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THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Monday, March 17, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2025, convened at 12:05 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, La Chica, and Ward, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Day was deferred.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Kila
Rep. Garrett
Rep. Kong
Rep. Lee
Rep. Reyes Oda

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 207) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 207, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2025 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, 2023 MILKEN EDUCATOR Awardees, 2024 MILKEN EDUCATOR Awardee, AND 2024 MILKEN TEACHER OF PROMISE Awardee," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 207 be adopted, seconded by Representative Hashem.

Representative Woodson honored Hawai'i's most outstanding educators, whose dedication, perseverance, and spirit of aloha continuously inspire us; extended deepest gratitude and appreciation to those who work tirelessly to make our schools and communities truly exceptional; and thanked our educators for their unwavering commitment to shaping a brighter future for Hawai'i's *keiki*.

Representative Lee acknowledged the achievements of Mr. Silver, recognized him as a mentor and dedicated educator who inspires his students to excel; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Bryan Silver, Kalani High School, 2025 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year.

Representative Hashem acknowledged Ms. Wall for consistently demonstrating commitment to the school's core values of respect, responsibility, and resiliency; recognized her as a valued leader; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Jade Pham Wall, David Kawānanakoa Middle School, 2023 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy recognized Mr. Inouye for creating a dynamic classroom environment that encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and student engagement and for his many accomplishments to the school; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Rory Inouye, Waiākea High School, 2023 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Kitagawa honored Ms. Inamasu for her dedication and leadership that continues to make an impact on her school community; shared how her focus on critical thinking, accountability, and empathy has contributed to significant improvements in students' academic performance,

with notable increases in both reading and math scores; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Kristi Inamasu, Kalihi Uka Elementary School, 2024 Milken Educator Awardee.

Representative Kong highlighted Ms. Kim's dedication to helping students grow both academically and personally; maintaining an inclusive classroom, creating a supportive and dynamic learning environment; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the house:

Kimberly Kim, Moanalua Middle School, 2024 Milken Teacher of Promise Awardee.

Representative Kong also recognized guests of the honorees who were seated in the gallery: Kristi Hsu, Rose Inamasu, Joseph Kim, James Kau, Alisa Bender, Robyn Toniguchi, Rayna Toniguchi, Komarey Moss, principal, Moanalua Middle School; Rochelle Mahue, complex area supervisor; Heidi Armstrong, deputy superintendent; and Pamela Goodwin, Leadership Institute.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 207 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Ichiyama and Ward being excused.

At 12:26 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:32 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1278) recommending that S.B. No. 865, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 865, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 865, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1279) recommending that S.B. No. 119, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 119, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NURSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1280) recommending that S.B. No. 1487, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1487, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick
Rep. Muraoka
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1487, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1281) recommending that S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Todd moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia
Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1388, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Kahaloa, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1282) recommending that S.B. No. 1547, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1547, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST ALOUIN KAUAI FARMING, AN AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISE, IN THE FINANCE, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF A PROJECT TO REVITALIZE THE DAIRY INDUSTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1283) recommending that S.B. No. 1377, SD 2 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1377, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1284) recommending that S.B. No. 1382 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Todd, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1382, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Reyes Oda, and Ward being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ilagan
Rep. Quinlan
Rep. Kahaloa

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:37 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 18, 2025. (Representatives Cochran, Lowen, and Ward were excused.)