

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Thursday, April 30, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:25 p.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

Senator Richards introduction

Senator Awa introduction

Senator Inouye comments

The Chair announced that he would call for a short recess so that the Committee on Ways and Means could hold a decision-making meeting on the nomination for the director of the Department of Budget and Finance.

At 12:34 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:46 p.m.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 877 to 880) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 877, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2026, 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. 2057, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

Representatives Ilagan, Tarnas, Templo, co-chairs; Hussey, Gedeon.

S.B. No. 2109, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Belatti, Morikawa, co-chairs; Iwamoto, Templo, Shimizu.

S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Kila, Matayoshi, Miyake, co-chairs; Muraoka.

Hse. Com. No. 878, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2026, H.B. No. 1752, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, C.D. 1 passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives.

Hse. Com. No. 879, informing the Senate that on April 29, 2026, 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. 2599, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

Representatives Hashem, Evslin, Todd, co-chairs; Shimizu.

Hse. Com. No. 880, informing the Senate that on April 30, 2026, 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. 2930, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

Representatives Sayama, Lee, co-chairs; Gedeon.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3992) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board of the following:

JOVANA APO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 661; and

AMY THOMAS, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 664.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3992 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 661 and 664 was deferred until Friday, May 1, 2026.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3993) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ANNABELLE STONE to the Language Access Advisory Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 717.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3993 and Gov. Msg. No. 717 was deferred until Friday, May 1, 2026.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3994) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of VALERIE ROSE to the Language Access Advisory Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 753.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3994 and Gov. Msg. No. 753 was deferred until Friday, May 1, 2026.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

At this time, Senator Lee introduced Mr. Michael Golojuch, vice chair of the Hawai'i State LGBTQ+ Commission, who was seated in the gallery.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3937 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 648 and 691):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3937 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 Legacy Land Conservation Commission of the following:

MICHAEL BUCK, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 648); and

KIM FALINSKI, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 691),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3938 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 649 and 650):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3938 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 Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission of the following:

GILBERT KUALI'I, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 649); and

PHILIP FERNANDEZ, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 650),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3939 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 611 and 727):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3939 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 Hawai'i Community Development Authority of the following:

ADENA DUVAUCHELLE, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 611); and

JO-ANN LEONG, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 727),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3940 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 639 and 640):

Senator Lee moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3940 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 Commission on Water Resource Management of the following:

MOSES HAIA III, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 639); and

JUANITA REYHER-COLON, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 640),

seconded by Senator Inouye.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3941 (Gov. Msg. No. 529):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3941 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JOY KOERTE to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3942 (Gov. Msg. No. 534):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3942 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ASHLEY NISHIHARA to the Fuel Tank Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3943 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 530 and 700):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3943 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Disability and Communication Access Board of the following:

JUDY PAIK, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 530); and

ED CHEVY, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 700),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3944 (Gov. Msg. No. 716):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3944 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHRISTOPHER LUTHY to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3945 (Gov. Msg. No. 732):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3945 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CRISSI DOYLE to the Hawai'i State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3946 (Gov. Msg. No. 733):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3946 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SYLVIA ROMM to the Hawaii State Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Plus Commission, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3947 (Gov. Msg. No. 557):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3947 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HANNAH PRESTON-PITA to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3948 (Gov. Msg. No. 558):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3948 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of AMY FEELEY-AUSTIN to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3949 (Gov. Msg. No. 559):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3949 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PETER SYBINSKY to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3950 (Gov. Msg. No. 722):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3950 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROBERT SHRODER to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3951 (Gov. Msg. No. 782):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3951 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JOHN MCCOMAS to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3952 (Gov. Msg. No. 538):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3952 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ALLEN NOVAK to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3953 (Gov. Msg. No. 541):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3953 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CHRISTINE CABINGABANG-TINGCANG to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3954 (Gov. Msg. No. 542):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3954 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAIME GAGNON to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3955 (Gov. Msg. No. 702):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3955 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MICHELE KUAHINE to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3956 (Gov. Msg. No. 543):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3956 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ELLA SIROSKEY to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3957 (Gov. Msg. No. 544):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3957 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MIRIAM CHANG to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3958 (Gov. Msg. No. 545):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3958 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of HAYLEY KANE to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3959 (Gov. Msg. No. 724):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3959 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TRICIA-LYNN YAMASHITA to the Health Planning Council, Kauai County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3960 (Gov. Msg. No. 555):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3960 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARGARET JACKSON to the State Council on Mental Health, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3961 (Gov. Msg. No. 556):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3961 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARY PAT WATERHOUSE to the State Council on Mental Health, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3962 (Gov. Msg. No. 712):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3962 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KATHLEEN MERRIAM to the State Council on Mental Health, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3963 (Gov. Msg. No. 554):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3963 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DANIELLE BERGAN to the State Council on Mental Health, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3964 (Gov. Msg. No. 711):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3964 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARISSA CELESTE to the State Council on Mental Health, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3965 (Gov. Msg. No. 546):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3965 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of WAIANUHEA GETGEN to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3966 (Gov. Msg. No. 708):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3966 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of NICOLE HOKOANA to the

Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3967 (Gov. Msg. No. 706):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3967 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PRITI TAYAL to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3968 (Gov. Msg. No. 707):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3968 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KANWARDEEP KALEKA to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3969 (Gov. Msg. No. 709):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3969 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RAVEN SEVILLEJA to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

Senator Rhoads rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair ordered that Senator Rhoads be excused from voting on the nomination.

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

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (McKelvey, Rhoads).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3970 (Gov. Msg. No. 532):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3970 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MAX MATIAS, JR. to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3971 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 547 and 550):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3971 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Radiologic Technology Board of the following:

RENA SHIMATA, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 547); and

DAVID WADSWORTH, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 550),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3972 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 548 and 549):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3972 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Radiologic Technology Board of the following:

KEVIN KANEKO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 548); and

REIKO NAKAMOTO, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 549),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3973 (Gov. Msg. No. 528):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3973 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JAMES LANDGRAF to the Board of Certification of Public Water System Operators, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3974 (Gov. Msg. No. 537):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3974 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KUNANE DREIER to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3975 (Gov. Msg. No. 539):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3975 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JODI HASHIMOTO to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3976 (Gov. Msg. No. 540):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3976 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of ROBERT SHRODER to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle County Subarea, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3977 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 701, 723, and 754):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3977 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle County Subarea of the following:

JUDITH MIKAMI, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 701);

PENNY KOVAL, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 723); and

KATHLEEN HAGAN, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 754),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3978 (Gov. Msg. No. 687):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3978 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RICK TABOR to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3979 (Gov. Msg. No. 688):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3979 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of RAELENE TENNO to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3980 (Gov. Msg. No. 781):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3980 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of STEPHEN LUNG to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3981 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 689 and 737):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3981 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs of the following:

SCOTT SPALLINA, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 689); and

ROY KATSUDA, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 737),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3982 (Gov. Msg. No. 768):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3982 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KEVIN NAKAMURA to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2028, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3983 (Gov. Msg. No. 734):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3983 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of GARY HUTCHINSON to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3984 (Gov. Msg. No. 791):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3984 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of VIRGILIO VIERNES to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3985 (Gov. Msg. No. 735):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3985 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TAO YAN to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3986 (Gov. Msg. No. 736):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3986 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of JON KAWAMURA to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3987 (Gov. Msg. No. 790):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3987 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of EMILY DONG to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, term to expire June 30, 2030, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3988 (Gov. Msg. No. 660):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3988 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of SARAH KAMAKAWIWO'OLE to the Center for Nursing Advisory

Board, term to expire June 30, 2027, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3989 (Gov. Msg. No. 663):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3989 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of TAMMIE NAPOLEON to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, term to expire June 30, 2029, seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3990 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 662 and 705):

Senator San Buenaventura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3990 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Kanuha and carried.

Senator San Buenaventura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board of the following:

OLIVIA KIM, term to expire June 30, 2029 (Gov. Msg. No. 662); and

TERILYN LUKE, term to expire June 30, 2030 (Gov. Msg. No. 705),

seconded by Senator Kanuha.

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

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

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3991 (Gov. Msg. No. 801):

Senator Gabbard moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3991 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Chang and carried.

Senator Gabbard then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of VLADIMIR P. DEVENS as Chief Justice of the Hawai'i State Supreme Court, term to expire in 10 years, seconded by Senator Chang.

