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FORTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22, 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 Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos 715 through 720) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 715, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House on the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 195, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 196, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 716, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.B. No. 3022, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 3102, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 3144, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 717, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1509, Elefante, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Keohokalole/Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1514, Elefante, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Keohokalole/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1515, Elefante, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1516, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 San Buenaventura, Chang

H.B. No. 1519, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1, SD 3 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 1574, Kim, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 McKelvey/Kidani, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1605, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1682, Elefante, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Rhoads/Lamosao, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1710, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1711, Chang, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Elefante

H.B. No. 1713, Chang, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kim/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1752, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 San Buenaventura, Co-Chair; Hashimoto

H.B. No. 1815, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Inouye, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1842, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Elefante, Co-Chair; Chang

H.B. No. 1881, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1920, Chang, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Rhoads

H.B. No. 1929, Gabbard, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 DeCoite, Co-Chair; Rhoads, Awa

H.B. No. 2094, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 2104, Richards, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2218, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Chang

H.B. No. 2275, Dela Cruz, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Moriwaki, Fevella

H.B. No. 2279, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2335, Elefante, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 McKelvey/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2395, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Moriwaki/Rhoads, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2443, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 McKelvey/Lee, C., Co-Chairs; Inouye

H.B. No. 2468, Elefante, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Moriwaki/Lamosao, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2503, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Inouye

H.B. No. 2567, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte

Sen. Com. No. 718, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2001, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Inouye, Co-Chair; Kanuha

S.B. No. 2014, Elefante, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Lamosao

S.B. No. 2024, Kim, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte

S.B. No. 2041, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Rhoads/Inouye, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2060, Chang, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Rhoads

S.B. No. 2061, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Chang/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2069, Chang, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Rhoads

S.B. No. 2075, McKelvey, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Wakai, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2101, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Wakai/Richards, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2102, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Lamosao, Co-Chair; Richards, Awa

S.B. No. 2109, Fukunaga, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Lee, C., Co-Chair; Inouye, DeCorte

S.B. No. 2110, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Richards, Co-Chair; Rhoads

