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## FIFTEENTH DAY

Friday, February 13, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:07 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Chun and Kong.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Day was deferred.

## DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 183 through 193) were received by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 183, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 16, 2025, transmitting the Business Revitalization Task Force Report pursuant to Act 142, SLH 2024.

Dept. Com. No. 184, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 16, 2025, transmitting the report, Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Equity Pilot Program pursuant to Act 92, SLH 2023.

Dept. Com. No. 185, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 10, 2025, transmitting the Government Employee Housing Program Report pursuant to Act 166, SLH 2025.

Dept. Com. No. 186, from the Department of Human Services, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the report, Related to the Housing First Program pursuant to Section 346-378, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 187, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 15, 2025, transmitting the Hawai'i's Targeted & Emerging Industries, 2025 Update Report pursuant to Sections 201-16 and 201-19, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 188, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 18, 2025, transmitting the Hawai'i Small Business Regulatory Review Board 2025 Annual Report pursuant to Chapter 201M, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 189, from the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Report on the State's Progress toward Meeting the Milestones and Objectives of the Important Agricultural Land Tax Credit Program pursuant to Act 233, SLH 2008.

Dept. Com. No. 190, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 19, 2025, transmitting the Hawai'i Green Infrastructure Authority 2025 Annual Report pursuant to Act 211, SLH 2013; Act 107, SLH 2021; and Act 296, SLH 2025.

Dept. Com. No. 191, from the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, dated December 8, 2025, transmitting the report, Yes In My Back Yard Working Group Summary of Activities pursuant to Act 305, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 192, from the University of Hawai'i, dated December 29, 2025, transmitting the Report on Establishment of K-12 Expanded Teaching Cohort Programs in Each County pursuant to Act 141, SLH 2022.

Dept. Com. No. 193, from the Department of Transportation, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the Hawai'i Road Usage Charge Long-Term Transition Plan pursuant to Section 249-36(e), HRS.

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Holt introduced his wife, Nadia Holt; and his staff: Kellie Dinwiddie Kala, Madison Cahill, and Kennedy Sales.

Representative Marten introduced her former staff, Maki'ilei Ishihara from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative La Chica introduced students from Hawai'i Technology Academy: Blake, Aiden, Adam, Gracyn, Payten, Embry Rafael, Caylee, Chloe, Byron, Madeline, Allison, Cameron, Kiyoko, Valerie Jane, Seyden, Kian, Cheyanne, and Koda; and their teachers: Ashley Trotter, Victoria Twombly, Colin Kennedy, and Shaunessy Denton; and her intern, Inepinuo William.

Representative Ilagan introduced his staff: JB Araula, Charles St. Sure, Chelsey Borreta, Nadia Friedenber, and Kari Sochor.

Representative Grandinetti introduced her staff, Erin Enriques; her friend, Lily Trotter; and Lily's mom, Ashley Trotter.

Representative Kapela introduced students from Waimea Middle School: Rylee and Jewel; principal, Janice English; students from Volcano School of the Arts and Sciences: Dhaylee and Leiahi; principal, Kalima Kinney; and chaperone, Tiele Doudt; students from Ka Umeke Kaeo: Punua, Alaka'i, and Haehu; their kumu, Louisa Lee; students from Kua O Ka Lā: Kaleila, Felix, Mele, Kahuwai, Robert, and Jeremiah; along with their kumu, Channa Uyetake; students and kumu from Kanu O Ka 'Aina; and her staff, Ruby Jordan.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced the Robotics Team from James Campbell High School: Tyran Ho, Joshua Tom, and Lance Jordan Rivera; their chaperone, Tina Liu-Tom; and Colin Kennedy, teacher from Hawai'i Technology Academy.

Representative Templo introduced Office of Hawaiian Affairs Oahu Trustee, Kalei Akaka.

Representative Evslin introduced students from the Hawai'i Technology Academy: Nicklas Evanoff, Tallulah Comstock, Paisley Balmores, Lola Bresnahan, Jaron Fox, Ellen Conway, Koda Schmauch, Mya Smith, Korie Kelekoma, Madeline Johnson, Keison Murayama, and Jade Bowen; and their teachers, Arianne Johnson and Shaunessy Denton; and his staff, Makalii Oliveira.

