

THIRTY-FIRST DAY

Friday, March 20, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

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

Senator Dela Cruz introduction

Senator DeCorte rose to speak on a point of personal privilege as follows:

REMARKS

The Chair made the following comments:

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Senator Kidani congratulated the Hawaii LifeSmarts state winners and presented the following remarks:

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Senator Ihara rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Chang rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Lamosao rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Keohokalole rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Rhoads rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Gabbard rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Lee rose to present the following remarks:

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Senator Kidani rose and stated:

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Senator Kim thanked Senator Kidani and her staff for all the work they had done on Education Week.

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. 775 to 791) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 775, informing the Senate that on March 19, 2026, the Governor withdrew the nomination of DAWN RAYMOND to the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board, under Gov. Msg. No. 653, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 775, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 653 was returned.

Gov. Msg. No. 776, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board, the nomination of REBECCA SAWAI, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Gov. Msg. No. 777, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity, the nomination of SUZANNE SHRINER, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 778, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, the nomination of JESSICA SHAFFER, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Gov. Msg. No. 779, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Workforce Development Council, the nomination of MARK PHONGSAVATH, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Labor and Technology.

Gov. Msg. No. 780, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board, the nomination of KRYSS KOJIMA, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 781, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, the nomination of STEPHEN LUNG, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 782, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, the nomination of JOHN MCCOMAS, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 783, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the 911 Board, the nomination of STEPHEN COURTNEY, term to expire June 30, 2029, was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 784, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the 911 Board, the nomination of TERENCE GOMEZ, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 785, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the 911 Board, the nomination of STACY PERREIRA, term to expire June 30, 2028, was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Gov. Msg. No. 786, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission, the nomination of JO BYRNE, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

Gov. Msg. No. 787, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, the nomination of KAMA HOPKINS, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 788, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, the nomination of KAREN KNUDSEN, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 789, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, the nomination of WESLEY FONG, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts.

Gov. Msg. No. 790, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, the nomination of EMILY DONG, term to expire June 30, 2030, was referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Gov. Msg. No. 791, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plants, the nomination of VIRGILIO VIERNES, term to expire June 30, 2029, 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. 1546, H.D. 1	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1576, H.D. 1	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
H.B. No. 1588, H.D. 1	Committee on Transportation, then jointly to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary
H.B. No. 2490, H.D. 2	Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

The Chair made the following announcement:

“All Senate conferees for 2025 carry-over bills in conference are hereby discharged and may be renamed at a later date.”

The Chair then requested that all members convene in the Majority Caucus Room immediately following adjournment and the greeting of honored guests to discuss the developing situation with the weather.

DISCHARGE OF CONFEREES

H.B. No. 48, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 48, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 86, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 86, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 127, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 127, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 139, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 139, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 202, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 202, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 212, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 212, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 214, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 214, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 244, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 286, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 286, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 303, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 309, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 309, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 344, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 344, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 348, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 348, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 369 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 369.

H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 370, H.D. 2.

H.B. No. 371, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 371, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 395, H.D. 1.

H.B. No. 423, H.D. 2 (S.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1142, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1229, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1229, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1269, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1279, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1279, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 1316, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1316, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1323, S.D. 2, H.D. 2, C.D. 1:

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1323, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 1393, S.D. 1 (H.D. 3):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1393, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1419, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1419, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1421, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1421, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1449, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1449, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1520, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1520, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1547, S.D. 1 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1547, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1582 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1582.

S.B. No. 1585, S.D. 1 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1585, S.D. 1.

S.B. No. 1589, S.D. 3 (H.D. 2):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1589, S.D. 3.

S.B. No. 1638, S.D. 2 (H.D. 1):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1638, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 1667, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1667, S.D. 2.

S.B. No. 1669, S.D. 2 (H.D. 3):

The President discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate at the conference to be held for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1669, S.D. 2.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:06 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 23, 2026.