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## THIRTY-SIXTH DAY

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:05 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Nakamura and Perruso.

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

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Muraoka introduced Oriana Ka'aloa, Youth of the Year candidate; Raymond Berdon, program director, Waianae Boys and Girls Club; Messiah Mentors, Libby, Taylor, Jeff; Tehya Mahelona, her mother, Amanda Mahelona, and brother, Teli'i Mahelona.

Representative Matsumoto introduced her neighbors, Lillian Williamson and Kyle Williamson; and Lala Fernandez, executive vice president, Boys and Girls Club.

Representative Ilagan introduced Robert Washington, his friend.

Representative Kila introduced Youth of the Year nominees from the Nanakuli Boys and Girls Club: Promise Jellings-Faletogo and Uriah Aranas; and Jeffrey Jones, Nanakuli Neighborhood Board.

Representative Miyake introduced Katra Rantak, Youth of the Year candidate from the Kahekili Clubhouse; and Destinee Dano, special events & marketing coordinator; and guests from Boys and Girls Club of Maui.

Representative Olds introduced Amiah Sproat, Youth of the Year candidate, Boys and Girls Club, Spalding Honolulu Clubhouse.

Representative Woodson introduced Nalei'a Oliveira from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui.

Representative Cochran introduced Kaimina Ilaoa, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Lahaina Clubhouse.

Representative Lee introduced students from Le Jardin Academy: Meara Marsden, Coco Beh, Jonie Nagle, Easton Culver, Nathan Richter, Taegan Murray, and Chloe Lau; and their chaperones: Serena Marsden, Megan Garcia, and Lauren Farasati.

Representative Evslin introduced from the Kaua'i Boys and Girls Club: Tina Albao and Brighton Kaauai; Youth of the Year candidates from Kaua'i: Coen Langley, Anthony Long-Silva, and Jenary Remigio; Kalani Vierra, Kauai Ocean Safety Bureau chief and president of the Hawaiian Lifeguard Association; Allison Schaefer, lead writer, Hawai'i Water Safety Coalition water safety plan; Aubrey Jones Owens, lifeguard; and Kirsten Hermstad, executive director, Hawai'i Lifeguard Association.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced Oscar Harris, executive director, Boys and Girls Club 'Ewa Beach.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS  
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 208) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 208, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CANDIDATES AND DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HAWAII 2026 YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARDS," was offered by Representative Yamashita.

Representative Yamashita moved that H.R. No. 208 be adopted, seconded by Representative Poepoe.

Representative Yamashita recognized the 2026 Youth of the Year Nominees for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawai'i; highlighted the role of the clubs in providing safe, educational, and structured after-school programs in art, gardening, physical activities, and nutrition; acknowledged the finalists' demonstrated integrity, moral character, leadership, and volunteerism within their clubs, peers, and community; commended their achievements as the highest honor a member can receive; and congratulated the 2026 Youth of the Year Finalists for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hawai'i.

Representative Poepoe recognized Ms. Williamson for her academic and sports excellence, highlighted her involvement in school clubs and creative pursuits in writing, ceramics, and guitar; acknowledged her leadership and service, including volunteerism and community engagement in upcountry Maui; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Leia Williamson, freshman, Kamehameha Schools Maui, Youth of the Year finalist, Makawao Clubhouse.

Representative Templo recognized Ms. Spinks for exemplifying the spirit of aloha through her community service and leadership; highlighted her role in the Keystone Club, including organizing outreach events, fundraising efforts, creating cards for service members, and mentoring youth; acknowledged her service as secretary and leadership in her Teen Center program; commended her initiative in establishing a teen mental health platform to support youth well-being; noted her academic achievement and musical talents; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Amauri Spinks, student, Radford High School, Military Youth of the Year finalist, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Teen Center.

Representative Muraoka recognized Mr. Cargo for academic commitment and leadership at Nānākuli High School; commended his consistent community service, including beach cleanups and assisting families in need; noted his repeat nomination as a reflection of his dedication and character; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Matthew Messiah Cargo, student, Nānākuli High School, Youth of the Year finalist, Wai'anae Clubhouse.

Representative La Chica recognized Mr. Tibbles for his participation in Keystone and leadership in planning events for the Bennett Youth Center, including initiatives honoring 9/11 first responders; acknowledged his role in fostering an inclusive environment and encouraging peer engagement; commended his embodiment of integrity, compassion, and service as a positive role model; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Dylan Tibbles, senior, Leilehua High School, 2026 Military Youth of the Year finalist, Bennett Youth Center.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 208 was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

