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FIFTIETH DAY

Thursday, April 23, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:04 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

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

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the Forty-First, Forty-Second, and Forty-Third Days were approved. (Representative Evslin was excused.)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 721 through 725) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 721, dated April 22, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 50, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 75, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 149, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 722, dated April 22, 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 Concurrent Resolutions:

S.C.R. No. 195, Kim, Chair;
HD 1 Kidani, DeCorte

S.C.R. No. 196, Kim, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kidani, DeCorte

Sen. Com. No. 723, dated April 22, 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. 411, McKelvey, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Lee, C./Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Fevella

S.B. No. 847, Kanuha, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2031, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2050, McKelvey, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2074, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 1, HD 3 McKelvey/Wakai, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2089, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; McKelvey

S.B. No. 2143, Rhoads, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Chang, Gabbard, Fevella

S.B. No. 2360, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2557, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; McKelvey

S.B. No. 2578, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Wakai, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 2580, DeCoite, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Wakai, Co-Chair; Fukunaga, Fevella

S.B. No. 3001, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 Elefante/Rhoads, Co-Chairs; McKelvey, Awa

S.B. No. 3136, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

S.B. No. 3138, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; McKelvey

S.B. No. 3263, Kim, Chair;
SD 2, HD 3 DeCoite/Hashimoto/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs; DeCorte

S.B. No. 3302, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 724, dated April 22, 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. 888, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Awa

S.B. No. 1142, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 McKelvey, Co-Chair; Awa

S.B. No. 2043, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Lamosao, Co-Chair; Awa

S.B. No. 2396, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 McKelvey, Co-Chair; Awa

S.B. No. 2607, Keohokalole, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Lamosao, Awa

Sen. Com. No. 725, dated April 22, 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. 1163, Inouye, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Chang, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1481, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Fukunaga, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 1511, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 1541, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Elefante/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1573, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 3, SD 1 Keohokalole/Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1591, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Lamosao/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 1642, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads/Moriwaki/Lamosao, Co-Chairs; Awa

H.B. No. 1643, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1667, Wakai, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Chang

H.B. No. 1678, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 McKelvey, Co-Chair; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1688, Inouye, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Lee, C.

H.B. No. 1802, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Inouye, Co-Chair; Lamosao

H.B. No. 1810, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 1824, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 McKelvey, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 1838, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Elefante, Co-Chair; Awa

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H.B. No. 1853, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1854, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1858, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Chang, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1864, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Keohokalole, Co-Chair; McKelvey

H.B. No. 1946, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Lamosao, Co-Chair; Wakai

H.B. No. 1970, Kim, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 1972, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1973, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1974, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Moriwaki, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 1976, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Fukunaga/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2078, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Lee, C.

H.B. No. 2158, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kidani, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2208, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 2282, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Rhoads, Co-Chair; Awa

H.B. No. 2314, McKelvey, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Chang, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 2319, San Buenaventura, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Kanuha, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 2344, Kim, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; DeCorte

H.B. No. 2417, Inouye, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Rhoads/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2474, Lee, C., Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 DeCoite/Kanuha, Co-Chairs

H.B. No. 2546, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 Wakai, Co-Chair; Fevella

H.B. No. 2583, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Wakai/Lamosao, Co-Chairs; Fevella

H.B. No. 2606, Fukunaga, Chair;
HD 2, SD 1 Hashimoto, Co-Chair; Inouye

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Marten introduced advocates for Medicaid/Quest Awareness Month: MedQuest, Aloha Care, Department of Health, Hawai'i Primary Care Association, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Hawai'i Community Foundation, American Cancer Society Action Network, Hawai'i Children's Action Network, Pacific Government Relations, Kaunakapili Church, and Indivisible Hawai'i.

Representative Lee introduced advocates from the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawai'i: Nate Hix, Saya Shibata, Gregory Cachero, Scott Stensrod, Kevin Ramirez, and Don Weisman.

Representative Iwamoto introduced Michael Golojuch, Jr., Hawai'i LGBTQ+ Commission; Maddylynn Sesepasara, Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center, and Mandy Fernandes and Josh Frost, ACLU Hawai'i.

At 12:10 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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

Representative Keohokapu-Lee Loy introduced Senator Tim Richards; his wife, Terri Richards; and their children, AR and Ruby Richards.

