

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:37 a.m. with Senator Kim in the Chair.

The Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Ihara, Kidani, and Kouchi who were excused.

The Chair announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Third Day.

Senator Richards introduction

Senator Keohokalole introduction

Senator Fukunaga introduction

Senator Awa introduction

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 6) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 6, letter dated March 24, 2026, transmitting proposed changes to the FY 27 Executive Supplemental Budget for the operating and capital improvement program budget requests for various departments.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 448) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 448, returning S.B. No. 3123, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 24, 2026.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3167) recommending that H.B. No. 1853, 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. 1853, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DEMENTIA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the majority of the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3168) recommending that H.B. No. 1961, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1961, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3169) recommending that H.B. No. 1965, 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. 1965, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIMARY CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3170) recommending that H.B. No. 1962, H.D. 2, 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. 1962, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3171) recommending that H.B. No. 1959, H.D. 2, 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. 1959, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3172) recommending that H.B. No. 2505, 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. 2505, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3173) recommending that H.B. No. 2576, H.D. 2, 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. 2576, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3174) recommending that H.B. No. 1801, 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. 1801, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3175) recommending that H.B. No. 1804, 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. 1804, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FINANCING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3176) recommending that H.B. No. 1864, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1864, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3177) recommending that H.B. No. 2319, H.D. 2, 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. 2319, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3178) recommending that H.B. No. 2314, H.D. 2, 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. 2314, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3179) recommending that H.B. No. 2115, 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. 2115, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3180) recommending that H.B. No. 1854, 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. 1854, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Fukunaga, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3181) recommending that H.B. No. 2062, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be

referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and 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 H.B. No. 2062, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Keohokalole, for the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3182) recommending that H.B. No. 1511, H.D. 2, 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. 1511, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONSUMER PROTECTION," 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. 3183) recommending that H.B. No. 1535, H.D. 2, 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. 1535, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS," 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. 3184) recommending that H.B. No. 2614, 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. 2614, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DECEPTIVE PRACTICES," 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. 3185) recommending that H.B. No. 2282, 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. 2282, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Fukunaga and McKelvey, for the majority of the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Government Operations, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3186) recommending that H.B. No. 1870, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1870, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROTECTED COMMUNITY LOCATIONS," passed Second Reading and

was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Wakai and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3187) recommending that H.B. No. 1695, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1695, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3188) recommending that H.B. No. 1626, 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. 1626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO YOUTH PENALTIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3189) recommending that H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1643, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PHARMACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3190) recommending that H.B. No. 1972, H.D. 2, 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. 1972, H.D. 2, 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 San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3191) recommending that H.B. No. 1550, H.D. 2, 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. 1550, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3192) recommending that H.B. No. 1974, 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. 1974, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3193) recommending that H.B. No. 1966, 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. 1966, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3194) recommending that H.B. No. 1973, 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. 1973, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," 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. 3195) recommending that H.B. No. 2545, 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. 2545, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," 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. 3196) recommending that H.B. No. 1946, H.D. 2, 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 H.B. No. 1946, H.D. 2, 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. 3197) recommending that H.B. No. 1939, H.D. 2, 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. 1939, H.D. 2, 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.

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. 3198) recommending that H.B. No. 1721, H.D. 2, 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

H.B. No. 1721, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Wakai and Chang, for the majority of the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the majority of the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3199) recommending that H.B. No. 1741, H.D. 2 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 H.B. No. 1741, H.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators Wakai, San Buenaventura, and Chang, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Health and Human Services and the Committee on Housing, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3200) recommending that H.B. No. 1700, 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 joint report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1700, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

At this time, Senator San Buenaventura requested donations of new and gently used women's business attire for Dress for Success between April 13th and April 17th at her office, Room 213.

Senator DeCoite congratulated the Kahuku High School boys basketball team and noted that Coach Akana was from Moloka'i. Senator DeCoite shared that Coach Akana's brother Jarinn was her classmate and that the Akana family was a sports family who had been respectful and humble.

Senator Awa, in response, kidded that Kahuku High School did not recruit players, only coaches.

Senator Awa then spoke on a point of personal privilege as follows:

REMARKS

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:47 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2026.