



## Your Voice: Participating at the Hawaii State Legislature

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at the  
State Capitol



Our physical office – the public’s office – is in Room 401 of the State Capitol building (at 415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813) at the corner of Beretania and Punchbowl streets.

When there are no COVID-19 concerns, we fan out across the islands to offer workshops like this one. Now, we offer the workshops virtually.

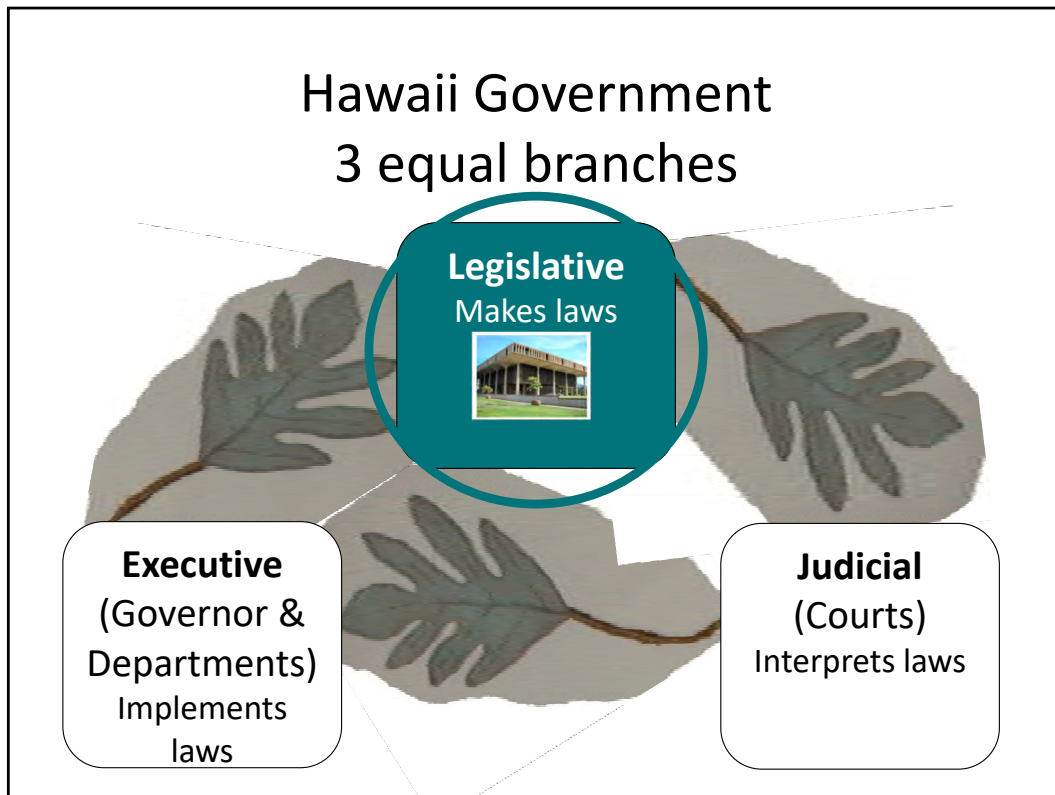
*(By the way, the Hawaii State Capitol is a beautiful building with a lot of symbolism built into its open architecture. Check out the virtual tour that’s available on the governor’s website:*

