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TENTH DAY

Thursday, February 5, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:03 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Woodson.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the First, Second, and Third Days were approved. (Representative Woodson was excused.)

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Gedeon introduced the JPG Hawai'i *'ohana*: Jean-Paul Gedeon, Branden Gedeon, Stephanie Stayton, Tim Bada, and Jodi Nakama.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 17-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2028, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2028, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Shimizu rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Chair. I stand in support with reservations and comment, please. I understand the high cost of doing business and how we are trying to help that by providing a tax credit. I would comment that we move this to expand beyond the construction industry to all employers who provide that benefit for their employees. Thank you."

Representative Kapela rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In strong support with a brief comment. The very first Labor Day was in the 1880s as a way to honor workers' contributions. In fact, the very first Labor Day parade was September 5th of 1882, held in New York City.

"Hawai'i has always been at the forefront of organized labor and supporting unions. I think that this is incredibly important, because when we think about some of the things that are so ingrained in our society, some of the opportunities that we just think of as second nature. Things like an eight-hour work day, minimum wage, child labor laws, unemployment insurance, social security, worker safety and health laws, so many of those things have been moved forward because of the strength of labor.

"Yet unfortunately, there are still workers who have to work through such an incredible and special day. And I think this is a wonderful way for us to honor all workers across the state. So yes, there are things that need to be adjusted and tweaks that need to be made, but that's one of the beautiful things about this process, and I'm excited to see this measure move forward."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2028, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR DAY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1859, as

amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1859, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 19-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1851, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1851, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Technology, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 20-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1660, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1660, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LABOR STANDARDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 21-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1890, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1890, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 22-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1892, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1892, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 23-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1893, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1893, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 24-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2122, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Housing.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2122, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Housing, 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."

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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 H.B. No. 2122, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Housing, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 25-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2012, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2012, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY LITERACY LABS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 26-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1770, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1770, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 27-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2121, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2121, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health, 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."

Representative Shimizu rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Chair. I rise in support with reservations. Appreciate the intent of this bill, I'd just like to have concerns, be aware of our businesses and how that affects them. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2121, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Health, with Representatives Garcia and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 28-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1979, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Housing.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1979, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Housing, with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 29-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1650, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1650, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water & Land, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Tam 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 H.B. No. 1650, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representative Tam voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 30-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1982, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1982, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

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

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition with a brief comment. I support the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and their efforts. I can understand their creativity in trying to further their mission. I am also someone who believes that we should be looking into thermal energy.

"However, I rise in opposition because I don't believe they are the proper entity to be engaging in this and it's detracting from their main mission of providing housing. So, that is my main reason for opposing this bill. Thank you, Speaker."

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

Representative Cochran rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, 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 H.B. No. 1982, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Poepoe, and Reyes Oda voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Woodson being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 31-26) recommending that H.B. No. 218, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 218, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOSPITALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Woodson being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Matayoshi: "Thank you, Speaker. From her bills, you can see, she's a big fan of trees. She works with students from high school to kindergarten, Happy Birthday to Rep. Lisa Marten."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Friday, February 6, 2026. (Representative Woodson was excused.)