

FORTIETH DAY

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

The Senate of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2026, convened at 11:35 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

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

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Ninth Day.

Senator Hashimoto introduction

Senator Kanuha introduction

Senator Hashimoto introduction

Senator Rhoads introduction

Senator Richards recognized and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Hawaiian Council and its dedicated service, leadership, and advocacy for the Native Hawaiian community and presented the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Keohokalole rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator DeCoite rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Kanuha rose to present the following remarks:

REMARKS

Senator Richards rose and stated:

REMARKS

At 11:51 a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:57 a.m.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 472 to 481) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 472, returning S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, as amended in H.D. 2, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2054, S.D. 2, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 473, returning S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2143, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 474, returning S.B. No. 2145, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed

by the House to S.B. No. 2145, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 475, returning S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2400, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 476, returning S.B. No. 2447, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2447, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 477, returning S.B. No. 2494, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2494, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 478, returning S.B. No. 2723, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2723, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 479, returning S.B. No. 2727, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 2727, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 480, returning S.B. No. 3131, S.D. 1, as amended in H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 3131, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

The Chair announced:

“Conferees may be named at a later date.”

Hse. Com. No. 481, transmitting H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 6, 2026, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 187, H.D. 1, entitled: “HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BEGIN INITIATIVES TO ADDRESS TEACHER RETENTION IN THE STATE,” was deferred.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3432) recommending that S.C.R. No. 177 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3432 and S.C.R. No. 177, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVENE A COOPERATIVE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS STATE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE COUNTY PERMITTING," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator McKelvey, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3433) recommending that S.R. No. 172 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3433 and S.R. No. 172, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONVENE A COOPERATIVE WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS STATE PROJECTS THAT REQUIRE COUNTY PERMITTING," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3434) recommending that S.C.R. No. 5 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3434 and S.C.R. No. 5, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE AWARD PROGRAM," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3435) recommending that S.C.R. No. 85 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3435 and S.C.R. No. 85, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN COMPLETING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS FOR ALL CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3436) recommending that S.R. No. 75 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3436 and S.R. No. 75, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN COMPLETING THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION SYSTEMS FOR ALL CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3437) recommending that S.C.R. No. 139 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3437 and S.C.R. No. 139, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR, FOR INCLUSION IN THE STATE UNIFIED

PLAN, A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE OF THE STATE HAVE A PATHWAY TO A CAREER THAT ENABLES THEM TO LEARN, WORK, AND THRIVE IN THE STATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY GROUNDED IN COMMUNITY VALUES BY 2045," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3438) recommending that S.R. No. 131 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3438 and S.R. No. 131, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR, FOR INCLUSION IN THE STATE UNIFIED PLAN, A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE WORKFORCE STRATEGY TO ENSURE THAT ALL PEOPLE OF THE STATE HAVE A PATHWAY TO A CAREER THAT ENABLES THEM TO LEARN, WORK, AND THRIVE IN THE STATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO A VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY GROUNDED IN COMMUNITY VALUES BY 2045," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3439) recommending that S.C.R. No. 146, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3439 and S.C.R. No. 146, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE REVIEW OF CIVIL SERVICE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, AND CLASSIFICATIONS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PHASED MODERNIZATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Elefante, for the Committee on Labor and Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3440) recommending that S.R. No. 138, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3440 and S.R. No. 138, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE REVIEW OF CIVIL SERVICE CLASS SPECIFICATIONS, MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS, AND CLASSIFICATIONS AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PHASED MODERNIZATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Fukunaga and Richards, for the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3441) recommending that S.R. No. 84, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3441 and S.R. No. 84, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR REHABILITATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ON O'AHU," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3442) recommending that S.C.R. No. 31 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3442 and S.C.R. No. 31, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LICENSING, TRAINING, AND WORKFORCE PIPELINE FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS IN THE STATE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3443) recommending that S.R. No. 27 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3443 and S.R. No. 27, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LICENSING, TRAINING, AND WORKFORCE PIPELINE FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS IN THE STATE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3444) recommending that S.C.R. No. 46 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3444 and S.C.R. No. 46, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND TO FUND PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR ANY GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THROUGH INTERIM LOANS TO EXPEDITE THE DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO HAWAII'S RESIDENTS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3445) recommending that S.R. No. 45 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3445 and S.R. No. 45, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE USE OF THE DWELLING UNIT REVOLVING FUND TO FUND PREDEVELOPMENT COSTS FOR ANY GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THROUGH INTERIM LOANS TO EXPEDITE THE DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO HAWAII'S RESIDENTS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Chang and Wakai, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3446) recommending that S.C.R. No. 48 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3446 and S.C.R. No. 48, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS ARE PERPETUAL AND REMAIN VALID UNTIL REDEEMED, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO RECOGNIZE THESE CREDITS WITHOUT EXPIRATION DATES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Chang and Wakai, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3447) recommending that S.R. No. 47 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3447 and S.R. No. 47, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS ARE PERPETUAL AND REMAIN VALID UNTIL REDEEMED, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO RECOGNIZE THESE CREDITS WITHOUT EXPIRATION DATES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3448) recommending that S.C.R. No. 9 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3448 and S.C.R. No. 9, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO INITIATE A FREEZE ON PRIMARY RESIDENCE PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO CREATE A MORE SECURE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE IMPACTED POPULATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3449) recommending that S.R. No. 11 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3449 and S.R. No. 11, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO INITIATE A FREEZE ON PRIMARY RESIDENCE PROPERTY TAXES FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER TO CREATE A MORE SECURE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE IMPACTED POPULATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Wakai and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3450) recommending that S.C.R. No. 83 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3450 and S.C.R. No. 83, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A FACILITY TO DISCARD LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Wakai and Gabbard, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3451) recommending that S.R. No. 73 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3451 and S.R. No. 73, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING A FACILITY TO DISCARD LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3452) recommending that S.C.R. No. 20, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3452 and S.C.R. No. 20, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senator Wakai, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep.

