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FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Thursday, April 30, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Speaker Nakamura presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 793 through 797) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 793, dated April 29, 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. 2694, Keohokalole, Chair; Inouye/DeCoite, Co-Chairs;
SD 2, HD 2 Lamosao, Awa

S.B. No. 2930, McKelvey, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Awa

Sen. Com. No. 794, dated April 29, 2026, informing the House that the following bill has this day passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1752, HD 1, SD 1, CD 1

Sen. Com. No. 795, dated April 29, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has on April 29, 2026 reconsidered its action taken on April 28, 2026 in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Concurrent Resolutions and has moved to agree to the amendments:

S.C.R. No. 78, SD 1, HD 1
S.C.R. No. 130, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 796, dated April 29, 2026, informing the House that the Senate has this day adopted the following Senate Concurrent Resolution in final form:

S.C.R. No. 110, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 797, dated April 30, 2026, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

S.B. No. 3028, Senate Conferees Changed:
SD 2, HD 2 Senator Kim discharged as Co-Chair.
Senator Dela Cruz added as Co-Chair.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Kila introduced his mother, Heide Kila.

Representative Gedeon introduced members of the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board: Roberta Mayor, Herb Schreiner, Paula Bender, and Elijah Lee; Michelle Schreiner, Herb's wife; Girl Scouts from Koko Head Elementary School: Karen Camacho, Sammy Selders, and Elsie Garrison; scout mom, Pauline Garrison; and his staff, Leo Rodascorado.

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

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF RULES

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, please note that per committee referral sheet number 38, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 100, SD 1 has been referred solely to the Committee on Water & Land. The Committee on Finance waived its referral to this measure and therefore it is appropriate for the House to consider action for adoption. We will be taking up three motions."

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the rules were suspended to reconsider action previously taken on S.C.R. No. 100, SD 1. (Representative Marten was excused)

RECONSIDERATION OF ACTION TAKEN

On motion by Representative Kahaloe, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House reconsidered its action previously taken pursuant to the recommendation contained in Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2189-26, recommending referral to the Committee on Finance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

S.C.R. No. 100, SD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that S.C.R. No. 100, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Muraoka rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Shimizu rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Cochran rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Gedeon rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Alcos rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.C.R. No. 100, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVENING A WORKING GROUP TO ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE TO SUPPORT SANCTUARIES AND OTHER CONSERVATION-RELATED INITIATIVES FOR ENDANGERED AND OTHER SPECIES," was adopted, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, and Shimizu voting no.

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 and Senate Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2-26 and S.B. No. 2466, HD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloe moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2466, HD 2, CD 1 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2466, HD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER," passed Final Reading by a vote of 42 ayes to 9 noes, with Representatives Kila, and Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Gedeon, Matsumoto, Muraoka, Pierick, Reyes Oda, and Shimizu voting no.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 3-26 and H.B. No. 1163, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1163, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSING," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 4-26 and H.B. No. 1514, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1514, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 5-26 and S.B. No. 3082, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3082, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY FAMILIES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 6-26 and S.B. No. 2135, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2135, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Iwamoto rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Iwamoto's written remarks are as follows:

"While I support the purpose of this bill, I have reservations with the increased sentencing related to proximity of causality if the victim commits suicide.

"It has been well documented that harsher sentencing is generally ineffective as a deterrent to the commission of many crimes.

"My concern is that, if a victim knows that a perpetrator will receive a significantly harsher sentence, the victim might perceive their own death as a mechanism to trigger that maximum punishment. It would be a form of extreme retribution, stemming from the concept of a 'revenge suicide,' where a victim might view their death as the only guaranteed way to ruin the perpetrator's life.

"Even if just one victim internalizes this motivation as something under their control when they are feeling so powerless, that would be a horrible unintended consequence to this well-meaning bill.

"The focus should remain on early intervention, prioritizing support networks and trauma-informed care for victims – this is the most effective way to address harassment."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2135, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representative Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 7-26 and S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support.

