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THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Monday, March 23, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, Quinlan, and Reyes Oda.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 1101) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1101, informing the House that on March 20, 2026, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 2240, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION." (ACT 001)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 409) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 409, dated March 20, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate for the following bills:

H.B. No. 48, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 86, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 127, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 139, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 202, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 212, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 214, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 244, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 286, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 303, HD 2, SD 2
 H.B. No. 309, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 344, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 348, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 369, SD 1
 H.B. No. 370, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 371, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 395, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 423, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 428, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 432, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 433, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 437, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 472, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 480, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 549, HD 3, SD 1
 H.B. No. 563, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 606, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 620, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 643, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 697, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 698, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 706, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 716, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 740, HD 2, SD 2
 H.B. No. 773, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 782, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 784, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 850, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 939, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 1020, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 1036, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1037, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1039, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1050, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1059, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1079, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1155, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 1161, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1164, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1167, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1187, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1260, HD 1, SD 2
 H.B. No. 1294, HD 2, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1297, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1308, HD 3, SD 2
 H.B. No. 1320, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 1391, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1450, HD 2, SD 1
 S.B. No. 21, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 26, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 71, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 125, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 146, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 177, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 183, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 228, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 253, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 298, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 299, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 325, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 328, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 382, HD 1
 S.B. No. 401, SD 2, HD 1, CD 2
 S.B. No. 414, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 439, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 441, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 443, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 657, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 717, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 732, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 747, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 763, SD 2, HD 3
 S.B. No. 771, HD 1
 S.B. No. 822, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 826, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 828, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 903, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 944, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 952, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 989, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1002, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1042, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1099, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1117, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1120, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1142, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1229, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1269, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1279, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1316, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1323, SD 2, HD 2, CD 1
 S.B. No. 1393, SD 1, HD 3
 S.B. No. 1419, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1421, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1449, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1520, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1547, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1582, HD 1

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S.B. No. 1585, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1589, SD 3, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1638, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1667, SD 2, HD 3
 S.B. No. 1669, SD 2, HD 3

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Matsumoto introduced individuals present for the Women's Legislative Caucus Easter Basket drive: Gaye Johnston, Mōhala Mai; Major Kimberly Stambaugh and Letitia Bryant, Salvation Army; Angie Knight, the Institute for Human Services; and Trisha Kajimura, Sandy Whittle, and Kaho Otake, Parents and Children Together.

Representative Kusch introduced members of the Reforestation Investment Hui: Jenny Grimm, DLNR Division of Fish & Wildlife; Zack Judd, Parker Ranch; Irene Specher, Forest Solutions; Jocelyn Herbert, Resources Legacy Fund; and Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Hulili Consulting.

Representative Matayoshi introduced his staff: Zachary Stackhouse and Emma Baron.

Representative Kong introduced his interns: Mingeon Shin, James Oh, and Brandon Koo.

Speaker Nakamura introduced her staff: Nicholas Courson, Ben Viernes, Wren Fukada, Spencer Sakuma, Janine Kurosawa, and Kainalu Pu'u-Robinson.

Representative Garcia introduced Signe Godfrey, former chair of the Hawaii Republican Party.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS (FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 205) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 205, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING ALAN JOHNSON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES THROUGH HINA MAUKA," was offered by Representative Matayoshi.

Representative Matayoshi moved that H.R. No. 205 be adopted, seconded by Representative Kitagawa.

Representative Matayoshi recognized Mr. Johnson for his 30 years of service and contributions to addressing substance and behavioral health issues in the state; highlighted his personal inspiration to enter the field and his longstanding work in Hawai'i alongside his wife; acknowledged his trusted expertise and collaboration in addressing community concerns and advancing related legislation; expressed appreciation for his continued commitment to these issues; and congratulated him on his retirement.

Representative Kitagawa highlighted Mr. Johnson's leadership of Hina Mauka in providing residential treatment, day, and outpatient services for individuals with substance use disorders; acknowledged the organization's support for families and youth through prevention and education programs across O'ahu and Kaua'i; commended his compassionate, kind, and principled leadership in expanding services to tens of thousands seeking recovery; recognized the contributions of his colleagues and supporters in attendance; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Alan Johnson, former chief executive officer, Hina Mauka;
 Patti Johnson, his wife;
 Brian Baker, chief executive officer, Hina Mauka;
 Dr. Toshiyuki Shibata, chief medical officer, Hina Mauka; and
 Gregory Tjapkes, executive director, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai'i.

Representative Kitagawa also welcomed and acknowledged guests who were seated in the gallery: Dawn Pojsl, Dr. Colleen Fox, Sherrie Kinoshita,

Desie Graves, Mark Yoshida, Bill Mousser, Colin Lau, Ryan Inouye, Signe Godfrey, Emily Westphal, Evon Silva, MaryElizabeth Pacheco, Nicole Benton-Hayden, and Anna Marie Elderts.

Representative Kong congratulated Mr. Johnson on his retirement; acknowledged his longstanding friendship and mentorship; recognized Patty and extended his well wishes.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 205 was adopted, with Representatives Belatti, Cochran, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

At 12:18 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1315-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2245, 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 S.B. No. 2245, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REVOLVING DOOR RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Sayama, for the Committee on Labor, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1316-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2929, SD 1, 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 S.B. No. 2929, SD 1, 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 an aye vote with reservations 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 Gedeon 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 Shimizu 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.B. No. 2929, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1317-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3286, SD 1, 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 S.B. No. 3286, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 S.B. No. 3286, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1318-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1319-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2645, SD 3, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2645, SD 3, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1320-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, 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 Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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."

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

Representative Matsumoto 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 S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1321-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1322-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3123, SD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3123, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVATE SUPPORT OF EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Matsumoto: "Today is the Women's Legislative Caucus Easter Basket Drive and that's happening immediately following session. Reminder that it's not going to be in the Rotunda, that it is going to be in front of the Auditorium. So, come on down and then you can see who this year's surprise Easter Bunny and Easter Chick are. All the votes came in, and we have them ready to go. So come on down, bring your baskets immediately following adjournment. Thank you."

Representative Matayoshi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. With all the disasters happening, you and all the staff may be wondering what you can do. We have a blood drive coming up here at the Capitol on May 7th. The signups are in the elevator, but my staff will also be sending out a link via email today. Always a good time to donate. It's the day right before *sine die*, so not much is going on. Make sure to reserve your time now. Thank you."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"I would like to remind members to email me a description of any urgent needs in your districts as a result of the recent severe weather events by 5:00 p.m. today, March 23rd. This information is important as we assess the full impact of damages across our state."

Representative Muraoka: "Madam Speaker, in regards to your email and what you just said, is there any chance we can get an extension on that 5:00 p.m.? We are going out this afternoon, as many places are damaged, the road is crushed, so we're doing an assessment this afternoon. I won't be able to get that by 5:00 p.m."

Speaker Nakamura: "Sure. That's fine."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24, 2026. (Representatives Cochran, Kong, Lowen, Perruso, Poepoe, and Quinlan were excused.)