents and force them out of this state, or do we look towards other sources, again acknowledging that tourism is our economic driver? We must also make sure that the carbon footprint of those that are coming here are also supported by a tax of which wanting to come here and spend their time here in Hawai‘i. So, thank you, Mr. President.”

Senator Wakai rose to speak in support of the measure as follows:

“You know, the sky is not falling on tourism. We had a similar opportunity a dozen years ago when we increased the tourism tax by 1 percent at that time to fund the rail, and the same arguments were used back then: Tourism was in jeopardy; things were gonna go down. Back then, I think tourism numbers were at 8 million when we had that discussion, and then in 2019, it went to 10.5 million visitors. The 1 percent increase in the tourism tax a dozen years ago had absolutely no effect on the growth of tourism in this state, so that’s a total fallacy to think that somehow tourists are not coming because of the 1 percent increase in tourism.

“Now, when you look at tourism today, the largest beneficiary of the growth of tourism in the state is the hotel industry. Hawai‘i has the highest ADR (average daily rate) of any state in the nation. Our rates are close to \$300 a night, so if the tourism industry and particularly the hotels are not happy with this 1 percent increase, well, maybe they should decrease their rates by 1 percent and make it net neutral for the public. I really don’t think this 1 percent increase is gonna have any significant impact on the tourism industry as well as the benefits of the state of Hawai‘i.”

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 1396, S.D. 3, H.D. 3, C.D. 2, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,” having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23; Ayes with Reservations (Fevella, Inouye, McKelvey, Richards). Noes, 2 (Awa, DeCorte).

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 216 and 217) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

S.R. No. 216 “SENATE RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE THIRTY-THIRD

LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2025, SUBSEQUENT TO ADJOURNMENT THEREOF.”

Offered by: Senator DeCoite

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, S.R. No. 216 was adopted.

S.R. No. 217 “SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE.”

Offered by: Senator DeCoite

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, S.R. No. 217 was adopted.

At this time, Senator DeCorte rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

“As I conclude my very first session here in the Senate in the Hawai‘i State Legislature, I just wanted to really take the time to thank all of my colleagues. Everybody that is sitting here on the floor has been responsible of some kind of lesson learned. A lot of you have welcomed me with open arms. Some of you took a little time to come around, but I believe that you have, and you are continuing to come around. Wai‘anae has not had a strong voice here in the Senate for quite a while, and if my passion came before me, if I seemed a little bit ambitious, it’s because we’re antsy for change out there. It’s because resources have been lacking in the 96792 for a while, and we’re just talking basic things. And I’m thankful for your guidance; I’m thankful for your help.

“I do want to especially thank the chairs of the committees that I have been assigned to. The chair of the Education committee: Thank you for fighting for Wai‘anae. Thank you for bringing all the resources and extra resources that I didn’t know about, that I found out later on. But thank you for being a voice for Wai‘anae. I appreciate that; mahalo and thank you. To the chair of Hawaiian Affairs, senator from Big Island: I wanted to thank you for keeping your word to our community, to our families. You said you were going to do something and you did it, and we find that not very common in our community, so I wanted to thank you for that. Chair of Public Safety: Thank you for bearing with me and all my questions and all of my losing my place. Obviously, I’m still learning that, but thank you for taking the time to teach me; I appreciate that. Chair of Transportation: Thank you very much for bearing with me. Thank you for helping me along the way and all the time that you have taken to also share with me just some tips on how I can speed up the process with learning. Chair of Water and Land: Thank you very much for also welcoming me with open arms. You have really taught me a lot. You hold a lot of wisdom, a lot of ‘ike, and just to be able to sit with you has been really a privilege and an honor.

“To the chair of Ways and Means: I want to thank you very much for giving Wai‘anae the resources and the funding and appropriation that it needs to continue to thrive. I want to say, on behalf of our teachers, our students, our nonprofit organizations, our hospitals, our families, we just really thank you for the great work that you’re doing to be able to appropriate funds to the Wai‘anae Coast, so thank you very much.

“I would like to say a special mahalo to the senator from ‘Ewa Beach: yeah you! He’s ran to my office in a couple attempts to rescue me from a bad decision. I still made my own decision, but, you know, you gotta give the guy the credit. ‘Sam, don’t do it, don’t do it!’ but I did it anyway. So I want to thank him, you know, for that. He has been instrumental in helping us on the Wai‘anae Coast, too, and he was responsible

for a lot of the resources that we have there on the Wai'anae Coast.

