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THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, April 6, 2026

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

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED:	Rep. Belatti
	Rep. Tam
	Rep. Marten
	Rep. Sayama
	Rep. Reyes Oda
	Rep. Muraoka
	Rep. Quinlan
	Rep. La Chica
	Rep. Shimizu

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

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

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

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

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

CR Drumheller, senior vice commander, American Legion, Oahu Veterans Council.

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

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

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

Representative Belatti recognized and honored the ALA Hawai'i Girls State for its role in empowering young women, particularly those from

military families; highlighted its impact in fostering leadership, civic engagement, and confidence through transformative experiences; acknowledged its broader contributions to supporting veterans and strengthening community understanding of service; expressed gratitude to partner organizations serving veterans and their families; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glenn Lee, mentor and team lead;

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

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

Chase Pacpaco, student captain and driver; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering

certain Senate Bills for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Cochran, Olds, Quinlan, and Reyes Oda were excused.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

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

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Iwamoto

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

was adopted, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

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

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

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1808-26) recommending that S.B. No. 3102, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, pass Third Reading.

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

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

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

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

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

THIRD READING

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

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

S.B. No. 2494, HD 1:

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

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

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

S.B. No. 2727, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Kahaloa, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2727, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION," passed Third Reading by a

vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

S.B. No. 2145, HD 1:

Representative Kahaloa moved that S.B. No. 2145, HD 1 pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia
 Rep. Kila

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 2145, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDINGS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes, with Representatives Garcia and Kila voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cochran, Olds, and Quinlan being excused.

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

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

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Souza
 Rep. Reyes Oda
 Rep. Kila

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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