

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:32 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-Seventh Day.

Senator Chang introduction

Senator Kidani celebrated the Charter School Teacher of the Year, Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year, U.S. Senate Youth delegates, and Hawai'i Association of School Librarians Golden Key and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Inouye rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator McKelvey rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Fukunaga rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Lamosao rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Kidani rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair comments

Senator San Buenaventura introduction

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 762 to 768) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 762, informing the Senate that on March 16, 2026, the Governor withdrew the nomination of ROSALEE AGAS-YUU to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, under Gov. Msg. No. 632, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 762, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 632 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 763, informing the Senate that on March 16, 2026, the Governor withdrew the nomination of DAVE FIELDS to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, under Gov. Msg. No. 536, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 763, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 536 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 764, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Housing Finance and Development Corporation, the nomination of

SUSAN KUNZ, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Housing.

Gov. Msg. No. 765, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, the nomination of NANCY CARR SMITH, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 766, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, the nomination of MELVIN KAHELE, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 767, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Land Use Commission, the nomination of MYLES MIYASATO, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 768, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, the nomination of KEVIN NAKAMURA, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

ORDER OF THE DAY**RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILLS**

The Chair re-referred the following House bills that were received:

H.B. No.:	Re-referred to:
H.B. No. 818, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1514, H.D. 2	Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 1648, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 2138, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2164, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2323, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Health and Human Services, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.B. No. 2494, H.D. 1	Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Chair re-referred the following messages from the Governor that were received:

Gov. Msg. No.: Re-referred to:

Gov. Msg. No. 660 Committee on Health and Human Services

Gov. Msg. No. 661 Committee on Health and Human Services

Gov. Msg. No. 662 Committee on Health and Human Services

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At this time, the Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in Room 409 immediately following adjournment and the greeting of honored guests.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:49 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2026.