"And, last but certainly not least, I want to thank our minority leader, senator from Kahuku, for mentoring me not just during my elected session but also as I was working in his office. He is definitely a man who stands on his word, stands on his values. He has a vision for our caucus, and I was excited to see that vision come to pass, and I believe that there is more to come for our minority caucus. And so, thank you, Senator, very much for believing in me, taking a girl from Wai'anae and giving me a shot, and I just wanted to say thank you very much.

"Senate President: I appreciate you. Thank you for the time that you have taken with the questions that I've had and just helping to guide me in the right direction.

"To the Clerk's office, Carol: I've cried in her office many times, but she was able to really just pick me back up and throw me back in there, so I really wanted to thank you very much.

"I'm still learning, and I want to say, even though for those that I have not been able to personally sit with that I may not have had time to be with you—I'm not on your committees—please know that I watch each and every one of you, and I can honestly say that as we are closing the last day of session, I have taken something good from every single one of you, and I'm going to use that to continue to fight for Wai'anae and the resources that we need because we are being elevated in a way in the 96792 that the state has never seen before, and that is because of you folks being who you are and just allowing me to sit in the room, listen in, and learn. So I look forward to forming greater relationships with you all during the interim and then also next session as well. So, with that, I just wanted to say mahalo and thank you very, very much. Thank you."

At 12:17 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:18 p.m.

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

"We'd like to add and congratulate you as well for our Miss Aloha Hula that won the prestigious 67th annual Merrie Monarch Festival Miss Hula contest, and she is from your island, Mr. President, and we're all proud of her gain in coming back to Hilo as maybe some of you don't know, but she also attended UH Hilo campus with a degree in nursing, and so at least we can say congratulations to you as well with your constituent, Mr. President, and we congratulate Jaedyn Janae Puahaulani Pavao for capturing the Miss Aloha Hula title on April 24th in Hilo at the Merrie Monarch Festival. Mahalo."

The Chair noted that Ms. Pavao would be honored on Kaua'i by Mayor Derek Kawakami at 2:00 p.m. that day. The Chair then observed, in good humor, that he had not believed a 1:00 p.m. flight to Kaua'i was in his future and therefore had chosen to spend his time honoring the members and the passion they had brought to session.

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

"I also want to thank everyone that the senator from Wai'anae has pointed out, but a small shout-out to Pahoa High School Dagers. We finally won the baseball Division II championship two days ago, so, go, Dagers!"

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

"I would also like to introduce my staff. We've done this before, but I want to do it again, so if you could please stand? I have my chief of staff/office manager Malia Agustin, legislative

aide Nia Tatofi, and legislative assistant Bronson Meyers. Yes, if you can give them a round of applause. Thank you very much. And please remain standing because I want you all to see that this was the team and the staff that really helped me to keep it together. And they were able to see me at my best and at my worst, and they continued to show up every single day not because of their loyalty to me but because of their loyalty to the 96792. They believe in the residents of Wai'anae; they believe in our community, and what you see here is the most resilient bunch of people who not only love our community, but they love the Lord, and they are willing to give their time, their extra talent. I want to give a shout out to Nia, actually, Tatofi, who is now Kafa. Okay, so she just recently got married during the first session of mine, and so this is a girl—I just want to share: Girlfriend got married at 9:00 a.m., and at 10:00 a.m., she was back in the office, digesting bills, so talk about dedication right there. Malia is also a mom of two young kids who have been sick, who have had to drop off at school, so she has just been juggling everything and doing it with excellence, with grace, and with an impeccable professionalism, so I wanted to thank her as well. Bronson Meyers, who is Wai'anae Valley Homestead at its finest; this is Mr. Aloha, so if you've seen him in the hallways, you have felt that aloha, and we hope that you take that with you when you go back to your communities. So thank you all very much for your awesome work, and welcome to your state Senate."

Senate President Kouchi addressed the members of the Senate as follows:

"I didn't realize that the physical, mental, emotional fatigue of Wednesday's passionate floor session was going to carry over into today and calling senators representatives and not getting everybody's name right, so I'm sorry. I am doing something different today, too: I've actually written something down, which I don't normally do when I speak. But before I get to my written remarks, I think the discussion on 1396 underscores the challenges and passion that has been evidenced not just through this session but in this line of work that we're in. The greatest thing that we have to sell is the people of Hawai'i and the aloha spirit, but what makes our people so special is the beautiful landscape with which we stand. And it's challenging in finding the ways to protect our natural resource, but without the quality of the natural resource, then the beauty of our people will not shine as brightly as it has. And it is imperative that we find ways to ensure that we take care of our natural resources, and there are no easy choices, so I appreciate all of the discussion, the debate—you know, we'll see going forward if that works.