Representative Quinlan introduced Brian Miyamoto, executive director, Hawai'i Farm Bureau.

Representative Chun introduced members from the Hawai'i Cattleman's Council: Alan Gottlieb, John Morgan, Amy Ridella, Taylor Kellerman, Jeri Moniz, Jason Moniz, Mark Fox, Stephen DeLuz, Bud Gibson, Jim Duffy, Bridget Kapahu, Doug Beaton, Whitney Boteilho, Charles Stevens, Vanessa Stevens, Chloe Stevens, Cooper Stevens, Sharlei Iranon, Randy Cabral, Janet Ashman, and Nicole Galase.

ORDER OF THE DAY

FINAL READING

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be three motions. One to agree to the Senate amendments, one to suspend the rules for final reading by consent, and one to pass the House Bills on final reading."

Representative Kahaloa moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Evslin and Quinlan 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)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering certain House Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representative Evslin was excused.)

FINAL READING

H.B. No. 389, HD 1, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.B. No. 389, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 389, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNCREWED AIRCRAFT OFFENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives Iwamoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 469, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 469, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

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

Representative Kahaloha moved that H.B. No. 1510, HD 2, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose in opposition to the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Garcia's written remarks are as follows:

"Madam Speaker, I stand opposed to House Bill 1510, HD 2, SD 1.

"Madam Speaker, this body should be cautious when laws abandon common sense in favor of absolutism. House Bill 1510 does precisely that by expanding penalties and enforcement while disregarding intent and proportionality.

"First, the bill removes intent entirely from the law. HB 1510 repeals the current requirement that a license plate cover be intended to interfere with visibility or identification. Under this proposal, any cover or film, clear, tinted, reflective, or otherwise, is prohibited, even when it does not impair legibility. The bill then escalates penalties to an extreme level by dramatically increasing penalties. HB 1510 imposes fines of no less than \$1,000 per violation with each day constituting a separate offense. That means a minor, non-safety-related infraction can quickly turn into thousands of dollars in fines.

"Finally, the bill expands enforcement authority well beyond traditional traffic enforcement. HB 1510 authorizes state or county parking enforcement personnel and other designated agents to issue citations for license plate obstruction. This dramatically broadens who can stop, ticket, and penalize drivers, without strengthening training, standards or accountability. We should be focused on enforcing existing law, not adding to the books and increasing the nanny state. This is government overreach."

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1510, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes to 2 noes, with Representatives Alcos and Garcia voting no, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1573, HD 3, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1573, HD 3, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, SD 2:

Representative Kahaloha moved that H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, SD 2 pass Final 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."

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1705, HD 1, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1858, HD 2, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloha moved that H.B. No. 1858, HD 2, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1858, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representatives Pierick voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1875, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Kahaloha moved that H.B. No. 1875, HD 2, SD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1875, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 8 noes, with Representative Kila and Souza voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Geddon, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1946, HD 2, SD 2:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1946, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF TIME SHARES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1961, HD 2, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloha moved that H.B. No. 1961, HD 2, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. This bill prohibits persons from interfering with another person's access to or from a health care facility or disrupting the normal functioning of a health care facility, and makes violations a petty misdemeanor. Madam Speaker, this bill is absolutely not necessary. There are adequate laws both on the federal and state levels that protect people's right of entry.

"In 1994, the U.S. Congress passed the FACE Act, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, and this adequately protects, on a federal level, these protections to accessing clinics and health care facilities. On the state level, HRS 707 to 715 addresses threatening people, and harassment in HRS 711 through 1106. Also, there is state law that addresses blocking entrances and access, HRS 852-1, it is illegal to obstruct access to any public or private place so that there is no free passage. We already have laws to protect people from accessing health care facilities, to enter facilities.

"This bill was introduced because of people who are going after pro-life protesters who are exercising their First Amendment rights and liberties to free speech and protest on a public sidewalk. We've all seen the pro-life protesters near the Planned Parenthood facility on Beretania Street. These people are simply praying, they're holding signs, they're standing on their own religious convictions and belief. No one is being harassed, taunted, spat on, like some people said in the Health Committee, that is absolutely false.

"And as I said before during third reading, when I asked Planned Parenthood, how many police reports were filed? How many times did officers have to come down to hold back these pro-life protesters from blocking entrance? It doesn't happen, Madam Speaker. This bill is purely political and is going after pro-life protesters. Again, we already have adequate laws on the federal and state levels to protect people. This is not needed. No vote."