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S.B. No. 2239, SD 1, HD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Chang, Awa	S.B. No. 3097, SD 1, HD 1	Elefante, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 2261, SD 1, HD 2	Kim, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte	S.B. No. 3109, SD 1, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Lee, C.
S.B. No. 2319, SD 1, HD 1	Gabbard, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Awa	S.B. No. 3118, SD 1, HD 2	Kim, Chair; Chang, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2338, SD 1, HD 2	Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Elefante	S.B. No. 3125, SD 1, HD 1	Dela Cruz, Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella
S.B. No. 2401, SD 1, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Lamosao	S.B. No. 3152, SD 2, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Kanuha
S.B. No. 2517, SD 1, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lee, C.	S.B. No. 3154, SD 2, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Gabbard/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2519, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Hashimoto	S.B. No. 3156, SD 1, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Elefante
S.B. No. 2544, SD 2, HD 1	Chang, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Rhoads	S.B. No. 3215, HD 1	Inouye, Chair; Elefante/DeCoite, Co-Chairs; Kanuha
S.B. No. 2575, SD 2, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Hashimoto	S.B. No. 3218, SD 2, HD 2	Wakai, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 2657, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; McKelvey/Kidani, Co-Chairs; DeCorte	S.B. No. 3219, HD 3	Wakai, Chair; Rhoads/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 2667, SD 1, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lee, C.	S.B. No. 3229, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2673, SD 1, HD 1	Wakai, Chair; Lee, C./Hashimoto, Co-Chairs; Fevella	S.B. No. 3233, SD 1, HD 2	Gabbard, Chair; McKelvey/Richards, Co-Chairs; Rhoads
S.B. No. 2697, SD 1, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Elefante	S.B. No. 3238, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2721, SD 1, HD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Chang, Gabbard	S.B. No. 3262, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2798, SD 1, HD 1	Fukunaga, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Hashimoto	S.B. No. 3286, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2802, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte	S.B. No. 3325, SD 1, HD 2	Kim, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2818, SD 2, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lamosao	S.B. No. 3332, SD 1, HD 1	McKelvey, Chair; Kim, Co-Chair; Awa
S.B. No. 2835, SD 1, HD 2	Wakai, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Keohokalole	Sen. Com. No. 719, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:	
S.B. No. 2851, SD 1, HD 2	Inouye, Chair; McKelvey/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; DeCorte	H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1	Inouye, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2866, SD 1, HD 1	Chang, Chair; San Buenaventura/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs	H.B. No. 1721, HD 2, SD 2	Wakai, Chair; Chang/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; Fevella
S.B. No. 2877, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, DeCorte	H.B. No. 1804, HD 1, SD 2	San Buenaventura, Chair; Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella
S.B. No. 2881, SD 1, HD 1	Kim, Chair; Moriwaki, Fevella	H.B. No. 1888, HD 3, SD 2	Kim, Chair; Elefante/Rhoads/Wakai, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
S.B. No. 2919, SD 1, HD 1	Rhoads, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 1891, HD 1, SD 1	Kim, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 3032, SD 1, HD 2	Lee, C., Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lamosao	H.B. No. 1894, HD 1, SD 1	Kim, Chair; McKelvey/Kidani, Co-Chairs; DeCorte
S.B. No. 3067, SD 1, HD 1	Lee, C., Chair; McKelvey/Gabbard, Co-Chairs	H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2	Inouye, Chair; Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs
S.B. No. 3076, SD 1, HD 2	Rhoads, Chair; Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa	H.B. No. 2096, HD 2, SD 1	San Buenaventura, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair; McKelvey
S.B. No. 3083, SD 2, HD 2	Fukunaga, Chair; Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs	H.B. No. 2171, HD 1, SD 1	Kim, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte
S.B. No. 3096, SD 1, HD 1	Elefante, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Fevella		

H.B. No. 2289, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Lee, C., Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2293, Kim, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Kidani, DeCorte

H.B. No. 2297, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2300, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2310, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; McKelvey

H.B. No. 2338, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Kidani, DeCorte

H.B. No. 2339, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2592, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Kim/Rhoads/Inouye, Co-Chairs

Sen. Com. No. 720, dated April 21, 2026, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 177, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Richards, Co-Chair; Awa

S.B. No. 1432, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Wakai/DeCoite/Rhoads, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2095, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 McKelvey/Richards, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2138, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1 Kim/Lee, C., Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2175, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Keohokalole/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Fevella

S.B. No. 2259, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Wakai, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2271, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2272, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2320, Kim, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Gabbard/Kidani, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

S.B. No. 2340, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2521, Inouye, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 McKelvey/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; Elefante

S.B. No. 2550, Kim, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte

S.B. No. 2567, Elefante, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Fevella

S.B. No. 2595, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Gabbard/Kidani, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2598, Moriwaki, Chair;
HD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

S.B. No. 2599, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 DeCoite/Hashimoto, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2645, Fukunaga, Chair;
SD 3, HD 1 Elefante, Co-Chair; Inouye, DeCorte

S.B. No. 2706, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kim/Richards, Co-Chairs; Awa

S.B. No. 2727, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1 Chang, Awa

S.B. No. 2756, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 1 Inouye, Co-Chair; Kanuha

S.B. No. 2800, Gabbard, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Lee, C./DeCoite/Richards, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2892, Wakai, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kim, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2921, Moriwaki, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Hashimoto, Fevella

S.B. No. 2934, McKelvey, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2972, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Gabbard/Rhoads, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2999, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha, Fevella

S.B. No. 3007, Lee, C., Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Inouye, Co-Chair; Lamosao

S.B. No. 3073, Rhoads, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Gabbard, Awa

S.B. No. 3132, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs; Fevella

S.B. No. 3137, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 McKelvey/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 3157, Inouye, Chair;
HD 2 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Kanuha

S.B. No. 3234, Inouye, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Lee, C., DeCorte

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following miscellaneous communication (Misc. Com. No. 1001) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 1001, from Alexander Silvert, dated January 5, 2026, transmitting a petition seeking the House to convene an investigative committee into an alleged 2022 incident involving a legislator.