"To the written remarks, I realized, you know, I did talk to the press after we adjourned, and they asked me some questions, and I didn't really answer in a way that I thought put the Senate in its best light for the work that everybody did for the previous 58 days. And I have noted down just a few things, so if you're not mentioned, that doesn't mean that you haven't done great work because you all have.

"But when we adjourned on the Opening Day on January 15th, the most talked-about subject in the press availability was what were we going to do with illegal fireworks and the tragedy of New Year's Eve just two weeks ago, and yet, when we got to the end of the session on Wednesday, that wasn't even in the conversation. To Senator Elefante: Senate Bill 222, 1483, 506—you know, he has been able to work with his committee, the rest of his colleagues, and our counterparts in the House to get several bills through, addressing an issue that resulted in such an incredible tragedy in our community just a little over four months ago.

"I took a shot and I put Senator Keohokalole's name on the list, hoping that I would not be too fatigued to mispronounce it, but in the interim, one of the biggest issues we were discussing is stabilization of our insurance rates and as the insurance rates

have skyrocketed. And in Senate Bill 1044, he has done the work again with his committee, with colleagues. He has reached out into the private sector, working groups during the interim, and his colleagues in the House. And this is an incredibly important piece of legislation that will have tremendous impact on every resident and our ability to keep people here and not have them leave, and yet, there was very little discussion about all of that important work.

“Senator San Buenaventura had worked on House Bill 712. Again, not much fanfare, but she has worked diligently on trying to keep the cost of prescription drugs down, and this is going to be an important piece in helping that. And I’m not even listing the rest of the bills that come under health and human services. She has done a tremendous amount of work but wanted to talk specifically about that one.

“For the past year, it has been contentious in our community on what are we going to do in protecting water, one of our most valuable and precious resources, and Senator Inouye as the Water–Land chair has held out for nothing less than the best representative of the cultural and Native Hawaiian community expert. And, finally, before the end of this session, she brought forth to the floor the name of Hannah Springer, and in what had been contentious, previous nominees that never got to the floor for a vote, she received a unanimous vote of approval for the skills that she brings, her expertise, her unquestioned credentials, and her heart.

“Senator Chang in House Bill 1409, Senate Bill 38, House Bill 1298 are a few of the bills in housing, and we all acknowledge—and I talked about it on Opening Day—the cost of housing is our greatest impediment to recruiting, to retaining employees, to simply keep our citizens here in Hawai‘i, and there has been a lot of work in the housing space, and I appreciate his efforts and his collaboration again with the colleagues here in the chamber and across the way.

“I don’t have time to read the list and I have a flight that I’m hoping to catch later this afternoon, so I’m gonna simply say to Senators Dela Cruz and Moriwaki in House Bill 300, the state budget, you can get his newsletter. There are numerous press releases from the Senate on the Ways and Means budget about the impacts on our economy, the tax benefits that are contained in the bill, and, again, tremendous work.

“And the last thing I want to talk about (because you know I would not leave without bragging about Kaua‘i in some way): I watched *Hawaii News Now* this morning and saw a story about an incredible young lady, Veronica ‘Bonnie’ Nagahisa. She will be receiving her four-year college degree from Chaminade University before getting her high school diploma on May 23rd as a senior at Kapa‘a High School. She started taking classes at Kaua‘i Community College with the Early College program that Senator Kidani and others in this chamber have championed for more than a decade. She then went to Chaminade because they were a partner at Kapa‘a High School, but she went above and beyond the limited amount of credits that she could have gotten through the program and enrolled, and she and her family paid out of pocket the rest of the costs to attain this degree. It doesn’t surprise me because her principal, Tommy Cox, was on this Senate floor during Education Week, and he was the Tokioka Principal of the Year last year. The first cohort of the partnership with Chaminade and Kapa‘a High School in Early College were eleven students, eight Native Hawaiian, and all eleven went on to higher-education opportunities. And we make these investments, and we don’t know what the outcome will be, and it warms my heart to see these stories, the Waipahu students several years ago who got their associate degrees before their diplomas. And this investment in our students is truly what will allow them to compete on a national scale.

“To each and every one of you for the work you’ve put in, I want to thank you. To all of our staff members in our personal offices and the support offices: Thank you so much for everything that you have done to get us to the finish line today. Unfortunately, with the news of reductions in the proposed budget from the President, I think we may be back here in November dealing with a new set of problems, but I know that you will be energized; you’ll be ready to come back. And especially for those of you that I didn’t mention, I look forward to seeing your newsletters and your social media posts about all the great work you did this session. So, with that, we are ready to adjourn Sine Die.”

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Wakai moved that the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried.

At 12:33 p.m., the President rapped his gavel and declared the Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025, adjourned Sine Die.