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

REMARKS

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

REMARKS

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

REMARKS

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

REMARKS

Senator Inouye rose to speak in opposition to the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

Senator Ihara rose to speak in support of the appointee with reservations as follows:

REMARKS

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

Ayes, 20; Ayes with Reservations (Dela Cruz, Elefante, Ihara, Keohokalole, Lee, Moriwaki). Noes, 5 (Fukunaga, Inouye, Kidani, Rhoads, San Buenaventura).

Senator Gabbard introduction

Senator San Buenaventura introduction

Senator Kanuha introduction

Senator Awa introduction

The Chair introduction

The Chair then announced that the Senate would recess to greet the newly confirmed chief justice and honored guests.

At 1:16 p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

FINAL ADOPTION

S.C.R. No. 78, 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. 78, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STRENGTHEN MENSTRUAL HEALTH EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE MENSTRUAL CYCLE CURRICULUM," was Finally Adopted.

S.C.R. No. 130, 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. 130, and S.C.R. No. 130, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND BIOSECURITY TO JOINTLY DEVELOP A FARMER-TO-INSTITUTION COORDINATION PLAN THAT IS ALIGNED WITH THE AINA KITCHEN NETWORK ROLLOUT," was Finally Adopted.

FINAL READING

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2-26 (S.B. No. 2466, H.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2-26 was adopted and S.B. No. 2466, H.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 21. Noes, 3 (Awa, DeCorte, Fevella). Excused, 1 (Richards).

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3-26 (H.B. No. 1163, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3-26 was adopted and H.B. No. 1163, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS

LICENSING," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4-26 (H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Keohokalole and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4-26 was adopted and H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5-26 (S.B. No. 3082, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5-26 was adopted and S.B. No. 3082, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY FAMILIES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-26 (S.B. No. 2135, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-26 was adopted and S.B. No. 2135, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-26 (S.B. No. 2727, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Chang and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-26 was adopted and S.B. No. 2727, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-26 (S.B. No. 3097, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Elefante, seconded by Senator Richards and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-26 was adopted and S.B. No. 3097, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-26 (H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Rhoads and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-26 was adopted and H.B. No. 1696, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-26 (H.B. No. 2021, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Inouye, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried, Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-26 was adopted and H.B. No. 2021, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, C.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," having been read throughout, passed Final Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Awa).

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Misc. Com. No. 6) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 6, from the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, and the Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura, Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated April 29, 2026, transmitting a Legislative Communication extending the conference deliberation deadline for H.B. No. 1800 beyond 9:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN

S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

Senator Kim moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 28, 2026, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Kim then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Kim noted:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, and S.C.R. No. 162, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONVENE A SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO ESTABLISH A K-12 KAIAPUNI SCHOOL IN KAPOLEI," was placed on the calendar for Final Adoption on Friday, May 1, 2026.

S.B. No. 2614 (H.D. 2):

Senator Kim moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 10, 2026, in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2614, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Kim then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2614, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Kim noted:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2614, and S.B. No. 2614, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 1, 2026.

S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

Senator Kim moved that the Senate reconsider its action taken on April 9, 2026, in disagreeing to the amendments

proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai and carried.

Senator Kim then moved that the Senate agree to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1, seconded by Senator Wakai.

Senator Kim noted:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the Senate agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1, and S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN," was placed on the calendar for Final Reading on Friday, May 1, 2026.

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

REMARKS

APPOINTMENT AND DISCHARGE OF CONFEREES

S.B. No. 903, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 903, S.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Richards, chair; Dela Cruz, co-chair; DeCorte as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 2781, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2781, S.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators McKelvey, chair; Keohokalole, Kanuha, co-chairs; Awa as manager on the part of the Senate at such conference.

S.B. No. 3028, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged Senator Kim as co-chair and appointed Senator Dela Cruz as co-chair on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3028, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3118, S.D. 1.

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

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

The President discharged Senator Kidani as chair and appointed her 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. 549, H.D. 3.

H.B. No. 2472, 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. 2472, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Elefante, chair; Kanuha, Lamosao, co-chairs on the part of the Senate at such conference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:25 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 1, 2026.