Representative Belatti rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, may I be addressed please? Pursuant to Rule 46.2 of the House Rules, of the rules of the House of Representatives for the 2025 to 2026 Legislative Session, I object to the simple filing and submission of this memo. If I may speak?"

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"We're noting you would like to appeal my ruling?"

Representative Belatti: "No, I'm objecting, pursuant to 46.2. May I move to defer this matter for one legislative day?"

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I second the motion."

At 12:09 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

The Chair then stated:

"Members, I've been advised that the current motion is out of order. So, we will be resuming with my decision to file the petition, the communications 1001 under Miscellaneous Communications."

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I rise to object to your ruling to file the petition."

At this time, Representative Souza appealed the ruling of the Chair.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, appeals are open to limited debate. Discussion should focus on the ruling to file the communications. Is there any discussion?"

Representative Belatti rose to speak in opposition to the Chair's ruling, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand up to object to the ruling in light of the request, a bipartisan request of this body, to be informed of the procedures that are important so that we can dispose of this petition without just simply filing it and ignoring it. The request that was earlier ruled out of order, which I do not concede was out of order, was a request to defer for one legislative day. And the mere deferral of one legislative day will allow this very important petition that has touched, touched this body, the body across from this chamber, and has impacted all the way up to the highest levels of our executive branch. This deserves true consideration. It does not deserve to be simply filed and ignored.

"This body, you, Speaker, the attorney, was requested and asked to provide us with what were the proper procedures. The public deserves it. We deserve it. And for those reasons, this simple filing and ignoring of over 900 individuals who are upset by the corruption that hangs over this body deserves a simple one legislative day deferral. And so, this appeal should be granted because it honors the public out there who want answers and who demand us to act as an independent branch of government, that pursuant to our constitution and our rules, have the direct ability to respond appropriately with consideration, with debate, with understanding. Not this simple sweeping of it under the rug, Madam Speaker.

"For those reasons, I ask that this appeal be granted and that this body be allowed just one mere legislative day to really and fully understand the impact of our decisions. Because this is something I have never seen in my 20 years. This is a new execution of this rule. And so, because of all those procedural reasons, Madam Speaker, I speak in support of the objection. I speak in support of the appeal. And that this body not run away. Because if we run away, we are ignoring the call of the public for transparency and accountability. The things that will restore actual trust in government. And for those reasons, Madam Speaker, I stand up in support of this appeal."

Representative Souza rose to speak in opposition to the Chair's ruling, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of my own objection to your filing of this petition. Madam Speaker, on January 5th, 2026, and January 20th, 2026, I, along with some of my House colleagues, submitted a letter to your office and to our House attorney, requesting the response to two questions, which I will put on the record right now. We asked that we had at least 72-hour notice in advance of this petition coming to this floor, and that is pursuant to House Rule 46.2 in our House Rules. And we asked two specific inquiries. When, if at all, will the petition be presented to the House pursuant to House Rule 46.2? And number two, what are the procedures and rules that apply to the deliberation and decision-making by the entire House on the petition and its request for the House to conduct a limited investigation into the conduct of the legislator who accepted \$35,000?

"You did respond to our first letter back in January, and I do have record of that. And to our second letter dated, I'm sorry, April 21st was the second letter, and you responded January 20th to the first letter of January 5th. But to your response to the April 21st letter, it was received today at 11:42 a.m. prior to this noon floor session. And you informed us again, like you did in the initial response to our request asking these two questions, that House Resolution 8 should satisfy the petition and the request from the citizens, over 900-plus citizens who signed on to Mr. Alexander Silvert's petition that was filed in this House on January 7th, 2026.