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## Add Your Voice

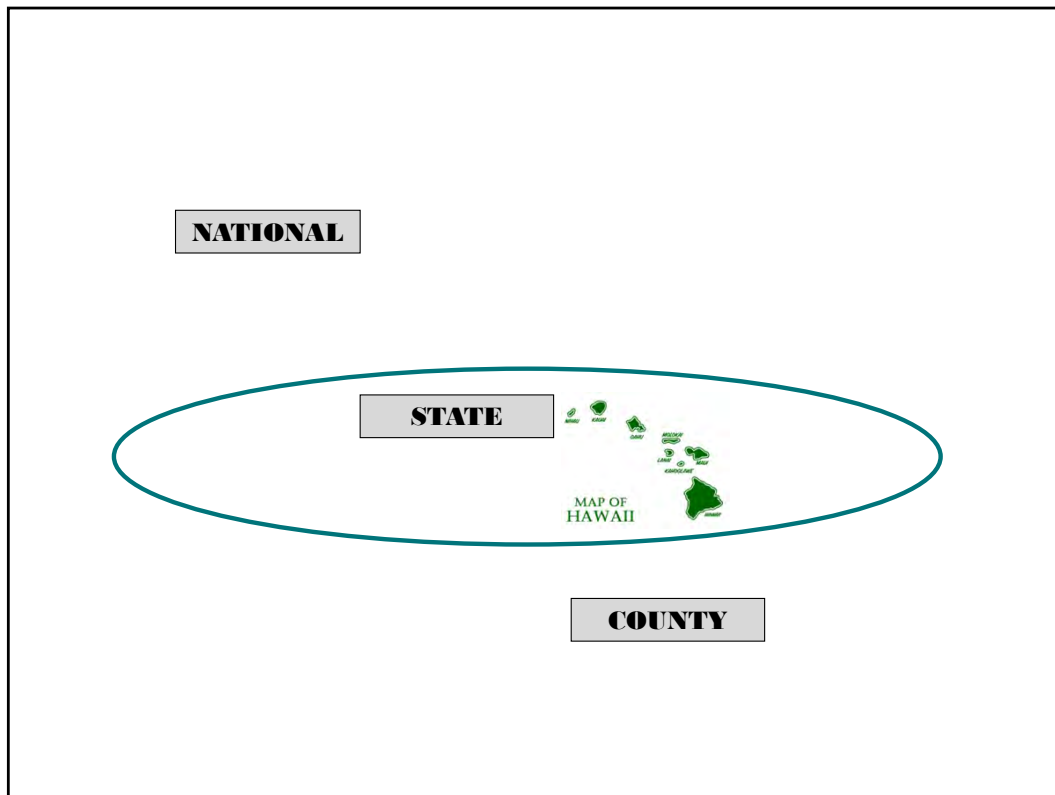
- Talk with legislators
- Suggest a bill
- Ask for a hearing
- Testify
- Lobby the chamber
- Contact the governor
- Keep at it!

So, there's a lot you can do at the legislature, and this is what we're going to cover. First off, simply communicate with the people in office. Let them know your views and priorities. You can also suggest a bill to change a law. When you see the bills being discussed, you can ask for a hearing for ones you'd like to see move forward. If bills you're concerned about do come up for a hearing, you can offer your written and oral testimony. Sometimes, you may want to lobby the entire chamber or legislature – they all need to vote on legislation. Finally, you may want to contact the governor. And most importantly, keep at it! It can take some time to see change at the capitol.



Let's start with the big picture. Our democracy is set up with a balance of power – three different, equal branches of government that help to keep one another in check. Roughly speaking, the Legislative branch *makes* the laws, the Executive branch *implements* those laws, and the Judiciary branch *interprets* the law.

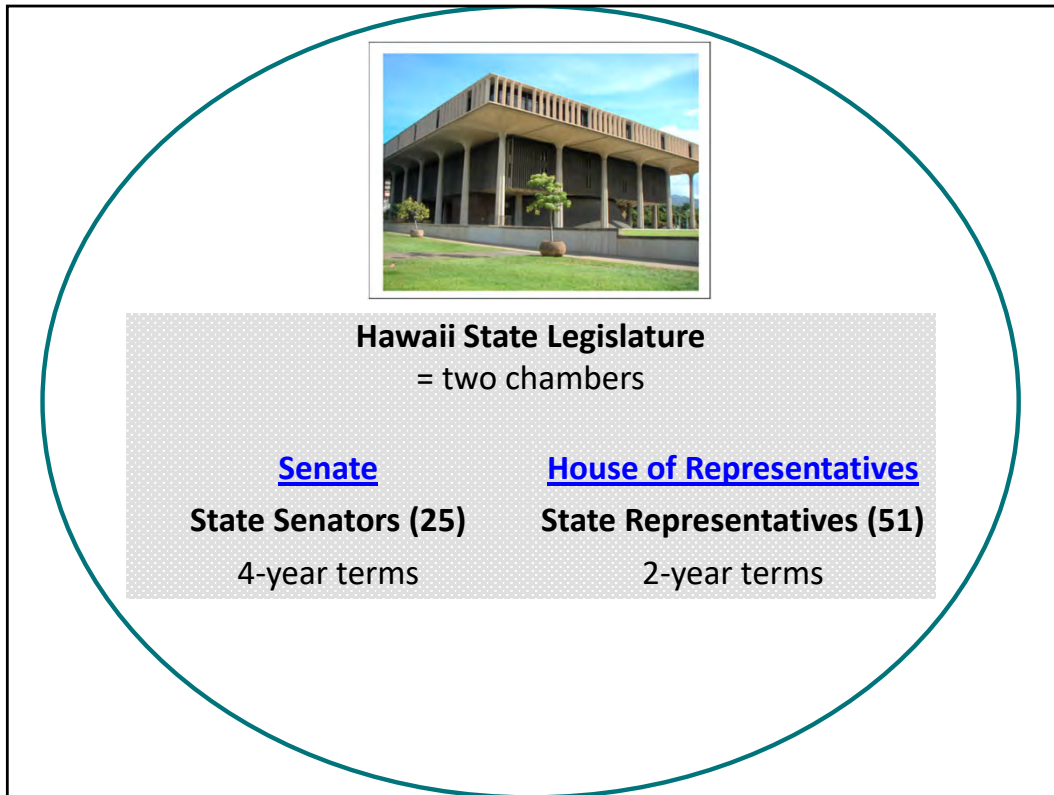
In this workshop, we'll be focused on the Legislative branch, the branch of government concerned with making the laws.



