HOUSE FIRST READINGS

2026 REGULAR SESSION

TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE DAY

March 10, 2026

By Representative Wood (R) (With Notice and Proof):

HB587 Relating to Talladega County; to establish a service of process fee for the service or attempted service of certain documents by the Talladega County Sheriff's Office in the civil division; and to provide for the disposition of service of process fees.

Committee on Local Legislation

By Representative Hassell:

HB588 Relating to community health workers; to add Chapter 44 to Title 34, Code of Alabama 1975, to create the Community Health Worker Certification Act; to create the Community Health Worker Certification Board and provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the board; to specify the minimum core competency skills framework for community health workers; to provide for training programs offered through public K-12 career technical schools, public two-year and four-year institutions of higher education, and other approved competency-based providers; to provide for the certification of community health workers; to create the Community Health Worker Certification Board Fund in the State Treasury; to specify when certification is necessary and provide for the proper use of the title of certified community health worker; to provide for the denial, suspension, and discipline of certification of a certified community health worker; to provide for the adoption of rules; and to also require the Alabama Medicaid Agency to seek required federal approvals to support reimbursement for certain services provided by certified community health workers.

Committee on Health

By Representative Simpson:

HB589 Relating to the District Attorneys' Plan and the Judges' and Clerks' Plan; to amend Sections 12-17-227.3 and 12-18-153, Code of Alabama 1975; to allow members of those plans to

purchase withdrawn service from those plans.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representative Rigsby:

HB590 Relating to pharmacies; to add Section 28-12-6 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to authorize pharmacies permitted by the Alabama Board of Pharmacy to sell consumable hemp products that meet specific safety standards without needing to obtain a license from, nor be under the jurisdiction of, the ABC Board and to authorize the Alabama Board of Pharmacy to enforce these safety standards; and to amend Section 28-12-45, Code of Alabama 1975, added by Act 2025-385 of the 2025 Regular Session, to exempt pharmacies that sell consumable hemp products from licensing and oversight by the ABC Board.

Committee on Health

By Representatives Reynolds, Whitt, Rigsby, Crawford, Clouse, Collins, Lamb, Shirey, Simpson, Givens, Holk-Jones, Ross, Warren, Drummond, Brown, Daniels, Travis, England, McCampbell, Lee, Lovvorn, Barnes, Nelson, Kiel, Moore (P), Underwood, Bedsole, Harrison, Fidler, Hall, Kirkland, Brinyark, Myrex, Colvin, Wadsworth, Rehm, Smith, Whorton, Sorrells, Allbright, Hulsey, Stringer and Robertson:

HB591 To make supplemental appropriations from the Rural Health Transformation Program to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representative Sells:

HB592 Relating to public K-12 teacher compensation; to provide for the initial placement on the State Minimum Salary Schedule of certificated teachers who were previously employed by accredited private schools.

Committee on Ways and Means Education

By Representative Whitt:

HB593 Relating to alcoholic beverages; to amend Sections 28-4A-1 through 28-4A-6, Code of Alabama 1975, and redesignate these sections as Article 1 of Chapter 4A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Sections 28-4A-7, 28-4A-8, 28-4A-9 to Article 1 of Chapter 4A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975; to add Articles 2, 3, and 4 to Chapter 4A of Title 28, Code of Alabama 1975; to create the Alabama Small Craft Alcoholic Beverages Act; to create new categories of licenses for small craft distilleries and small craft wineries and create a new license for small craft alcoholic beverage manufacturers that operate a brewpub, small craft winery, or small craft distillery or any combination of these; to provide for qualifications and license requirements; to permit a brewpub, small craft winery, or small craft distillery to allow tours of their manufacturing facilities; to provide for sales by a brewpub, small craft winery, or small craft distillery, at off-premises events open to the public; to provide that a brewpub, small craft winery, or small craft distillery, or any other alcoholic beverage manufacturer, may maintain a storage facility off the licensed manufacturing premises; to require the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to administer and enforce the act; and to amend Section 28-3A-13.1, Code of Alabama 1975, to make conforming changes.