"I nā makahiki aku nei, na ke aupuni 'o 'Amelika i Hui Pū 'Ia e mālama i ko kākou pono siwila, e la'a me kēia: ka ho'omana i ko akua 'oe, ke ha'i 'ōlelo 'oe, ka hui pū 'oe, ke koho balota 'oe. He mea minamina ho'i ka hō'emi 'ana iho o ua aupuni lā i kēlā kuleana. No laila, na kākou e mālama i kēlā mau kuleana, 'o ia ho'i ka mālama 'ana i nā pono siwila. No laila, Speaker, makemake au e mahalo i ka chair o ke kōmike Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs no ka holo mua i kēia hana. Mahalo nui."

Representative Hussey provided the following English translation:

"In years past, the federal government of the United States saw to it to maintain and protect our civil rights, such as the worship of one's religion; the freedom of speech; the right of peaceful assembly; and the right to vote. Unfortunately, the government has receded from that responsibility. Therefore, it is incumbent on us here to carry on that work, to maintain and protect our civil rights. I wish to thank the chair of the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs for moving this forward. 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. 2727, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 8-26 and S.B. No. 3097, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3097, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 9-26 and H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Madam Speaker. In support. Madam Speaker, a shared value held by here in the Legislature of both parties in this chamber, we have worked to address and prioritize Hawai'i's concerns of cost of living. Madam Speaker, your House Committee on Transportation has taken that matter seriously. We in the interim looked at how can the Committee on Transportation assist with lowering the cost of the living. And I think it starts with measures like this.

"Madam Speaker, this measure before the chamber allows a clear pathway to help uplift our young folks, our folks who may not enter traditional four-year schools, or schools that may not take some of our struggling students. Madam Speaker, after the Lahaina wildfire, it was estimated that we have over 200 retirement-eligible CDL drivers that could leave the state at any point in the day. Throughout the country, there are states that have enacted this measure similarly that have created career pathways for young people to get their CDLs.

"The average salary of a commercial driver who holds a CDL can earn upwards of \$120,000 a year. Madam Speaker, a measure like this allows our working families here in Hawai'i to be told that they don't have to put themselves into debt to go to school, but instead they can go into a program to change the trajectory of their lives, of their family, by doing a career that can change their lives. So, with this measure before your body, I humbly request the colleague's support in allowing a career pathway to support generations for our truckers, for our potential school bus drivers, and anyone who can get a CDL safely and legally in the State of Hawai'i. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Madam Speaker, in strong support. Can I have the words of the previous speaker inserted as my own and additional comments," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Muraoka continued, stating:

"Madam Speaker, today we take a practical and meaningful step towards strengthening Hawai'i's workforce, supporting our local industries, and creating real opportunities for our young people. House Bill 1696 addresses a challenge that many sectors across our state are facing right now, a shortage of qualified commercial drivers. From construction and agriculture to shipping, tourism, and essential services, the lack of CDL drivers has slowed projects, increased costs, and strained our local economy. This measure responds directly to that need.

"By lowering the minimum age for interstate commercial driving to 18, while maintaining strict training, supervision, and safety requirements, we are not lowering standards, we are modernizing our pathway into the workforce. This bill ensures that young drivers are not simply handed responsibility but are properly trained through registered apprenticeships or structured employer-based programs with extensive supervised driving hours and clear safety protocols.

"At its core, this bill is an opportunity. It gives young people in Hawai'i a chance to enter the workforce sooner, to earn a livable wage, and to begin building a stable future without leaving our islands in search of better opportunities. It helps bridge that critical gap between graduation and long-term employment, keeping our youth engaged, productive, and on a positive path.

"For many families, this is also about legacy. We have generations of local workers who have built their lives in industries that rely on commercial drivers. This bill allows the next generation to follow in those footsteps safely, responsibly, and sooner. And importantly, this is not just a workforce bill. It's an economic resilience bill. When we straighten our supply chains, support our industries, and grow our local talent, we strengthen Hawai'i as a whole. Members, this measure is balanced, it protects safety, it supports employers, and it opens the doors for our young people. Thank you."

