

## FORTY-NINTH DAY

Friday, April 12, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:02 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Sonny Ganaden, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Forty-Seventh and Forty-Eighth Days was deferred.

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1103) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1103, informing the House that on April 11, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 2387, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OWNERS OF LAND." (ACT 003)

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 673 through 675) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 673, dated April 11, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 572, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 582, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 1099, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 1511, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2170, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2245, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2285, SD 2, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 2337, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2413, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2504, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2526, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2537, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2553, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2556, SD 2, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 2560, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2615, SD 1, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 2725, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2727, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2782, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2831, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2885, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2919, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2922, SD 2, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 2948, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 2983, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 2991, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3002, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3068, SD 1, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 3083, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3094, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3109, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3122, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3125, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3139, SD 2, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 3202, SD 2, HD 1  
 S.B. No. 3220, SD 2, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3234, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3279, SD 1, HD 2  
 S.B. No. 3344, SD 2, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 674, dated April 11, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2342, SD 2, HD 3  
 S.B. No. 2513, SD 2, HD 3

Sen. Com. No. 675, dated April 11, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1800, Dela Cruz, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair;  
 HD 1, SD 1 Aquino, DeCoite, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani,  
 Kim, Lee, Shimabukuro, Wakai, Fevella

H.B. No. 1911, Rhoads, Chair; Dela Cruz, Co-Chairs;  
 HD 2, SD 2 Elefante, Awa

## INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Tam introduced students from ‘Iolani School: Miley Cox, Hailee Goo, Landon Hirata, Hoku Hulihee, Cole Ide, Ashton Kim, Paula Kong-Mercado, Logan Lee, Carter Matsuwaki, Gervase Ngo, Nicholas Petersen, Luke Tobin, Sophia Victorino, Yvonne Chan, and Candice Sakuda.

Representative Marten introduced students from Le Jardin Academy here for the signing of the *kāhuli* snail bill: Blair McCray, Lauren Suzuki, Alice Katzman, Gianna Vachio, Malia Bernhard, Eric Baum, Jonie Nagle, Ophelia Rosner, Reid Diamond, Isla Jones, Remington Simon, Lee Hernandez-Soria, Joseph Waffin, Woody Civian, Elen Miyake, Cruz Fowler, Aurelia Wagner, Sienna Augustyn, Meara Marsden, Sahana Tanovic, Camila Freitas, Rie Connors, and Halle von Bernuth; teachers: Serena Marsden and Josh Masagatani; and chaperones: Max Troberg, Ossian Nichols, and Alpin Hong.

Representative Aiu introduced Landon Hirata, who he coaches in volleyball.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note that per committee referral sheet number 30, House Resolution 18, HD 1, has been re-referred solely to the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans. The Committee on Finance waived its referral to this measure and therefore it's appropriate for the House to consider action for adoption. We will be taking up three motions."

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended to reconsider action previously taken on H.R. No. 18, HD 1. (Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson were excused)

## RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House reconsidered its action previously taken pursuant to the recommendation contained in Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1378-24, recommending referral to the Committee on Finance. (Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson were excused.)

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## H.R. No. 18, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.R. No. 18, HD 1, entitled: "ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED TO WATER

AND AIR CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATION ARISING FROM THE OPERATION OF THE PUULOA RANGE TRAINING FACILITY," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1851-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 33, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 33, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION IN THE STATE'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1852-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1853-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 183, SD 1 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 183, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE APPLICABLE LAWS AGAINST LANDLORDS WHO ARE ENDING RENTAL AGREEMENTS TO HOUSE FEMA-ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH THE DIRECT LEASE PROGRAM OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1854-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 115 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 115, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO INCORPORATE NET ZERO WATER BUILDING STRATEGIES WHEN CONSTRUCTING AND RENOVATING HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1855-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 217 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 217, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO UTILIZE FUNDS FOR NON-CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1856-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 226 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 226, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY OF MAUI, TO PROVIDE A CLEAR STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM HOUSING NEEDS FOR RESIDENTS DISPLACED BY THE AUGUST 2023 MAUI WILDFIRES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1857-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 45, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 45, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO DEFINE "BENEFICIAL EFFECTS TO THE STATE" IN SECTION 38-2, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO INCLUDE THE FINANCING OF HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1858-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 103, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 103, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL HIGH-OCCUPANCY STATE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS, THE DESIGN OF WHICH COMMENCES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2025, TO BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED TO WITHSTAND CATEGORY FIVE HURRICANES AND TO SERVE AS SHELTERS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY," was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1859-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 43, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 43, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND THE PRIORITY FOR WHICH LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS ARE ALLOCATED AND MONIES IN THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND ARE USED AND ADOPT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT INCENTIVIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson being excused.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kong: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Next week Monday, April 15, is Purple Up Day, in recognition of the dependents of the military members and their sacrifices. Thank you, very much. So, please wear purple."

Representative Takayama: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the many, many members and their staff who have donated generously to the Dress for Success collection in my office. And although today is the last official posted day for collecting gently used women's clothing, if you have anything over the weekend that you discover in your closet you'd like to donate, we will still be accepting donations on Monday. Thank you very much."

Representative Onishi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today at 1:00 p.m., we will be presenting a joint certificate to Admiral Aquilino in Room 423. And second announcement, at the appropriate time, can we have a moment of silence for former State Representative and State Senator Wayne Metcalf, who passed away this weekend."

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Yes, we will do a moment of silence after we adjourn."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"The Chair would like to remind committee chairs that today is the lateral filing deadline for Senate concurrent resolutions that need to move to their final committees. Please file your committee reports and drafts with the Chief Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. this evening. Again, that's 6:00 p.m. this evening."

## COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

**H.R.****No.**      **Re-referred to:**

18,      Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans  
HD1

**S.C.R.****No.**      **Re-referred to:**

101      Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

## ADJOURNMENT

At 12:16 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 15, 2024. (Representatives Cochran, Evslin, Holt, and Woodson were excused.)

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 12, 2024, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1800,      Yamashita, Chr.;  
HD 1, SD 1      Aiu, Chun, Cochran, Garrett, Kahaloa, Kila, Kitagawa,  
Kobayashi, Lamosao, Morikawa, Nishimoto, Poepoe,  
Takenouchi, Alcos, Ward

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S.B. No. 582,      Yamashita, Chr.;  
SD 2, HD 1      Kitagawa, Nishimoto, Poepoe, Alcos