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THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, April 6, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:08 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ichiyama presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Cochran and Olds.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Seventh and Thirty-Eighth Days was deferred.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Belatti introduced visitors from O'ahu Veterans Council: Maggie Gaulker; from US Vets: Tatsu Sasaki, Tanya Brown, and Eddie Quan; from Armed Services YMCA Hawai'i: board members: Pam Cabrera, Mike DeCaprio, Denise Glynn, Bill Kearns, Gina Koehler, Rob Lee, Kim Lehn, Reese Liggett, Glenn Medeiros, Carol Nelson, Shawn Pfeffer, Eddie Quan, VADM (Ret.) Kenneth Whitesell, Melody Whitesell, Casey Aytes, and staff: Annisa Budiman, Kelsey Sablan, and Carrie Fewell; from ALA Girls State: Harlow Thomas, McKinley Eads, Mattie English, Jane Robinson, Paraluman Stice-Durkin, Alma Grocki, Cate O'Conner, Jolie Cruz, Kim Adams, Daniel Moynihan, and Mark Thomas; from Military and Community Relations Office: Zoë Wilks, Randi Jeung, and Cherry Okahara; from U.S. Army Garrison Hawai'i: Colonel Rachel Sullivan, commander; and from Marine Corps Base Hawai'i: Colonel Jeremy Beaven, commanding officer, and Sergeant Major Adan Moreno, command sergeant major.

Representative Tam introduced his constituents, Judy Anderson and Dave Anderson; and friend, Sandy Ma.

Representative Marten introduced students from Kailua Intermediate School: Nora Capaldo, Chloe Ferguson, Sarah Gallo, Annalisse Herrera, Alessandra Higgins, Nicolette Higgins, Sabrina Higgins, Madeline Macer, Courtney Mower, Aizen Pizarro, James Ryan, Kanani Stephens, and Eden Vogelzang; teacher, Robert Furukawa; and chaperones, Katie Gallo and Renee Stephens.

Representative Sayama introduced his staff: Evelyn Hee, Ariel Stenek, and Mark Yago.

Representative Reyes Oda introduced Colonel Jeremy Beaven, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i.

Representative Muraoka introduced Tanya Brown, Waianae Coast Rotary Club.

Representative Quinlan introduced students from the Waialua Robotics team: Nick Canfil, Ernest Lee, Hai Martin, Lum Muto, Masyn Onizuka, Jeilah Toguchi, Liam Ejercito, Pressli Garcia, Jeremiah Clark, Mykaela Simpson; and parents: Melvin Matsunage, Linda Souza, Jefferson Bruno, Sarah Miyataki, Myrna Onizuka, Kelly Onizuka, Donna Acorda Manmano, Edwin Manmano, Jess Kawachi, Tiana Saguibo, Michelle Simpson, William Simpson, Michelle Clark, Sean Clark, and Bill Martin.

Representative La Chica introduced her Pacific Century Fellows 2024 classmate, Eddie Quan, senior vice president, Bank of Hawai'i.

Representative Shimizu introduced Colonel Rachel Sullivan, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 211) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 211, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE O'AHU VETERANS COUNCIL, ARMED SERVICES YMCA HAWAII, U.S. VETS HAWAII, AND ALA HAWAII GIRLS STATE FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN HAWAII," was offered by Representative Belatti.

Representative Belatti moved that H.R. No. 211 be adopted, seconded by Representative Muraoka.

Representative Belatti recognized and honored Hawai'i's veterans for their service and ongoing contributions to the community; highlighted the challenges many veterans face in transitioning to civilian life, including housing, health care, and employment in a high-cost state; emphasized the importance of continued support through community-based efforts; acknowledged the collaborative and unifying role of the O'ahu Veterans Center in providing services, fostering connection, and strengthening networks among veteran organizations; commended its leadership in supporting veterans across the island; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

CR Drumheller, senior vice commander, American Legion, O'ahu Veterans Council.

Representative Muraoka recognized and honored the Armed Services YMCA Hawai'i and its efforts to support military and veteran families; highlighted the impact of its 'Ohana Open Market in providing critical food assistance and restoring dignity during times of hardship; acknowledged U.S. Vets Hawai'i for its work in addressing veteran homelessness and providing pathways to stability; commended both organizations for creating meaningful change in the veteran community; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Keolamaikalani "Keola" Taniguchi, executive director, Armed Services YMCA Hawai'i;

Tamah-Lani Noh, program director, U.S. Vets Hawai'i.