At 12:23 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1565-26) recommending that H.R. No. 50 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.R. No. 50, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONSIDER RENAMING LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PU'ULOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1566-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 54 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 54, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONSIDER RENAMING LEEWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO PU'ULOA COMMUNITY COLLEGE," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1567-26) recommending that H.R. No. 102 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 H.R. No. 102, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO REVIEW AND REFINE THE OPERATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CAMPUS FULFILLS A DISTINCT AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN SERVING STUDENTS AND THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1568-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 110 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 H.C.R. No. 110, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO REVIEW AND REFINE THE OPERATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII'S FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CAMPUS FULFILLS A DISTINCT AND COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN SERVING STUDENTS AND THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1569-26) recommending that H.R. No. 103 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 H.R. No. 103, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REVIEW AND CLARIFY THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM IN RELATION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1570-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 111 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 H.C.R. No. 111, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REVIEW AND CLARIFY THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM IN RELATION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF

INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1571-26) recommending that H.R. No. 114 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 114, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ALLOW AN OLELO HAWAII PATHWAY UNDER THE NIIHAU DIALECT," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1572-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 122 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 122, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO ALLOW AN OLELO HAWAII PATHWAY UNDER THE NIIHAU DIALECT," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1573-26) recommending that H.R. No. 152 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 H.R. No. 152, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARTS DATA AND MAPPING TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE SURVEY OF ENTITIES ENGAGED IN ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAP OF ARTS ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1574-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 162 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 H.C.R. No. 162, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARTS DATA AND MAPPING TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE SURVEY OF ENTITIES ENGAGED IN ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE DATABASE AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM MAP OF ARTS ENTITIES AND PROGRAMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1575-26) recommending that H.R. No. 20, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 20, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1576-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 19, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 19, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH AS MARCH4WATER MONTH IN HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1577-26) recommending that H.R. No. 98 be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 98, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD SURFING RESERVE," was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1578-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 106 be referred to the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 106, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING WAIKIKI AS A WORLD SURFING RESERVE," was referred to the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1579-26) recommending that H.R. No. 49 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 49, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEMWIDE ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION AUDIT," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Garrett, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1580-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 53 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 53, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEMWIDE ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION AUDIT," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1581-26) recommending that H.R. No. 53, as amended in HD 1, be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1582-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 57, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Kahaloa moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 53, HD 1; and H.C.R. No. 57, HD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong support and permission to insert written comments into the Journal."

Representative Matsumoto's written remarks are as follows:

"I strongly support HR53/HCR57, the Hawai'i good neighbor resolution, which seeks to recognize September 28th as a day dedicated to fostering community engagement and empowerment. This resolution encourages residents to take proactive steps in building stronger community ties, which are essential for a thriving and cohesive society. It emphasizes the principles of asset-based community development, highlighting the power of individuals and communities to drive positive change from within by leveraging existing strengths.

"By promoting community-led events and initiatives, the resolution aims to cultivate a culture of self-sufficiency and mutual support, thereby reducing reliance on government intervention. Strong social organization and community ties are associated with lower crime rates in neighborhoods. When residents are connected and engaged, it can enhance social control and support, reducing the likelihood of criminal behavior. Aligning with the national recognition of Good Neighbor Day, this resolution underscores the importance of unity and shared values, demonstrating how local actions can significantly contribute to national well-being and cohesion. Participation in Hawai'i Good Neighbor Day encourages residents to take personal responsibility for their communities' well-being, fostering a sense of ownership and accountability.

"In conclusion, HR53/HCR57 is a resolution that promotes the values of community engagement, self-reliance, and civic responsibility, representing a positive step towards building stronger, more connected, and resilient communities in Hawai'i."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 53, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH AS HAWAII GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 57, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH AS HAWAII GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1583-26) recommending that H.R. No. 93, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 93, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

Representative Kapela, for the Committee on Culture & Arts, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1584-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 101, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 101, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT," was adopted, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

### SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering a certain Senate Bill for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Nakamura and Perruso were excused.)

### THIRD READING

#### S.B. No. 3225:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 3225, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Nakamura and Perruso being excused.

At 12:33 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 3225

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ilagan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Tomorrow, April 1st, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., there's going to be a Hawai'i Innovation Showcase at the Capitol on the Fourth Floor. Please, colleagues, mark it on your schedule and please check it out. *Aloha.*"

Representative Iwamoto: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to share with the House that today the community will be sign waving on Beretania Street in honor of Transgender Day of Visibility. Everyone's welcome to join us from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thank you."

Representative Kapela: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a reminder to members that Art at the Capitol is coming up, April 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please keep your offices open. If you have not let me know that your office will be open, can you send me a quick email or respond to the save the date email that just went out yesterday. Again, in the email, it says Thursday, but it's really Friday, April 17. Thank you again."

### COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

#### H.R.

#### Nos.    Re-referred to:

129    Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

176    Committee on Public Safety

#### H.C.R.

#### Nos.    Re-referred to:

137    Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

186    Committee on Public Safety

### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:34 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1, 2026. (Representatives Nakamura and Perruso were excused.)