

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:39 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 Thirty-Sixth Day.

Senator Kim introduction

Senator DeCoite introduction

Senator Kim congratulated Kamehameha Schools boys and girls wrestling teams for their successful 2026 season and presented the following remarks:

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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. 800) was read by the Clerk and was disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 800, informing the Senate that on March 31, 2026, the Governor withdrew the nomination of KAMA HOPKINS to the Hawai'i Sister-State and International Partnerships Commission, under Gov. Msg. No. 787, from consideration by the Senate, was placed on file.

In compliance with Gov. Msg. No. 800, the nomination listed under Gov. Msg. No. 787 was returned.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 449 to 452) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 449, returning S.B. No. 3225, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on March 31, 2026, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 450, transmitting H.C.R. No. 53, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 31, 2026, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 53, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS TO CONDUCT A SYSTEMWIDE ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION AUDIT," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 451, transmitting H.C.R. No. 57, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 31, 2026, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 57, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER TWENTY-EIGHTH AS HAWAII GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY," was deferred.

Hse. Com. No. 452, transmitting H.C.R. No. 101, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 31, 2026, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 101, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NOMINATING JOHN D. WAIHE'E III FOR INDUCTION INTO THE ALOHA ORDER OF MERIT," was deferred.

ORDER OF THE DAY**THIRD READING**

H.B. No. 1878, H.D. 2, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Rhoads, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried, H.B. No. 1878, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following House bill that was received:

H.B. No.: Re-referred to:

H.B. No. 1481, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
H.D. 2

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate concurrent resolutions that were offered:

S.C.R. No.: Re-referred to:

S.C.R. No. 40 Committee on Agriculture and Environment

S.C.R. No. 59 Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs

S.C.R. No. 114 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 197 Committee on Education

S.C.R. No. 198 Committee on Education

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolutions that were offered:

S.R. No.: Re-referred to:

S.R. No. 30 Committee on Agriculture and Environment

S.R. No. 107 Committee on Education

S.R. No. 185 Committee on Education

S.R. No. 186 Committee on Education

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

REMARKS

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

REMARKS

At 11:53 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:57 a.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026.