

FOURTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 12, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:31 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Chang and Fevella who were excused.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 695) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 695, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors, Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, the nomination of MICHAEL NEDBAL, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Education.

At 11:32 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

At this time, Senator Fukunaga welcomed students from Mid-Pacific Institute who were seated in the gallery.

The Chair noted that his wife was an alumna of Mid-Pacific Institute.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2206) recommending that S.B. No. 2169, 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. 2169, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2207) recommending that S.B. No. 2263, 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. 2263, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2208) recommending that S.B. No. 2360, 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. 2360, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2209) recommending that S.B. No. 2359, 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. 2359, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF TIME SHARES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2210) recommending that S.B. No. 2031, 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. 2031, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator DeCoite, for the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2211) recommending that S.B. No. 2796, 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. 2796, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," 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. 2212) recommending that S.B. No. 3090, 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. 3090, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," 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. 2213) recommending that S.B. No. 3091, 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. 3091, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," 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. 2214) recommending that S.B. No. 3092, 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. 3092, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Elefante and Wakai, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2215) recommending that S.B. No. 2120, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2120, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Elefante and Fukunaga, for the majority of the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2216) recommending that S.B. No. 2593, 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 joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2593, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS BOARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Elefante and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2217) recommending that S.B. No. 2751, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2751, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," 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. 2218) recommending that S.B. No. 2135, 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. 2135, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2219) recommending that S.B. No. 2024, 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. 2024, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Elefante, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2220) recommending that S.B. No. 2872, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2872, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Kim and Elefante, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2221) recommending that S.B. No. 3179, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 3179, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SAFETY OF EDUCATIONAL WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2222) recommending that S.B. No. 2308, 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. 2308, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," 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. 2223) recommending that S.B. No. 2392, 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. 2392, 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 Inouye and Wakai, for the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2224) recommending that S.B. No. 2470, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2470, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai and Chang, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2225) recommending that S.B. No. 2398, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2398, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UTILITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep.

No. 2226) recommending that S.B. No. 2902, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection 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. 2902, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Rhoads and Elefante, for the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2227) recommending that S.B. No. 2841, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2841, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2228) recommending that S.B. No. 2436, 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. 2436, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHARITABLE SOLICITATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2229) recommending that S.B. No. 2806, 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. 2806, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REAL ESTATE," 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. 2230) recommending that S.B. No. 2691, 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. 2691, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AFFORDABILITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Fukunaga and Elefante, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2231) recommending that S.B. No. 2824, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2824, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BRIBERY," 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. 2232) recommending that S.B. No. 2645, as amended in S.D. 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2645, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION," was recommitted to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

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

S.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 888	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2384	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. 2423	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Housing, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2697	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 2746	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 3153	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary
S.B. No. 3156	Committee on Transportation, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Misc. Com. No. 2) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 2, memorandum from Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi and Speaker of the House Nadine K. Nakamura, dated February 10, 2026, announcing a calendar adjustment due to the weather-related closure on Monday, February 9, 2026. Consequently, Day 13 is redesignated as Day 12, with all subsequent legislative days to be renumbered accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Friday, February 13, 2026.