

ELEVENTH DAY

Friday, February 6, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:35 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Tenth Day.

Senator Elefante introduction

Senator Kim introduction

The Chair introduction

Senator Gabbard introduction

Senator Fevella introduction

Senator Wakai introduction

Senator Fevella request

Senator Lamosao introduction

Senator Elefante introduction

Senator Fevella introduction

Senator Gabbard introduction

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 685 to 691) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 685, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Oahu, the nomination of ARIA CASTILLO, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 686, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Registration of the Island of Hawai'i, the nomination of JONATHAN SIMONDS, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 687, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, the nomination of RICK TABOR, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 688, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, the nomination of RAELENE TENNO, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 689, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, the nomination of SCOTT SPALLINA, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 690, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Retirement Savings Board, the nomination of JESSIE DEAN, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 691, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, the nomination of KIM FALINSKI, term to expire June 30, 2030,

was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 169 to 182) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 169, from the Legislative Reference Bureau, dated December 9, 2025, transmitting the SINE DIE ANOTHER DAY: Should Hawaii's Legislative Sessions Be Longer? report pursuant to H.C.R. No. 138, H.D. 1, S.D. 1 (2024).

Dept. Com. No. 170, from the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on the Percentage of Food Purchased for Public Prisons that is Fresh Local Agricultural Products and Local Value-Added, Processed, Agricultural, or Food Products pursuant to Section 27-8, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 171, from the Department of Taxation, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Earned Income Tax Credit Report for Tax Year 2024 pursuant to Section 235-55.75(f)(4), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 172, from the Department of Taxation, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Electronic Funds Transfer Report for Fiscal Year 2025 pursuant to Section 231-9.9(d), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 173, from the Department of Taxation, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Report on Administratively Created Accounts and Funds pursuant to Section 37-52.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 174, from the Department of Taxation, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the Tax Credits Claimed by Hawai'i Taxpayers Report for Tax Year 2023 pursuant to Section 231-3.4(a)(3), HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 175, from the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the DHS Systems Modernization Project IV&V Report for November 2025 pursuant to Section 27-43.6, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 176, from the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization, dated December 23, 2025, transmitting the OahuMPO FY2025 Annual Report pursuant to Act 132, SLH 2015.

Dept. Com. No. 177, from the Department of Human Resources Development, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Administratively Established Accounts and Funds of DHRD FY 2025 pursuant to Section 37-52.5, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 178, from the University of Hawai'i, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the Report on Data Exposure at the University of Hawai'i - Cancer Center pursuant to Section 487N-4, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 179, from the Department of Education, dated December 29, 2025, transmitting the Annual Report on Title IX pursuant to H.C.R. No. 198, S.D. 1 (2018).

Dept. Com. No. 180, from the Office of the Ombudsman, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the FY 2025 Annual Report 56 pursuant to Section 96-16, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 181, from the State Public Charter School Commission, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the State

Public Charter School Commission Annual Report 2024-2025 pursuant to Section 302D-7, HRS.

Dept. Com. No. 182, from the Department of the Attorney General, dated December 24, 2025, transmitting the 2025 Report of the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation pursuant to Section 26-7, HRS.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 18) was read by the Clerk and was deferred:

S.C.R. No. 18 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INTRAVENOUS KETAMINE THERAPY TO TREAT DEPRESSION."

Offered by: Senators Fevella, Keohokalole

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2110) recommending that S.B. No. 2042, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2042, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2111) recommending that S.B. No. 2892, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2892, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2112) recommending that S.B. No. 1163, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1163, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2113) recommending that S.B. No. 2076, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2076, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLICITY RIGHTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2114)

recommending that S.B. No. 2116, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2116, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2115) recommending that S.B. No. 2122, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2122, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAFETERIA PLANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2116) recommending that S.B. No. 99, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 99, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2117) recommending that S.B. No. 2088, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2088, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2118) recommending that S.B. No. 2114, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2114, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2119) recommending that S.B. No. 2117, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2117, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2120) recommending that S.B. No. 2118, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2118, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INDEBTEDNESS TO THE STATE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2121) recommending that S.B. No. 2245 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2245, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REVOLVING DOOR RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2122) recommending that S.B. No. 2386, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2386, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2123) recommending that S.B. No. 2079 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2079, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE TITLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2043, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Keohokalole, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried, S.B. No. 2043, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25; Ayes with Reservations (Ihara, McKelvey). Noes, none.

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No. 2155 Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment

S.B. No. 2268 Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the

Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 2932 Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 3240 Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Kim noted that she was wearing red for National Wear Red Day in support of awareness of heart disease. Senator Kim requested that female members take a picture following adjournment.

The Chair urged his neighbor-island colleagues to be safe and wished the best for all members over the following weekend, which had poor weather and strong winds forecast. The Chair reminded neighbor-island members to notify his office if they were unable to return to O'ahu and would be absent from the meeting. The Chair then wished the members a Super Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2026.