Representative Iwamoto rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in opposition. At first, I was going to stand and speak in support with reservations. But as I gathered my thoughts, I'm like, whoa, weighing the purported benefits of this bill versus what I'm afraid could be the harms caused by this bill. And I did speak about it when I voted on third reading, and I was hoping that my comments would be addressed in conference committee. But as we see here, we are voting on what's before us.

"There are three areas of concern. One is the potential chilling effects on free speech. The inclusion of reckless conduct, which is the minimum

amount of *mens rea* or intentionality, it requires almost no intention, you're just reckless. Finally, the imposition of mandatory minimums. So, we've taken away judicial discretion from the courts and there must be a mandatory minimum sentence in prison for a violation of this.

"I have other concerns such as, there's no definition, this adds a chapter to the health code of our statutes. So, there's no actual definition of what it means to impede free passage. What does that mean? If somebody's carrying a sign and you have to duck underneath the sign, for instance, if you're both walking on a three-foot sidewalk and they're carrying a sign and you walk underneath, did I just impede somebody's passage to the health care facility? We'll find out when they take me to court. And if I did, if the court does say, yes, you did impede, now I have to pay for their attorneys. That's a lot, that's a lot.

"And also, what's happening here in the way the bill is written, I'm really concerned not with the criminal as much as the civil remedies addressed in this. Here under civil remedies of this bill, it says, the aggrieved party shall not be required to allege or prove actual damages to prevail.

"Civil remedies basically normally is a tort. Most torts require a showing of damages. Like you can't just bring people to court just because you want to, you need to actually show that it's worth, the injury was so grievous that it justifies taking this matter to court.

"Finally, for me, the main concern, the purported injury that could happen is the chilling effect on labor. As many know, I was part of a community effort, we did a sit-in in front of Kapiolani Women and Children's Hospital. This could have a chilling effect on the next time we stand in solidarity with nurses who are looking out for safe staffing ratios. If the community members sit, as we sat, in a driveway, that might be considered impeding, and now the employer group at the hospital can sue us individually. And whether right or wrong, we still have to face the lawsuit. We saw the employer group at that hospital spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on advertisements. Imagine if they spent all that money on legal fees just to silence the voice of labor.

"So, for this reason, I did decide to vote in opposition, even though my friends at Planned Parenthood might be disappointed with me. Friends don't let friends drive drunk. And friends don't let friends curtail the free speech of others. Thank you."

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

Representative Shimizu rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"I rise in opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank the previous speakers for their points, which I agree with. Madam Speaker, at my committee hearing, we heard and received opposing, even contradictory testimony regarding incidents at what I believe was a Planned Parenthood facility, which maybe this bill is addressing.

"However, my thoughts go to another scenario where there is a dispute of some kind at another medical facility and there are various people there expressing themselves in dispute against this facility. Say doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, medical students, patients, all kinds of regular people who are now subject to this new law. And maybe some passionate mom or medical student is now found to be interfering with an aggrieved party and found to be in violation on their first offense. This person is now subject to a \$250 fine and 24 consecutive hours in jail.

"This bill states, regarding criminal penalties, that a violator shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished as follows. For a first offense, a fine of no less than \$250 and a term of imprisonment of at least 24 consecutive hours. So now we're putting this mom, who maybe lost a child in a procedure and lost her mind for a moment, she will be put in jail for expressing herself against something that she firmly believes in. Is this what we really want to do?

"As was previously mentioned, in addition to this, an aggrieved party can bring litigation against this passionate mother. The bill does state, an aggrieved party may bring a civil suit. The aggrieved party shall not be required to allege or prove actual damages to prevail. I don't know, but somehow that doesn't make sense to me.

"Madam Speaker, I agree there is a point where free speech and expression may cross the line with unacceptable physical interference or verbal abuse, but I would offer to you that there are existing laws in place that adequately address these situations. My colleague did share some of them. Are they perfect? Probably not. We all know how difficult it is to arrive at a perfect bill.