"My greatest concern is that this particular citizen's petition was filed on January 7th. And if there was no publicity around this situation and if the public outcry was not so large and Mr. Silvert himself did not email members of this body individually, we still to this day, up until right now when we're actually dealing with his communication, this body would have no idea that this petition was sitting basically at the Clerk's Office. I find that

to be a travesty to the people of this state who deserve transparency and who deserve answers to their call for justice and to form a legislative investigative committee to do a limited investigation.

"House Resolution 8, that you point to in your letter as to the reason why you are filing this particular petition, only addresses the attorney general's role in doing her own investigation. It does not acknowledge this body's autonomy to conduct its own limited investigation as the Legislature, whether it's the House Chamber or the Senate Chamber. And so that is very alarming, because we have our own autonomy to do an investigation, especially in light of some feelings that's in the public sphere as to the legitimacy and transparency involved in the attorney general's own investigation. And whether, even if there should be an independent investigator, as we have proffered into the public sphere before.

"So, for those reasons, Madam Speaker, I do object to your filing of the petition. I do agree that we need to wait at least one legislative day to take this up in a proper manner and to adhere to the request that we submitted in our letters previously. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Hussey rose, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of the objection from the representative from Makakilo. Thank you."

Representative Tarnas rose to speak in support of the Chair's ruling, stating:

"I rise in support of the Chair's ruling to file the petition. Is that appropriate for me to speak to that? Thank you. The reason why I support the Chair's ruling to file the petition is because I think we've taken steps to address the concerns that have been brought up. As we've discussed before, I don't think the House has the expertise to conduct the investigation, or the authority to file charges or prosecute someone. We only have the authority to discipline someone who's currently a member of this body. And as I said when we had discussion before on the floor, a House investigative committee would interfere with the investigations being conducted by the attorney general. So I support your ruling."

Representative Souza rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Madam Speaker. I'm just going to make a simple objection that he's talking about the substance of the actual citizen's petition, and we're supposed to be limited to the procedural aspects. Thank you."

The Chair then stated:

"I think I gave some latitude, so I'm going to give some latitude here."

Representative Tarnas continued, stating:

"Thank you, I appreciate it. I will speak to your ruling to file this petition. I think the facts have changed since the very beginning of this session."

Representative Belatti rose to a point of order, stating:

"Objection. Point of order, again speaking to the content of the underlying motion. I'm objecting to the form of the debate, because it's going to the substance of the petition."

Speaker Nakamura: "Representative Tarnas, can you speak to the ruling?"

Representative Tarnas continued, stating:

"I support your ruling to file this petition. I think we've taken steps in order to address this, so I think the filing is an appropriate move at this point. This body has lots of other things to work on right now. And I think it's more appropriate for us to work on the matters before us as we enter conference committee as part of our session. And filing this petition right now I believe is the most efficient way to handle this. And we should let the attorney general do their job without interference. Thank you, Speaker. I urge all members to support your ruling to file this petition. Thank you."

Representative Ichiyama rose to speak in support of the Chair's ruling, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Chair's ruling and against the appeal. And I'd like to adopt the words of the chair of the Judiciary Committee and just provide a brief additional comment. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of your ruling to officially receive and file this petition. I think it puts it on record that the House has received it, and it also opens the door for us to take further action on it in the future.

"I disagree with the characterization that we are sweeping anything under the rug. In fact, we are bringing it before this body, allowing this debate. And by filing it and receiving it, we can take action on it in the future. I also agree with the previous speaker's comments that while the attorney general's investigation is pending, which we as a body have urged our attorney general to complete expeditiously and to provide updates on the status of the investigation. While that is pending, it is not appropriate for us to take action on this petition, so that's why I agree it is appropriate procedurally for us to file it at this time. Thank you."

