

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, March 18, 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.

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

Senator DeCoite introduction

Senator Richards introduction

Senator Kidani introduction

Senator Keohokalole introduction

Senator Kidani recognized the Hawaii Association of Secondary School Administrators Principal of the Year, Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership, Daniel K. Inouye JVEF Outstanding Military Contributor Award, and the Mark Takai JVEF Outstanding Civilian Contributor Award winner and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Wakai rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Moriwaki rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Hashimoto rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator DeCorte rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Fevella rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Kidani rose and stated:

REMARKS

The Chair comments

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 769 and 770) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 769, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the nomination of PATRICK BRANCO, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 770, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, the nomination of C. MAKANANI SALA, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

At this time, the Chair announced that the honorees would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3100) recommending

that H.B. No. 1166, H.D. 1, 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 H.B. No. 1166, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS PROGRAM," 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. 3101) recommending that H.B. No. 389, H.D. 1, 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 H.B. No. 389, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNCREWED AIRCRAFT OFFENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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. 644, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1509, H.D. 2	Jointly to the Committee on Labor and Technology and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1692, H.D. 2	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1842, H.D. 2	Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1878, H.D. 2	Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 1926, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1949, H.D. 1	Jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts and the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2116, H.D. 2	Committee on Labor and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 2581, H.D. 2	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary

At this time, Senator DeCoite rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

REMARKS

Senator Awa introduction

The Chair requested that members of the Majority report to the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment and the greeting of the honorees.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2026.