"We are all dealing with imperfect people that are dynamic and in multiple shades of emotions, reactions, thoughts, and actions. And we wouldn't want to, or should not, add and put in a broad stroke that will not thoughtfully, specifically, or properly address one of many atypical or different situations like our passionate mom. For these reasons, Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that we defer this bill to protect those unintended consequences. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

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

"Madam Speaker, in support. Madam Speaker, no person should be forced to endure harassment, intimidation, threats, or physical obstruction when seeking or providing medical care. For many in our community, there are already many obstacles to seeking and accessing health care and we should not compound those problems. People who are exercising their freedom of speech in a peaceful manner have no reason to be threatened or alarmed as long as they do not obstruct or impede the access of other people seeking to enter or leave health care facilities. For those reasons, I urge members to support this bill. It sends a strong message that Hawaii will not tolerate conduct that endangers public health or interferes with medical services. Thank you."

Representative Alcos rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of the Kapolei representative be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Second time in opposition, Madam Speaker. Thank you. The chair of the Health Committee says that no one should be forced or obstructed to access medical care or facilities. I don't think anybody disagrees with that, and that is why previous bodies and legislatures have passed laws to prevent that from happening. Again, as I said, we already have laws on the books. HRS 852-1, HRS 115-9, HRS 711-1105, which prevents this from happening. This bill is not needed. It is a political statement. It's a political bill. Again, even if state law fails, federal law protects it as well. So again, not needed. And the statement is simply, in my opinion, not accurate. No vote."

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support on House Bill 1961. I rise in support, Madam speaker, to offer a few clarifications. First and foremost, I wanted to clarify that the purpose section of this bill on page one states that this act is not intended to affect any rights under federal or state law on peaceful expressive conduct, including labor demonstrations or exercising the right to strike. That is clearly mentioned in the purpose clause, Madam Speaker.

"This bill attempts to find the balance between people who are exercising their free speech rights, as well as the patients who are seeking needed health care. And I think that the bill finds that compromise and that balance.

"The bill, in addition to creating criminal offenses, also creates a civil right of action, which does not currently exist. It also allows the attorney general to bring actions to enforce the right of patients to be able to access their health care. And I would just like to note testimony from the Healthcare Association of Hawaii that represents hospitals and clinics across our state. They testify that hospitals, clinics, and other care settings must be places where patients, families, and healthcare professionals can safely enter, deliver, and receive care without fear of obstruction, intimidation, or disruption.

"And I know that there have been attempts, Madam Speaker, to characterize this bill as a political statement on being pro-life or pro-choice, and I think that is taking a too narrow view of this bill. Unfortunately, in today's environment, every healthcare decision is becoming sensitized. Whether you receive a vaccination, whether you receive certain types of screenings, whether you received substance abuse or behavioral health care. Those are all becoming politicized and sensitized. And I think we need to

make sure that no one is scared, intimidated, or ashamed to receive the care that they need. So, for those reasons, I'm in support. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Iwamoto rose to respond, stating:

"Second time in opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, it was referenced that the exclusion or exemption for labor was included in the preamble. However, the reason why it wasn't included into the text, the reason we can't include that exception into the text of our statute is because it would have been a clear indication that the state is saying one statement of speech is acceptable, but this substance of speech is not acceptable. That is where the violation of free speech comes in. When you say this statement is acceptable but this statement not, that is the exact point I'm making.

"And also, we heard testimony in support referencing the employer groups. And again, that is my main opposition, is this isn't about pro-life versus choice. To me, this bill, the fact that it offers civil remedies, which is unprecedented, because we heard a whole list of criminal statutes cited. So, this criminalization of the action or behavior is already there. What's new is the civil remedy. That these employer groups, these hospital employer groups can now wield against striking nurses who are holding signs, or community activists who are doing a sit-in. It's specifically, this bill, that's what I'm afraid of, is it's specifically designed to silence our voices. Thank you."

Representative Lowen rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Health chair and the vice speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Marten rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Health chair and the vice speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kapela rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Health chair and the vice speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition, second time. I'd like to acknowledge what vice speaker shared. Obviously, we are not going to accept physical interference, abuses of freedom of speech. And as I tried to state in my comments, I purposely did not take a political stance or a us versus them scenario. I did lay out a very real possible situation that will be caught in the umbrella of this new bill. And I just would like my colleagues to consider that as we continuously add layers of laws to our society, which may have unintended consequences. That is my point. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Representative Alcos rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In opposition. This bill would affect the pro-life people that is out there on the street. And what they're trying to do is just educate that person before they go in, and maybe listen to the heartbeat of the baby. Are you making the right choice. Can we help you navigate your way before you make this choice. They're not trying to stop them or trying to say, you're illegal or you're going to go jail, or you're going to go hell. But they want to try to protect life and save life.