No. 3453) recommending that S.R. No. 17, as amended in S.D. 1 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3453 and S.R. No. 17, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Wakai and Fukunaga, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3454) recommending that S.C.R. No. 56 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3454 and S.C.R. No. 56, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OPEN WATER LIFEGUARDS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR ESSENTIAL ROLE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING THROUGHOUT THE STATE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Wakai and Fukunaga, for the Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3455) recommending that S.R. No. 54 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3455 and S.R. No. 54, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OPEN WATER LIFEGUARDS AS FIRST RESPONDERS IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR ESSENTIAL ROLE IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING THROUGHOUT THE STATE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators McKelvey and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3456) recommending that S.C.R. No. 87 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3456 and S.C.R. No. 87, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO EXAMINE REQUIRING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PURSUE EXISTING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators McKelvey and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3457) recommending that S.R. No. 79 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3457 and S.R. No. 79, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO EXAMINE REQUIRING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PURSUE EXISTING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3458) recommending that S.C.R. No. 160 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3458 and S.C.R. No. 160, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE, STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A HOUSING LADDER PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES GRADUATE INTO UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Senators Chang and San Buenaventura, for the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Health and Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3459) recommending that S.R. No. 151 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3459 and S.R. No. 151, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE, STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A HOUSING LADDER PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES GRADUATE INTO UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING," was deferred until Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3429 (Jud. Com. No. 23):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3429 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of KIRSHA KAULUKANE MILIANANI DURANTE as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Rhoads rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Awa, Lee).

Senator Rhoads introduction

The Chair announced that the newly confirmed judges would be greeted on the Senate floor immediately following adjournment.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3430 (Jud. Com. No. 24):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3430 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of SIMEONA LYNN LILIUOKALANI AHUNA MARIANO as Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator Gabbard rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Awa, Lee).

Senator Gabbard introduction

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3431 (Jud. Com. No. 25):

Senator Rhoads moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3431 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Gabbard and carried.

Senator Rhoads then moved that the Senate consent to the appointment of ANDREW MICHAEL KENNEDY as Judge of the District Court of the Third Circuit, Island of Hawai'i, for a term of six years, seconded by Senator Gabbard.

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

Senator Kanuha rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

The Chair having so ordered, Senator Kanuha's additional remarks read as follows:

REMARKS

Senator San Buenaventura rose to speak in support of the appointee as follows:

REMARKS

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 23. Noes, none. Excused, 2 (Awa, Lee).

Senator San Buenaventura introduction

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

**MATTERS DEFERRED FROM
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026**

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3411 (S.C.R. No. 28, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 28, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A STATE OF HAWAII COMMEMORATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS MEDAL," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3412 (S.C.R. No. 120):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 120, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS AND ADOPT POLICIES THAT FURTHER SUSTAIN RANGELAND HEALTH AND PASTORALIST LIVELIHOODS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3413 (S.C.R. No. 129):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 129, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCREASE TREE CANOPY COVERAGE AND INSTALL SHADE TREES IN URBAN AREAS TO MITIGATE THE