Representative Kila rose to respond, stating:

"Madam Speaker, in support for the second time. May I adopt the words of the representative from Wai'anae and insert them into the Journal as if they are my own, and brief remarks. I also want to acknowledge that this measure is also a symbol that two parties can work together, because I would be remiss to not thank my colleague from Wai'anae for working to prioritize this issue and matter with me and delivering this to the body in a true form of bipartisanship for the betterment of the State of Hawai'i. *So mahalo*, my colleague from Wai'anae and the further committees who have helped us get this far. *Mahalo*," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Shimizu rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of the Transportation chair and the representative from Wai'anae be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes.

Conf. Com. Rep. No. 10-26 and H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia rose in support of the measure with reservations 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 rise in support of House Bill 2021, Conference Draft 1, with reservations.

"Madam Speaker, there is no question that electric bicycles and micro mobility devices are becoming more common across our islands. Establishing clearer definitions and expectations can help promote safety and reduce uncertainty for both riders and law enforcement. In that sense, this bill makes a sincere effort to bring order and consistency to a rapidly growing area of transportation.

"However, I do have concerns about how far this framework goes. HB 2021 relies heavily on regulation, mandates, and enforcement authority, and in doing so, risks moving beyond what is necessary to address real safety concerns. The bill layers new registration requirements, operational rules, labeling mandates, and rulemaking authority in a way that may be difficult for everyday riders to fully understand or comply with, even when they are acting responsibly.

"I'm particularly cautious when legislation authorizes seizure or impoundment of personal property for technical or non-safety related violations. For many residents, electric bicycles are not recreational conveniences but affordable, practical transportation. Enforcement tools should be measured, focused on dangerous behavior rather than paperwork violations or classification disputes.

"I'm also mindful of the impact on small businesses. While large manufacturers and distributors may be able to absorb the costs of compliance, inspections, and administrative fines, local retailers and small sellers could find these requirements burdensome, especially when the safety benefit is not clearly demonstrated.

"Madam Speaker, I support the goal of promoting safety and clarity. I simply believe we must remain careful not to regulate so broadly that we discourage innovation, restrict mobility, or expand government authority beyond what is warranted.

"For those reasons, I'm voting aye with reservations."

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 the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 51 ayes, with Representatives Garcia, and Iwamoto voting aye with reservations.

At 12:42 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 2466, HD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1163, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1514, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3082, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2135, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, CD 1
 S.B. No. 3097, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
 H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

S.C.R.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
100,	Committee on Water & Land
SD1	

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:43 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 1, 2026.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 30, 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 Bill:

H.B. No. 2241, Lowen/Takenouchi, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 2 Perruso, Matsumoto

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S.B. No. 2930, Sayama/Lee, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Gedeon

House Communication dated April 30, 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. 2861, Marten/Hartsfield, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 2 Alcos

House Communication dated April 30, 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 passed the following bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1163, HD 1, SD 2, CD 1
H.B. No. 1514, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 1696, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1
H.B. No. 2021, HD 2, SD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2135, SD 2, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 2466, HD 2, CD 1
S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3082, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1
S.B. No. 3097, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

"HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE
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AMENDED 2026 ROOM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

(Friday, May 1, 2026 Only)

Pursuant to Section 13 of the Committees on Conference Procedures for the 2026 Regular Session, and upon the joint written approval of the Senate President and the House Speaker, the following amended room assignment schedule shall apply exclusively on Friday, May 1, 2026. All other provisions of the Committees on Conference Procedures remain in full force and effect.

Committees originally scheduled to conclude at 11:30 am, are extended to 1:00 p.m. Committees originally scheduled to conclude at 5:00 p.m. are extended to 6:00 p.m. The WAM/FIN committee time is unchanged.

Senate Standing Committees	House Standing Committees	Time	Conference Room Assignment
GVO, LBT	LAB, LMG	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	016
HOU	HSG	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	224
WLA	WAL, CAA	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	229
AEN, EIG	AGR, EEP	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	325
TRS	TRN	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	329
EDT	ECD, TOU	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	411
PSM	PBS	1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	016
CPN	CPC	1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	224
EDU	EDN, HED	1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	229
JDC, HWN	JHA	1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	325
HHS	HLT, HSH	1:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	329
WAM	FIN	8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	309

/s/ Ronald D. Kouchi
Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
4-30-26
Date

/s/ Nadine K. Nakamura
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Speaker of the House of Representatives
4-30-26
Date