Representative Kahaloa introduced Office of Hawaiian Affairs staff; and her spouse, Ilihia Gionson.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 264-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2198, 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. 2198, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2198, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PREDICTION MARKETS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Gedeon voting aye with reservations, with

Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Kila, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 265-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2021, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2021, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 266-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1881, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1881, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 267-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1964, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1964, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 268-26) recommending that H.B. No. 1990, 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. 1990, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 a no vote 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 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. 1990, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Shimizu voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Muraoka, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 269-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2151, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2151, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING MATERIALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 270-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2599, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2599, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 271-26) recommending that H.B. No. 2414, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2414, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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 Pierick rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. This measure is aiming to reduce penalties for crimes in O'ahu. We want to reduce crime in O'ahu, and one of the ways to do that is to increase punishments to deter crime. Voting no."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2414, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Gedeon, Matsumoto, and Muraoka voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Chun, Kong, and Kusch being excused.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kila: "*Mahalo*, Madam Speaker, and thank you for everybody and staff for supporting Hawaiian Day here at the Capitol. "Till 2:00 p.m. the booths will be available upstairs. But please, everybody in the building, join us downstairs in the rotunda with your lunch and your chair from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Mele at the Capitol provided by Hawaiian Council. *Mahalo*."

Representative Holt: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. For the past couple of weeks, knowing this day was going to come, didn't really feel real 'till last night. For those of you who don't know, I'm resigning today. Today's going to be my last day in the House. I couldn't get down a speech, I just have a list of names of people that I need to thank. First of all, I need thank my wife, Nadia. Thank you for everything, allowing me to do this work and sacrifice all my time.

"I started working at the Capitol in 2009. I started working as session staff. Definitely never thought that I'd be down here on the floor. I remember once at the end of the first session I would joke with one of the other staff

members, oh I'm going to be on the Senate or you're going to be in the House. But just joking, like not serious. My family has political history, but when I was growing up, I didn't ever think this was going to happen. It wasn't very nice.

"But I need to thank Senator Donna Kim. She gave me my first opportunity here at the Capitol when she was the Ways and Means chair. She's also the one to encourage me to run for office. One day she called me up and called me in her office and told me, what are you doing with your life? How old are you? What are you going to do, just be staff forever? But I appreciate that. And that's why nowadays, whenever I can catch some young kids, I always try to give them some encouragement and try to get good people to do this work that we do, because it's not easy. But we consciously have to be out there to find people to do this work. Because like you guys all know, it's thankless, it's rough, social media is terrible, but it's very important work.

"I want to thank Ross Tsukenjo, my first boss. My bills researcher, it was my first job in Ways and Means. And Senator Kim, I learned so much from her. The late nights, doing your homework and everything. Like, I wouldn't be able to do this without her.

"I was also very fortunate to work for Senator Gilbert Kahele. Such a great man. The short time I got to work for him, I learned so much about being a good person. I always remember the one time somebody called him up and their toilet was broken. And it's not our job to fix somebody's toilet. But he got on the phone and he called up his friend and he told his friend, I give you \$50, go down over there and fix the guy's toilet. And that's the kind of reach that we have, that's the kind of things that we can do, and that's the kind of people we need to improve our communities. Working with him and with Linda Menda in that office really allowed me to grow some freedom and some getting to know more of the people here in the Capitol. It really helped me out moving forward.

"And then I got to be the assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Senate for a few years and my crew over there with Ben, and Linda, Debbie, and Doug, and Paul, and Alec. Sorry, guys, I hate talking, but it's the last time I got the mic, so you're just going to have to deal with me for now. And working in the Sergeant-at-Arms and being able to deal with all the different senators, many who are still in office today, thank you guys for all the lessons that I've learned. I always think about the time when we implemented the new finger thing and just having to deal with all the different personalities about, I don't like do this, and what about my keys, and this and that. And it definitely prepared me to be in the Legislature and have to go back and deal with the senators afterwards. Working in the Senate President's Office with Terrence and Nancy, the long nights that we put it in the office.