Committee on Economic Development and Tourism

By Representatives Lawrence, Daniels, Chestnut, Clarke, Lands, McCampbell, Rafferty, England, Drummond, Warren, Travis, Jackson, Tillman, Hendrix, Jones, Bracy, Moore (M), Datcher, Morris, Givan, Sellers, Hall, Hassell, Ensler, McClammy, Hollis and Gray:

HB594 Relating to commerce; to establish the Rural Industry Reshoring and Reinvestment Act; to provide definitions; to create the Rural Reshoring Tax Credit Program; to create the Rural Industrial Site Development Grant Program; to create the Rural Industrial Site Development Grant Fund; and to designate Rural Industry Opportunity Zones.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Lawrence, Daniels, Chestnut, Clarke, Lands, McCampbell, Rafferty, England, Drummond, Warren, Travis, Jackson, Tillman, Hendrix, Jones, Bracy, Moore (M), Datcher, Morris, Givan, Sellers, Hall, Hassell, Ensler, McClammy, Hollis and Gray:

HB595 Relating to rural emergency medical systems; to create the Rural Emergency Medical

Services Support Act; to establish a grant program to support operational costs of eligible emergency medical service providers; to support scholarship and training costs of eligible EMS providers; and to require the Alabama Department of Public Health to conduct a statewide emergency medical services needs assessment.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Lands, McClammy, Daniels, Jones, Drummond, Moore (M), Travis, Sellers, McCampbell, Jackson, Warren, Datcher, Morris, Bracy, Hendrix, Rafferty, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Hall, Ensler, Hollis and Gray:

HB596 Relating to Urban revitalization; to provide redevelopment grants and business startup support to certain vacant or underutilized commercial structures in small towns; to provide grants and technical assistance to governing bodies of small towns to assist with updating planning, zoning, and land use regulation; to require the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to administer the programs; and to create a rehabilitation tax credit for renovations of certain properties.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives McClammy, Hassell, Lands, Lawrence, Jones, Drummond, Morris, Bracy, Moore (M), Sellers, McCampbell, Datcher, Travis, Hendrix, Jackson, Rafferty, Warren, Tillman, Chestnut, Hall, Ensler, Hollis, Gray and Daniels:

HB597 Relating to mental health and substance use treatment in rural areas; to establish a grant program for rural health facilities; to require the Alabama Department of Mental Health to help fund primary care practices that integrate behavioral health services; to establish a scholarship and loan repayment program for licensed behavioral health providers in rural areas; and to create the Rural Behavioral and Mental Health Access Fund.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Travis, Daniels, Lands, Clarke, Drummond, Jackson, Warren, McClammy, Rafferty, Morris, Datcher, Sellers, McCampbell, Moore (M), Bracy, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Hall, Ensler, Hollis and Gray:

HB598 Relating to maternal and infant health disparities in rural areas; to establish a grant

program to support midwife and doula services; to require Medicaid and all insurers to cover midwife and doula services; to establish a grant program to support rural birth centers; and to create the Rural Maternal and Infant Health Equity Program Fund.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Hall, Daniels, Clarke, Lands, Drummond, Jackson, Warren, Rafferty, Morris, Hendrix, Travis, Datcher, Sellers, McCampbell, Moore (M), Bracy, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Ensler, McClammy, Hollis and Gray:

HB599 Relating to agriculture value chains; to require and authorize the Department of Agriculture and Industries to provide training to farmers, ranchers, and agriculture cooperatives; to establish a value chain infrastructure grant program for these persons; to provide matching funds to these persons for new sales, participation in farmers markets or procurement programs, and branding and marketing campaigns; to provide planning and construction grants to certain entities for regional food hubs, shared-use commercial kitchens, and distribution centers serving local producers; and to establish a loan fund for investment in value chain infrastructure.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Jones, Daniels, Drummond, McClammy, Lands, Jackson, Warren, Rafferty, Morris, Hendrix, Travis, Datcher, Sellers, McCampbell, Moore (M), Bracy, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Hall, Ensler, Hollis and Gray:

HB600 Skilled trades; to require Department of Workforce to establish programs that provide full tuition for rural residents enrolled in eligible trade programs, provide grants to employers in rural areas who sponsor registered apprenticeships in high-demand fields, offer stipends to students and trainees for purchasing required tools or commuting to job sites and training facilities, and fund a statewide campaign to promote trade careers; and to recognize prior work experience and military training toward trade certifications.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Jackson, Daniels, Clarke, Lands, Jones, Drummond, Warren, McClammy, Rafferty, Morris, Hendrix, Travis, Datcher, Sellers, McCampbell, Moore (M), Bracy, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Hall, Ensler, Hollis and Gray:

HB601 Relating to preserving rural hospital services; to create the Rural Hospital Sustainability and Innovation Grant Program Act; to establish a grant program to provide financial relief to certain hospitals; to create the Hospital Transformation and Innovation Fund.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives Warren, Daniels, Clarke, Lands, Jones, Drummond, Jackson, McClammy, Rafferty, Morris, Hendrix, Travis, Datcher, Sellers, McCampbell, Moore (M), Bracy, Tillman, Lawrence, Chestnut, Hassell, Hall, Ensler, Hollis and Gray:

HB602 Relating to the Alabama Department of Public Health; to provide for the creation of a program to train allied health professionals; to provide for grants or loan forgiveness for certain students; to create a fund from which monies are dispursed; to provide for reporting; to provide for the creation of training centers; and to provide for an internship stipend.

Committee on Ways and Means General Fund

By Representatives DuBose and Collins:

HB603 Relating to teacher certification preparation programs; to require the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the State Board of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, to publish a teacher preparation report card evaluating the performance of each Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) and Alternative Teacher Preparation Organization (ATPO); to require the department to prominently publish the report cards on the department's official website; to require EPPs, ATPOs, and other stakeholders to annually provide the department with data for the report cards; to require the department to create a survey to assess program completion satisfaction with program completers and teacher preparation programs; to require annual review of the report cards by the department; and to allocate funding for implementation.

Committee on Education Policy

By Representative Collins:

HB604 Relating to public K-12 education; to create the Accountability Council to review and

recommend revisions to the state accountability system; and to require the Alabama Workforce Board, with support from the State Department of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, to develop a system to measure student performance data associated with completion of college and career readiness indicators.

Committee on Education Policy

By Representative Kiel:

HB605 Relating to rural healthcare; to authorize regulated collaboration among rural healthcare providers and related entities; to establish a certification and active supervision framework administered by the state; to articulate a state policy displacing competition where necessary to preserve rural healthcare access and quality; to provide limited immunity from state and federal antitrust laws consistent with the state action doctrine; to prescribe application, review, monitoring, renewal, and enforcement procedures; to limit immunity to approved and supervised conduct; and to provide related protections and safeguards.

Committee on Judiciary

By Representatives Fidler, Holk-Jones and Givens (With Notice and Proof):

HB606 Relating to Baldwin County; to amend Section 45-2-120.12, Code of Alabama 1975; to establish that appointment of certain contract employees by the county commission is permissive; and to remove certain positions from the list of contract employees that are appointed by the county commission.

Committee on Baldwin County Legislation

By Representative Ingram:

HB607 Relating to taxation; to exempt Jackson Hospital & Clinic, Inc. and JHC Pharmacy, LLC, from the payment of all state, county, and municipal fees and taxes.

Committee on Ways and Means Education

By Representatives Lands, Daniels, Clarke, Drummond, Travis, McClammy, Hollis, Hall, Jones, Lawrence and Ensler:

HB608 Relating to income tax credits; to establish the R&D Tax Credit Enhancement Act; to provide an income tax credit for universities, non-profit research institutes, and early-stage life sciences companies who invest in research and development; and to require the Department of Revenue to publish an annual report on the statistics of this program.

Committee on Ways and Means Education