Representative Kahaloe rose to speak in support of the Chair's ruling, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support of filing the petition. And Madam Speaker, may I please adopt the words of the vice speaker and the chair of the Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Matayoshi rose to speak in support of the Chair's ruling, stating:

"In support of the decision to file. I'd like to just adopt the words of vice speaker and the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Belatti rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, thank you. I would ask the Chair if she would entertain a question in light of the vice speaker's comment that we are able to take up matters to this filed petition in the future. Will you entertain the question, Madam Speaker? Madam Speaker, can you please answer the questions as to when we will be able to take this—"

At 12:36 p.m., Representative Ichiyama requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:37 p.m.

The Chair then stated:

"We will not be taking questions at this time. However, discussions can occur following this meeting.

"Members, we will be taking a hand vote. Please note that an aye vote is a vote in support of the Chair's ruling. A no vote is in opposition to the Chair's ruling."

Representative Belatti rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, request for a roll call vote."

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Madam Speaker, I second the motion."

The Chair then stated:

"Members, a roll call vote has been requested. All those in favor of a roll call vote, please signify by raising your hands. Please keep your hands up. Mr. Clerk, is there a sufficient number of votes?"

Chief Clerk: "Yes, Madam Speaker, there is a sufficient number of votes for a roll call."

The request for roll call was put to vote by the Chair and upon a show of hands, the roll call was approved.

The Chair then stated:

"Members, we are going to take a roll call vote. Vote aye if you are in favor of the Chair's ruling, vote no if you are opposed to the Chair's ruling. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll."

Roll call having been approved, the appeal was defeated and the Chair's ruling was upheld on the following show of ayes and noes:

Ayes, 39: Alcos, Chun, Evslin, Garrett, Grandinetti, Hartsfield, Hashem, Hussey, Ichiyama, Ilagan, Kahaloe, Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Kila, Kitagawa, Kong, Kusch, La Chica, Lee, Lowen, Marten, Matayoshi, Miyake, Morikawa, Nakamura, Olds, Perruso, Poepoe, Quinlan, Ratcliffe, Reyes Oda, Sayama, Takayama, Takenouchi, Tam, Tarnas, Templo, Todd, Woodson, and Yamashita.

Noes, 11: Amato, Belatti, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, Shimizu, and Souza.

Excused, 1: Kapela.

The Chair then stated:

"The appeal has been defeated, so the petition will be filed."

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Belatti introduced Alexander Silvert.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please turn to your digital action sheets by clicking on the action sheet tab on the top middle of your screen.

"We will be taking up two motions. One to suspend the rules to reconsider our previous action in disagreeing to the Senate amendments. And one to reconsider our previous action and give notice of the intent to agree."

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of reconsidering action previously taken in disagreeing to amendments made by the Senate to certain House Bills. (Representatives Kapela and Todd were excused.)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

Representative Kahaloe moved that the House reconsider its action previously taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate, and give notice of intent to agree to such amendments for the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Kapela and Todd were excused.)

H.B. No. 389, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 469, HD 2, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1510, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1573, HD 3, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1858, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1875, HD 2, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1946, HD 2, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 1961, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 1962, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2001, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2093, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2096, HD 2, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, (SD 1)

The Chair then stated:

"Members, these measures will appear on tomorrow's Order of the Day for agree and final reading."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

H.B.**Nos. Re-referred to:**

- 1782, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the HD3, Committee on Economic Development & Technology, then to the SD2 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs
- 2104, Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary HD2, & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance SD1
- 2455, Committee on Labor, then to the Committee on Judiciary & HD2, Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance SD1

S.B.**Nos. Re-referred to:**

- 2405, Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, then to the Committee SD1, on Housing, then to the Committee on Water & Land, then to the HD2 Committee on Finance
- 3001, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the SD2, Committee on Economic Development & Technology, then to the HD3 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:46 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, April 23, 2026. (Representatives Kapela and Todd were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 22, 2026, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