"But Madam Speaker, I couldn't do none of this without Roth Puahala. Roth was my first office manager, but he's been a friend of mine for a long time. When we first got elected it was me and you, and Sean and Cedric, and Chris came on shortly after that. But if not for Roth guiding us and showing us the path that we needed to stay on, we wouldn't be here without you, Roth. I really couldn't, I mean, I could go on for days about this guy. He officiated my marriage. He's just an all-around good guy. Whenever you need something, that guy is a great guy to know.

"Then getting elected and showing up the day after the election. Everybody always asked me like, oh, you must have known Sean and Cedric before you got elected. Nope. Show up the day after the election, Sean didn't even know we had work, Cedric was late as usual. Some things don't change. Things aren't coming to a close, we're all just moving on to the next chapter in our lives. But we've faced so many challenges together, we've been through so many things. I just love you guys, man. I got nothing else more today, Madam Speaker, maybe I got some words for the Journal. No, I do got something else, I forgot.

"To my Hawaiian Caucus colleagues, when I started in this, my first year, one of the senators asked me about, I want my, I can't even think of the word. The best thing that we've accomplished as I've been here is obviously the money that we've raised for DHHL, the \$600 million, settling the Kalima case, increasing the funds to OHA, and just being on the path to increasing these funds. But it's been a long time. The \$600 million was five years ago. So, you guys got some work to do, we need more funds appropriated to the department. I look forward to working with you folks to ensure a dedicated source of revenue for the department. And to continue to carry on this work.

"Back before you guys were here, it was a tough sledding for Hawaiians and getting things going. So, the fact that we're here on Hawaiian Day, I appreciate you guys so much and I really look forward to all the work that you guys are going to carry forward after this. But things are in good hands. I trust all you folks. Thank you all very much. And again, all you guys, Brian, Rupert, everybody, man. Thank you guys all so much. Thank you. *Mahalo.*"

At 12:33 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:36 p.m.

Representative Quinlan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. My apologies to my colleagues. We did have a certificate made up to honor Daniel's service and what he's brought not just to this building, but my life, the broader Native Hawaiian community, the people of Kalihi and Chinatown.

"And I want to say, if there's been one really consistent thing about Daniel's service, besides scolding me all the time, it's been his advocacy for Native Hawaiians. It's been his advocacy for DHHL and OHA. And it wasn't always easy and at times it felt like he was the only voice in the building that was truly committed to the cause. And when I say it wasn't easy, he was willing to sacrifice of himself. He was willing to take hits for what he knew was right. And that's a lesson that I hope all of us can take with us.

"So, Daniel, it has been the honor of my life to serve with you. I love you, and now I'm going to give you a certificate."

#### COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>H.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
2321	Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
2459, HD1	Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:38 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon, Tuesday, February 17, 2026. (Representatives Chun, Kong, Kusch, Pierick, and Takayama were excused.)

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

DANIEL HOLT  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Speaker Nadine K. Nakamura  
Hawai'i State House of Representatives

**CC:** Brian L. Takeshita  
House Chief Clerk  
Rod Tanoneka  
House Sergeant-at-Arms

**FROM:** Representative Daniel Holt  
District 28 – Sand Island, Iwilei, Chinatown

**DATE:** Friday, February 13, 2026

**SUBJECT:** RESIGNATION FROM THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
(DISTRICT 28)

Please accept this memorandum as my formal notice of resignation from the Hawai'i State House of Representatives, effective Friday, February 13, 2026, at 5:00 PM HST, thereby vacating my seat representing House District 28.

It has been an honor to serve the people of Hawai'i and the residents of House District 28. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and for the opportunity to work alongside my colleagues, House leadership, and staff in service to our communities.

Mahalo to you, Speaker Nakamura, and to the members and staff of the House for your leadership, partnership, and professionalism throughout my tenure. I also extend my sincere appreciation to my constituents, community partners, and my office team for their dedication and support.

I respectfully request that this resignation be entered into the official records of the Hawai'i State House of Representatives. During the vacancy period, my office will coordinate with House leadership and the appropriate administrative offices to support a smooth transition of constituent services and ongoing matters.

Mahalo nui for the privilege of serving.

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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