EFFECTS OF URBAN HEAT ISLANDS ACROSS THE STATE," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3414 (S.R. No. 121):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 121, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCREASE TREE CANOPY COVERAGE AND INSTALL SHADE TREES IN URBAN AREAS TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF URBAN HEAT ISLANDS ACROSS THE STATE," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3415 (S.C.R. No. 71):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 71, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THIS BODY TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH STRICT LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO KEEP, HARBOR, OR FEED CERTAIN ANIMALS IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY," was adopted, with Senators Inouye, Keohokalole, McKelvey, and San Buenaventura voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3416 (S.R. No. 66):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 66, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THIS BODY TO INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH STRICT LIABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO KEEP, HARBOR, OR FEED CERTAIN ANIMALS IN A MANNER THAT RESULTS IN DAMAGE TO PROPERTY," was adopted, with Senators Inouye, Keohokalole, McKelvey, and San Buenaventura voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3417 (S.C.R. No. 147):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 147, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3418 (S.R. No. 139):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 139, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3419 (S.C.R. No. 79):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 79, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERADICATION OF OCTOCORAL AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE WATERS OF PEARL HARBOR, INCLUDING WEST LOCH, MIDDLE LOCH, AND EAST LOCH," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3420 (S.C.R. No. 179):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 179, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI RELATING TO FIRE HAZARDS, BRUSH CLEARANCE, FUEL BREAKS, ROADSIDE VEGETATION CLEARING, AND EMERGENCY ACCESS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3421 (S.C.R. No. 181):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 181, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ADOPT ORDINANCES THAT ESTABLISH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PLANTATION TOWNS AND OTHER HIGH-RISK COMMUNITIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COUNTY OF KAUAI'S ORDINANCE NO. PM-2025-425, RELATING TO THE PLANTATION CAMP DISTRICT WILDFIRE AND WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE, AND OTHER STATE AND NATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE BEST PRACTICES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3422 (S.C.R. No. 182):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 182, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENGAGE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND OTHER FEDERAL AND MILITARY PARTNERS TO EXPLORE ESTABLISHING A MILITARY-CIVILIAN TRAUMA PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN THE HAWAII TRAUMA SYSTEM," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3423 (S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 60, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FINDINGS OF THE PROOF OF CONCEPT STUDY TITLED BREAKING CYCLES: ALTERNATIVE MODELS OF REHABILITATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ON O'AHU," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3424 (S.R. No. 81):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.R. No. 81, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ERADICATION OF OCTOCORAL AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES FROM THE WATERS OF PEARL HARBOR, INCLUDING WEST LOCH, MIDDLE LOCH, AND EAST LOCH," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3425 (S.R. No. 174):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.R. No. 174, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI RELATING TO FIRE HAZARDS, BRUSH CLEARANCE, FUEL BREAKS, ROADSIDE VEGETATION CLEARING, AND EMERGENCY ACCESS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3426 (S.R. No. 176):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.R. No. 176, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO ADOPT ORDINANCES THAT ESTABLISH WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PLANTATION TOWNS AND OTHER HIGH-RISK COMMUNITIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE COUNTY OF KAUAI'S ORDINANCE NO. PM-2025-425, RELATING TO THE PLANTATION CAMP DISTRICT WILDFIRE AND WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE, AND OTHER STATE AND NATIONAL WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE BEST PRACTICES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3427 (S.R. No. 177):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.R. No. 177, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENGAGE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND OTHER FEDERAL AND MILITARY PARTNERS TO EXPLORE ESTABLISHING A MILITARY-CIVILIAN TRAUMA PARTNERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN THE HAWAII TRAUMA SYSTEM," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3428 (S.C.R. No. 89, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 89, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE MODELS FOR REHABILITATION AND RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ON O'AHU," was adopted.

S.C.R. No. 69:

On motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, S.C.R. No. 69, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE HAWAII STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL," was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

WAIVERS OF REFERRAL

Senator Dela Cruz, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, rose to request that the referrals of the following measures to the Committee on Ways and Means be waived:

S.C.R. No. 74; and
S.R. No. 68.

Senator Dela Cruz noted:

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The Chair granted the waivers, and the following Senate concurrent resolution and Senate resolution were placed on the calendar for Adoption on Wednesday, April 8, 2026:

S.C.R. No. 74, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF NO-BID CONTRACTS ISSUED BY STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES UNDER PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING STATES OF EMERGENCY DURING THE SIX-YEAR PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECEMBER 31, 2025."

S.R. No. 68, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF NO-BID CONTRACTS ISSUED BY STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES UNDER PROCLAMATIONS DECLARING STATES OF EMERGENCY DURING THE SIX-YEAR PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECEMBER 31, 2025."

At this time, Senator Kim, Chair of the Committee on Education, rose to request a waiver of the public notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.C.R. No. 78 and S.R. No. 82.

Senator Kim noted:

REMARKS

The Chair granted the waiver.

Senator Kim announced that the Committee on Education would be holding a public hearing on the measures the following day at 1:03 p.m. in Conference Room 229.

The Chair announced that there would be a leadership meeting in his office immediately following adjournment and the greeting of the newly confirmed judges.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 p.m., on motion by Senator Wakai, seconded by Senator DeCorte and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2026.