"This bill would arrest these people for being on the side of the street or do some kind of crime to hurt them. And I think that is wrong for people trying to save life. In our job, what we doing here, is trying to save lives. And this is what these guys are doing. So, in strong opposition. Thank you."

Representative Souza rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the vice speaker be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1961, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 40 ayes to 10 noes, with Representatives Hussey voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Iwamoto, Kong, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, and Shimizu voting no, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 1962, HD 2, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that H.B. No. 1962, HD 2, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Muraoka rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"In opposition. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just want to make my stance perfectly clear. I'm against abuse in all forms. But with this bill, the way it's written. It's actually written, it's a good bill. I really could support it if we remove the words 'alleged.' I have experience in this whole divorce proceedings thing. And divorce court, different from criminal, civil, is the only court where you can make a final decision using accusations, allegedly. And that could tear families apart.

"So far, so often, an angry wife or an upset husband will weaponize. If this thing gets in, it'll weaponize the fact that he hit me, she hit this. It becomes an accusation game. And when we are using this in a contested parentage, the kids are the one who suffer. And by allowing that accusation, that alleged abuse to bypass mediation, that's crazy. I mean, you could really do serious harm to children for a long time to come. Take out 'alleged' and I think this is a great bill. For those reasons, I'm in opposition."

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

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1962, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Pierick voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Cochran, Garcia, and Muraoka voting no, and with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 2001, HD 2, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2001, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOVE MY LIBRARY DAY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 2093, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2093, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIFORM PROBATE CODE," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 2096, HD 2, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2096, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGGRAVATED CIRCUMSTANCES IN CHILD PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Quinlan, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2097, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE DRIVERS LICENSE REVOCATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Evslin being excused.

At 12:58 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

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

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 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. (Representative Evslin was 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: (Representative Evslin was excused.)

H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, (SD 2)
 H.B. No. 2315, HD 1, (SD 1)
 H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, (SD 1)

At this time, the Chair stated:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.B.

No. Re-referred to:

2207, Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, then to the Committee
 HD2, on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on
 SD2 Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:00 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Friday, April 24, 2026. (Representative Evslin was excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 23, 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. 344, Lowen/Perruso, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 2 Alcos
 H.B. No. 939, Matayoshi/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 2 Pierick
 H.B. No. 1688, Kila/Takenouchi, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 2 Cochran
 H.B. No. 1853, Takayama/Marten/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 1 Alcos

H.B. No. 2443, Belatti/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 1 Amato, Templo, Shimizu

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S.B. No. 888, Matayoshi/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 2, HD 2 Pierick
 S.B. No. 2169, Chun/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Kusch, Matsumoto
 S.B. No. 2367, Hashem/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 2, HD 2 Tam, Shimizu
 S.B. No. 2557, Marten/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Olds, Alcos
 S.B. No. 2575, Tarnas/Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 2, HD 1 Amato, Quinlan, Shimizu
 S.B. No. 2698, Kila/Tam/Miyake, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 2, HD 1 Muraoka
 S.B. No. 3082, Belatti/Sayama/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Iwamoto, Templo, Souza

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H.B. No. 306, Hashem/Tarnas/Morikawa, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 2, SD 1 Shimizu
 H.B. No. 1692, Kila/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 2, SD 2 Muraoka
 H.B. No. 1842, Evslin/Hashem/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 2, SD 1 Muraoka
 H.B. No. 2171, Garrett/Hashem/Templo, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 1 Woodson, Muraoka
 H.B. No. 2207, Chun/Matayoshi/Kusch, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 2, SD 2 Kahaloe, Matsumoto

House Communication dated April 23, 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 House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 2471, Matayoshi/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 2, HD 2 Perruso, Pierick

House Communication dated April 23, 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. 2315, Discharged all conferees.
 HD 1, SD 1

House Communication dated April 23, 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. 2315, HD 1, SD 1
 H.B. No. 2343, HD 1, SD 1

House Communication dated April 23, 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 Bill:

H.B. No. 2296, HD 1, SD 2

House Communication dated April 23, 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 this day agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

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