- H.B. No. 1519, Tarnas/Takenouchi, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 3 Poepoe
- H.B. No. 1541, Takayama/Sayama/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.; HD 2, SD 1 Alcos
- H.B. No. 1737, Evslin/Hashem/Chun/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.; HD 3, SD 2 Cochran
- H.B. No. 1782, Matayoshi/Ilgan/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.; HD 3, SD 2 La Chica, Tam, Gedeon
- H.B. No. 1854, Takayama/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 2 Alcos
- H.B. No. 1860, Kapela/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.; HD 2, SD 1 Alcos
- H.B. No. 2023, Kila/Tarnas/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.; HD 2, SD 1 Muraoka
- H.B. No. 2104, Hashem/Tarnas/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.; HD 2, SD 1 Shimizu
- H.B. No. 2276, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 1 Kapela, Reyes Oda
- H.B. No. 2335, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 2 Reyes Oda
- H.B. No. 2455, Sayama/Tarnas/Lee, Co-Chrs.; HD 2, SD 1 Reyes Oda

H.B. No. 2468, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 2 Reyes Oda

H.B. No. 2551, Chun/Kusch, Co-Chrs.; HD 1, SD 1 Matsumoto

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H.B. No. 177, Chun/Matayoshi/Kusch, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 1 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 411, Hashem/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Souza

H.B. No. 874, Chun/Grandinetti, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 2 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 2053, Kila/Matayoshi, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 2 Pierick

H.B. No. 2069, Evslin/Miyake, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Cochran

H.B. No. 2108, Marten/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Hartsfield, Olds, Garcia

H.B. No. 2268, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Pierick

H.B. No. 2360, Ilagan/Kusch/Hussey, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Tam, Gedeon

H.B. No. 2363, Hashem/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.; HD 2 Tam, Shimizu

H.B. No. 2405, Chun/Miyake/Ichiyama/Kusch, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 2407, Chun/Kusch, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 2530, Tarnas/Takenouchi, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Poepoe

H.B. No. 2543, Sayama/Hashem/Lee, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 2 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 2568, Sayama/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Reyes Oda

H.B. No. 2803, Marten/Hartsfield, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 1 Olds, Alcos

H.B. No. 2818, Hashem/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 2 Cochran

H.B. No. 2851, Kila/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Muraoka

H.B. No. 2907, Ilagan/Hashem/Hussey, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 3 Gedeon

H.B. No. 2934, Takayama/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 1 Alcos

H.B. No. 2969, Garrett/Hussey, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 1 Amato, Kapela, Souza

H.B. No. 2999, Lowen/Kila/Perruso, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Quinlan, Matsumoto

H.B. No. 3097, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 1 Reyes Oda

H.B. No. 3103, Lowen/Marten/Matayoshi/Perruso, Co-Chrs.; SD 2, HD 1 Matsumoto

H.B. No. 3233, Chun/Miyake/Kusch, Co-Chrs.; SD 1, HD 2 Matsumoto

ROUGH DRAFT

H.B. No. 3238, Garrett/Miyake, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Amato, Kapela, Souza

H.B. No. 3245, Marten/Hartsfield, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Olds, Garcia

House Communication dated April 22, 2026, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has made the following changes to the conferees on the following measures:

S.B. No. 3001, House Conferees Changed:
SD 2, HD 3 Representative Matayoshi added as lead Co-Chair.

S.B. No. 3138, House Conferees Added:
SD 1, HD 1 Representative Amato added as Conferee.

House Communication dated April 22, 2026, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has made the following changes to the conferees on the following measure:

H.B. No. 1946, Discharged all conferees.
HD 2, SD 2

House Communication dated April 22, 2026, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 14, 2026, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 389, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1510, HD 2, SD 1

House Communication dated April 22, 2026, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments made by the Senate on April 16, 2026, and gives its notice of intent to agree to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 469, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1573, HD 3, SD 1
H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1858, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1875, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1946, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1961, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1962, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 2001, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 2093, SD 1
H.B. No. 2096, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 1