Representative Belatti recognized and honored the ALA Hawai'i Girls State for its role in empowering young women, particularly those from military families; highlighted its impact in fostering leadership, civic engagement, and confidence through transformative experiences; acknowledged its broader contributions to supporting veterans and strengthening community understanding of service; expressed gratitude to partner organizations serving veterans and their families; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Brister Thomas, director, American Legion Auxiliary Hawai'i Girls State.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 211 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Olds being excused.

The following resolution (H.R. No. 212) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 212, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING WAIALUA ROBOTICS TEAM 359 – HAWAIIAN KIDS FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS," was offered by Representative Quinlan.

Representative Quinlan moved that H.R. No. 212 be adopted, seconded by Representative Perruso.

Representative Peruso recognized and honored the Wailua High and Intermediate School robotics program for its outstanding achievements across state, regional, and international competitions; highlighted multiple championship titles and awards in VEX and FIRST Robotics, including excellence, innovation, and leadership honors; acknowledged the program's advancement to world championship competitions and its role in elevating Hawai'i on a global stage; emphasized the collaborative support of educators, mentors, alumni, and community members in sustaining the program's success; commended the students for their leadership, technical skill, and teamwork; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Glenn Lee, mentor and team lead;

Eiden Acorda-Manmano, student, VEX Middle School 2026 Hawai'i state champion;

Janel Lee, student, FIRST Leadership Award at the Hawai'i Regional recipient;

Chase Pacpaco, student captain and driver; and

Malcolm Menor, mentor, Woodie Flowers Finalist at the Canadian Pacific Regional.

Representative Matsumoto highlighted the sustained dedication of Waialua's teachers, students, and community in building a world-class robotics program; noted the continual growth and achievements of Team 359 and the commitment of alumni who return as mentors; provided special recognition to Mr. Lee for his leadership, mentorship, and efforts in securing resources to support student success; and commended the team's passion and accomplishments.

Representative Quinlan acknowledged the resilience and dedication of Waialua students amid recent community adversity; highlighted Waialua Robotics Team 359's achievements as a source of pride and inspiration for the broader community; emphasized the positive impact of their work in promoting interest and engagement in science and engineering; and commended their perseverance and accomplishments.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 212 was adopted, with Representatives Cochran and Olds being excused.

At 12:33 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain Senate Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Cochran, Olds, Quinlan, and Reyes Oda were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1662-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 7 noes, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

At 1:02 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2054, SD 2, HD 2

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1803-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2723, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2723, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1804-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading.

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise with reservations and a brief comment. While I'm really excited about the innovation of this potential new passenger method of gliding over the surface of the ocean, this bill feels a little premature, especially to exempt this method of transportation from the PUC, which this bill attempts to do.

"Community members have brought up concerns. Where will they take these concerns? I heard in committee that the Coast Guard would be the one to oversee the flight path between, potentially, Kewalo Basin Harbor to a neighboring island. And so, I think there are a few community members who are concerned with the noise and potential collisions. When whales breach the ocean surface and it may collide with a sea glider, where do community members take their concerns?"

"I think people are very comfortable with the PUC being a place where there can be third-party interveners, where you can bring up issues. It's just unclear to me where community members would take concerns with the Coast Guard. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 39 ayes to 8 noes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Hartsfield, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Poepoe, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

At 1:05 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2723, HD 1
S.B. No. 2400, SD 1, HD 1

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1805-26) recommending that H.R. No. 177, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 177, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BEGIN INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS TEACHER RETENTION IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1806-26) recommending that H.C.R. No. 187, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 187, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BEGIN INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS TEACHER RETENTION IN THE STATE," was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1807-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3144, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1807-26 on S.B. No. 3144, SD 1, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 3144, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1808-26)

recommending that S.B. No. 3102, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1808-26 on S.B. No. 3102, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 3102, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1809-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1809-26 on S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 2053, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1810-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3248, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1810-26 on S.B. No. 3248, SD 2, HD 2, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of S.B. No. 3248, SD 2, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONNEL," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2494, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2494, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRUPTION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2447, SD 1, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2447, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2727, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2145, HD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.B. No. 2145, HD 1 pass Third Reading, 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 Kila 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 S.B. No. 2145, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES," passed Third Reading by a

vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Garcia and Kila voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

Representative Kila 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 S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER," passed Third Reading by a vote of 41 ayes to 6 noes, with Representatives Kila, Reyes Oda, and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

At 1:08 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 3131, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 2494, HD 1
S.B. No. 2447, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 2727, HD 1
S.B. No. 2145, HD 1
S.B. No. 2143, SD 1, HD 1

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:08 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7, 2026. (Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan were excused.)