

## TWENTIETH DAY

**Monday, February 23, 2026**

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:30 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura honored and congratulated the Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 2025 Hawai'i Healthcare Heroes and presented the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Fukunaga rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Moriwaki rose to present the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Senator Elefante rose to present the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

Senator San Buenaventura rose and stated:

**REMARKS**

Senator Rhoads introduction

The Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 725) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 725, submitting for consideration and confirmation, the appointment of DANIEL M. GLUCK as Associate Judge of the State of Hawai'i Intermediate Court of Appeals, for a term of ten years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2694) recommending that S.B. No. 99, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2694 and S.B. No. 99, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2695) recommending that S.B. No. 2110, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2695 and S.B. No. 2110, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2696) recommending that S.B. No. 2115, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2696 and S.B. No. 2115, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2697) recommending that S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2697 and S.B. No. 2259, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2698) recommending that S.B. No. 2382, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2698 and S.B. No. 2382, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2699) recommending that S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2699 and S.B. No. 2442, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACTS BY THE JUDICIARY," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2700) recommending that S.B. No. 2485, S.D. 1 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2700 and S.B. No. 2485, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT," was deferred until Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2701) recommending that S.B. No. 585, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2701 and S.B. No. 585, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST BANA PACIFIC INC.," was deferred until Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2702) recommending that S.B. No. 2211, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2702 and S.B. No. 2211, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," was deferred until Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2703) recommending that S.B. No. 2446, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2703 and S.B. No. 2446, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY," was deferred until Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Senator Dela Cruz, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2704) recommending that S.B. No. 2919, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2704 and S.B. No. 2919, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER," was deferred until Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2705) recommending that S.B. No. 2125, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2125, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Senator Kim, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2706) recommending that S.B. No. 895, S.D. 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 895, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, February 24, 2026.

#### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

At this time, Senator Gabbard extended happy birthday wishes to Senator Richards.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:45 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2026.