

TWELFTH DAY

Tuesday, February 10, 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.

At this time, the Chair made the following announcement:

"Members, before we begin, we have some housekeeping to take care of. This past weekend, following Governor Josh Green's announcement that state offices would be closed on Monday, February 9, 2026, due to potentially severe weather conditions, the Speaker and I jointly decided that the Legislature would also be closed.

"As a result, today, which would have been the 13th legislative day of the session, is redesignated as Day 12. Numbering of all subsequent legislative days will be adjusted accordingly.

"This redesignation will not affect any deadlines on the legislative timetable."

The Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 3 and 692) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 3, letter dated February 5, 2026, recommending the immediate passage of the following Emergency Appropriation bills: H.B. No. 2271, S.B. No. 3090; H.B. No. 2272, S.B. No. 3091; H.B. No. 2273, S.B. No. 3092; H.B. No. 2274, S.B. No. 3093; H.B. No. 2275, S.B. No. 3094; H.B. No. 2310, S.B. No. 3129; H.B. No. 2340, S.B. No. 3160; and S.B. No. 2211, was placed on file.

Gov. Msg. No. 692, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the nomination of RILEY SMITH, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 19 to 22) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.C.R. No. 19 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STUDENT CORAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.C.R. No. 20 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.C.R. No. 21 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION'S EAST HAWAII REGIONAL HEALTH

CARE SYSTEM TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC OR COMPARABLE RURAL HEALTH ACCESS POINT TO SERVE THE VOLCANO COMMUNITY."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.C.R. No. 22 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF AHU'ENA HEIAU AND AFFIRMING ITS UNPARALLELED ROLE IN THE SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 16 to 19) were read by the Clerk and were deferred:

S.R. No. 16 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STUDENT CORAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.R. No. 17 "SENATE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.R. No. 18 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION'S EAST HAWAII REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A RURAL HEALTH CLINIC OR COMPARABLE RURAL HEALTH ACCESS POINT TO SERVE THE VOLCANO COMMUNITY."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

S.R. No. 19 "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF AHU'ENA HEIAU AND AFFIRMING ITS UNPARALLELED ROLE IN THE SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF THE STATE."

Offered by: Senators Kanuha, Inouye, Richards, San Buenaventura

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2124) recommending that S.B. No. 2241, 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. 2241, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ZERO-EMISSIONS VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2125) recommending that S.B. No. 2517 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2517, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2126) recommending that S.B. No. 2518 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. 2518, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSAULT AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2127) recommending that S.B. No. 2519 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. 2519, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2128) recommending that S.B. No. 2520, 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. 2520, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HABITUAL VIOLENT CRIME," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fukunaga, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2129) recommending that S.B. No. 2592, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2592, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2130) recommending that S.B. No. 2382, 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. 2382, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2131) recommending that S.B. No. 2151, 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. 2151, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2132) recommending that S.B. No. 2503, 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. 2503, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2133) recommending that S.B. No. 2516 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2516, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2134) recommending that S.B. No. 2069, 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. 2069, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the majority of the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2135) recommending that S.B. No. 2665, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2665, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWAL OF DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2136) recommending that S.B. No. 2463, 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. 2463, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2137) recommending that S.B. No. 2429, 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. 2429, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING

TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the majority of the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2138) recommending that S.B. No. 2399, 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 majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2399, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A GENERAL EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2139) recommending that S.B. No. 2355, 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. 2355, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2140) recommending that S.B. No. 2172, 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. 2172, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLES,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2141) recommending that S.B. No. 2253, 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. 2253, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2142) recommending that S.B. No. 2053, 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. 2053, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2143) recommending that S.B. No. 2009, 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. 2009, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2144) recommending

that S.B. No. 2026, 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. 2026, S.D. 1, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY,” passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Fukunaga and Lee, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2145) recommending that S.B. No. 2723 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2723, entitled: “A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE SHERIFFS DAY,” passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

S.B. No. 2121	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2274	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2355, S.D. 1	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 2366	Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Health and Human Services
S.B. No. 2725	Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2732	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2733	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Health and Human Services
S.B. No. 2963	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 3042	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3071	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3073	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3164	Jointly to the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3192	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3214	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3281	Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3294	Committee on Government Operations, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Kim, Chair of the Committee on Education, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.B. No. 2969 and S.B. No. 2657.

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Kim announced that the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health and Human Services would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 229.

Senator Elefante, Chair of the Committee on Labor and Technology, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 3144;
S.B. No. 3096;
S.B. No. 3097;
S.B. No. 2968; and
S.B. No. 2036.

Senator Elefante noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Elefante announced that the Committee on Labor and Technology would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 3:01 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

Senator Elefante then requested a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 2119;
S.B. No. 3131;
S.B. No. 3069;
S.B. No. 3180; and
S.B. No. 2137.

Senator Elefante noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Elefante announced that the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Government Operations would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 225.

Senator Fukunaga, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 3107;
S.B. No. 3108;
S.B. No. 3109;
S.B. No. 3140; and
S.B. No. 3240.

Senator Fukunaga noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Fukunaga announced that the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 016.

Senator Fukunaga then requested a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 17;
S.B. No. 2358;
S.B. No. 2730;
S.B. No. 2749;
S.B. No. 2688;
S.B. No. 2798;
S.B. No. 2383;
S.B. No. 2575; and
S.B. No. 2720.

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Fukunaga announced that the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs would be holding a decision-making meeting on the measures the following day at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room 016.

Senator DeCoite, Chair of the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for the following measures:

S.B. No. 2908;
S.B. No. 2278; and
S.B. No. 2987.

Senator DeCoite noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator DeCoite announced that the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs would be holding a public hearing on the measures on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 229.

Senator Keohokalole, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, rose to inform the Senate that he had requested a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 the previous day for the following measures:

S.B. No. 3000;
S.B. No. 3326; and
S.B. No. 2291.

Senator Keohokalole then announced that the waiver had been approved the previous day and that public hearings had been held that morning by the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the joint Committees on Commerce and Consumer Protection and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs.

The Chair announced:

“The status dates for the governor’s messages and committee reports filed with the Clerk’s office to be dispensed with at yesterday’s cancelled floor session will reflect a status date of February 10, 2026.”

The Chair then stated:

REMARKS

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 11, 2026.