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## FORTIETH DAY

Tuesday, April 7, 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 Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 411) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 411, transmitting S.C.R. No. 118, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE INSURANCE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY FEASIBLE OPTIONS AND MECHANISMS TO PROTECT THE STATE AND ITS RESIDENTS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF INSURANCE," which was adopted by the Senate on April 06, 2026.

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Matsumoto introduced former Miss Hawai'i Kehaulani Takenishi.

Representative Shimizu introduced his wife, Joy Shimizu, and daughter, Taryn Do.

Representative Takayama introduced members of the Alzheimer's Association of Hawai'i: Allix Bishop, Ashlynn Carney, Ivy Castellanos, Rosalie Char, Coby Chock, Kehaulani Christian, Nam Collins, Scott Corderman, Roya Dennis, Elizabeth Dixon, Cindy Fowler, Kelli Gates, Colbert Halemano, Bixby Ho, Garan Ito, Lori Kahikina, Kathryn Kirley, Stephanie Lee, Leia Lendio, Nohemi Lewis, Michael Lewis, Rachel Lindsey, Diana Lorenz, Chris Lutz, Harl Marzan, Megan Miyahara, Ruth Savage, Brian Seabaugh, Barbara Service, Alethea Seto, Naomi Suto, Rick Tabor, Steve Tam, Michelle Tanaka, An Vo, and Yuqi Zhang.

Representative Woodson introduced from Maui Police Department: John Pelletier, police chief; and Michael Vaituulala, lieutenant; and Melissa Pavlicek.

Representative Gedeon introduced his friend, David Livingston, past president, Rotary Club of Waikiki.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS  
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 213) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 213, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HAWAIIAN COUNCIL FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, IMPACTFUL LEADERSHIP, AND STEADFAST ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY," was offered by Representative Kila.

Representative Kila moved that H.R. No. 213 be adopted, seconded by Representative Kahaloa.

Representative Kahaloa acknowledged the founding of the Hawaiian Council in 2001 and highlighted its mission to support cultural, economic, and community development for Native Hawaiians; recognized the organization's growth over 25 years into a leading Native Hawaiian

institution locally and nationally and its role as a Native Hawaiian community development financial institution and HUD-certified housing counseling agency expanding access to capital, financial resources, and housing opportunities.

Representative Kila recognized the organization's broad impact through workforce initiatives including KūHana Program and the Hawaiian Trades Academy, leadership in regenerative tourism, repatriation of *iwi kūpuna*, and support for grassroots organizations through the Hawaiian Way Fund; noted its critical response during the COVID-19 pandemic, Maui wildfires, and ongoing disaster preparedness efforts; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Kūhiō Lewis, CEO;  
Nick Carroll, chief of staff;  
Makalika Naholowaa, board member;  
Kevin Chang, board member; and  
Ray Soon, founding member.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 213 was adopted, with Representatives Kong and Quinlan being excused.

At 12:21 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1811-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2607, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2607, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Lowen, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1812-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2043, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2043, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Lowen, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1813-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2396, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2396, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Lowen, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1814-26) recommending that S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1814-26 on S.B. No. 2835, 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

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S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2, were made available to the Members of the House.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Public Safety and the Committee on Water & Land, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Room 411, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.R. No. 190/H.C.R. No. 200, Urging the United States Department of Defense to Reassess Prior Determinations and Closure Decisions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act in Light of Evolving Scientific Understanding of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Recent Federal Hazardous Substance Designations.

Representative Takenouchi, for the Committee on Finance, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 1:55 p.m. in Conference Room 308, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.R. No. 85, HD 1/H.C.R. No. 93, HD 1, Requesting the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, in Collaboration with the Legislative Reference Bureau, to Establish a Working Group and Provide a Report to the Legislature on Ways to Strengthen Prevention, Interventions, and Protections for Survivors of Image-Based Sexual Abuse; and

H.C.R. No. 14, Authorizing the Issuance of a Perpetual, Non-Exclusive Easement Covering a Portion of State Submerged Lands at Waialae, Honolulu, Oahu, for Existing Drainage Purposes, and for Use, Operation, Repair, and Maintenance of the Existing Improvements Constructed Thereon.

Representative Matayoshi: "Thank you, Speaker. Members, as you may have seen from the flyers in the elevator and my House email blasts, there is a blood drive coming up on May 7th. It's the last day before *sine die*, and not much is going on, so I'm hoping everyone will have time to come down to donate blood.

"If you've never donated blood, it's really not that bad, you just don't look at the needle. You can save three lives by each donation. We need about 200 donors every day in Hawai'i to supply enough blood. And because we're an island, we can't just truck it over from the mainland. So, it really is upon us to take care of our own here.

"So, I'm hoping that everyone, House members, House staff, Sergeant-at-Arms, everyone can kind of contribute to giving blood. You can sign up very easily. There's a QR code in the elevator. We're going to email one out and my office is also going to come around with a flyer for the QR code to sign up. After the Senate announcement, we got a couple of Senate people signing up. I'm hoping that we can do the same here. So, thank you."

Representative Marten: "*Aloha*. I'd like to invite everyone to stop by the basement foyer, the entrance from the parking garage, where you can see some beautiful art by our *keiki* about the benefits of trees, to inspire all of us to support our tree legislation."

Representative Kapela: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a quick shout out, Art at the Capitol is coming up. Please keep your offices open. Please encourage your staff to stay for Art at The Capitol. It is on Friday, April 17th. It's going to be a really great time. We have some fashion things, art, food.

"But with Art at Capitol, we also have the revival, our second year, of the Art at the Capitol Talent Show. And I'm excited to be working with the representative from Hawai'i Kai. And like a good freshman representative, his office is taking the lead. So, if you have talent and you would like to participate in the talent show, please contact his office or take a look at the email that's in your inboxes. Encourage your staff to participate. And I also believe that we are going to be having a revival of the Lachiclets, who will be performing and potentially judging.

"So, that's going to be on April 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. right here at the Capitol in the Auditorium. So, staff, please come join us, sign up. And thank you again, Speaker."

### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:35 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, April 8, 2026. (Representatives Lowen and Quinlan were excused.)