We're going to be examining just one level of the legislative branch – the **State legislature**, which makes the **laws that govern the state of Hawaii**.

There are other levels – at the broadest level, there's the U.S. Congress that convenes in Washington D.C. – they're concerned with passing laws that govern the whole country. Laws they pass apply to you whether you're in Iowa, California or Hawaii. This is the level where you'll find Hawaii's U.S. Senators Hirono and Schatz, and our U.S. Representatives Case and Tokuda.

The County level is where you'll find the Councils – the City Council for the City and County of Honolulu, and the County Councils for Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island's counties. Ordinances that are passed at this level relate only to that specific county.



The Hawaii State legislature is made up of two different chambers (this is called a “bicameral” legislature) – the Senate is the group of 25 senators serving 4-year terms, and the House of Representatives is the group of 51 representatives elected to 2-year terms.

Roughly speaking, a senator’s district is roughly twice as large as a representative’s district.


We can use the term “legislator” to refer to either a senator or a representative.

In this presentation, we’ll be focusing on how the chambers work to make the laws that govern the state, and both chambers operate in roughly the same way. But be aware that they actually each have special powers and responsibilities (for example, the Senate has the ‘advise and consent’ power over Governor’s appointment of department directors).

## What do these lawmakers do?

**SERVE** • as their constituents' voice,  
vote on legislation

**SERVE** • on committees focused on  
particular subject matter

 **SERVE** • in leadership roles

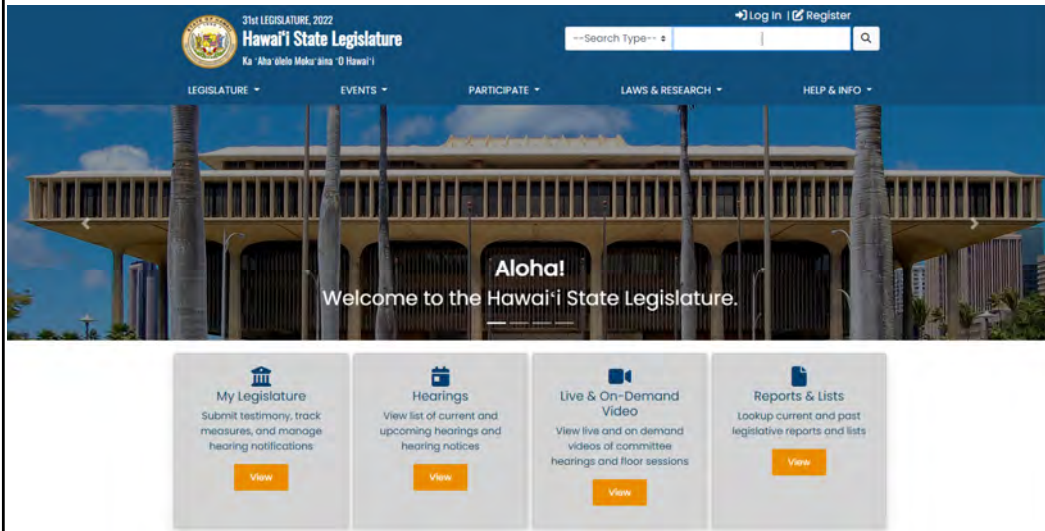
First off, we're a representative democracy, and the legislators actually "speak" for you. Each address in the state is represented by one member of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate. They **serve as the voting districts' 'voice'** at the legislature as they consider legislation and may also be able to help constituents with a variety of issues.

Secondly, in order to make the whole complicated process a little more manageable, the House and Senate each organize themselves into various **committees** that focus on legislation in particular subject areas. As you'll see, the chairs of these committees have quite a bit of power. Who decides who is on which committee and who gets to be each committee's chair?

That would be **leadership**. Each chamber elects who will be their leader (the President in the Senate, the Speaker in the House, the Vice President or Vice Speaker, the Majority Leader, and Majority Floor Leader). The reason leadership is so important? Power. They influence a great deal, as you'll see in the slides ahead.

FYI -- When we use the term "Majority" it refers to the political party that has the most members in the chamber -- in Hawaii currently, for both chambers that would be the members of the Democratic Party. The "Minority" party (here, the Republican members) also elect one another to leadership positions, to better coordinate the actions of their members.

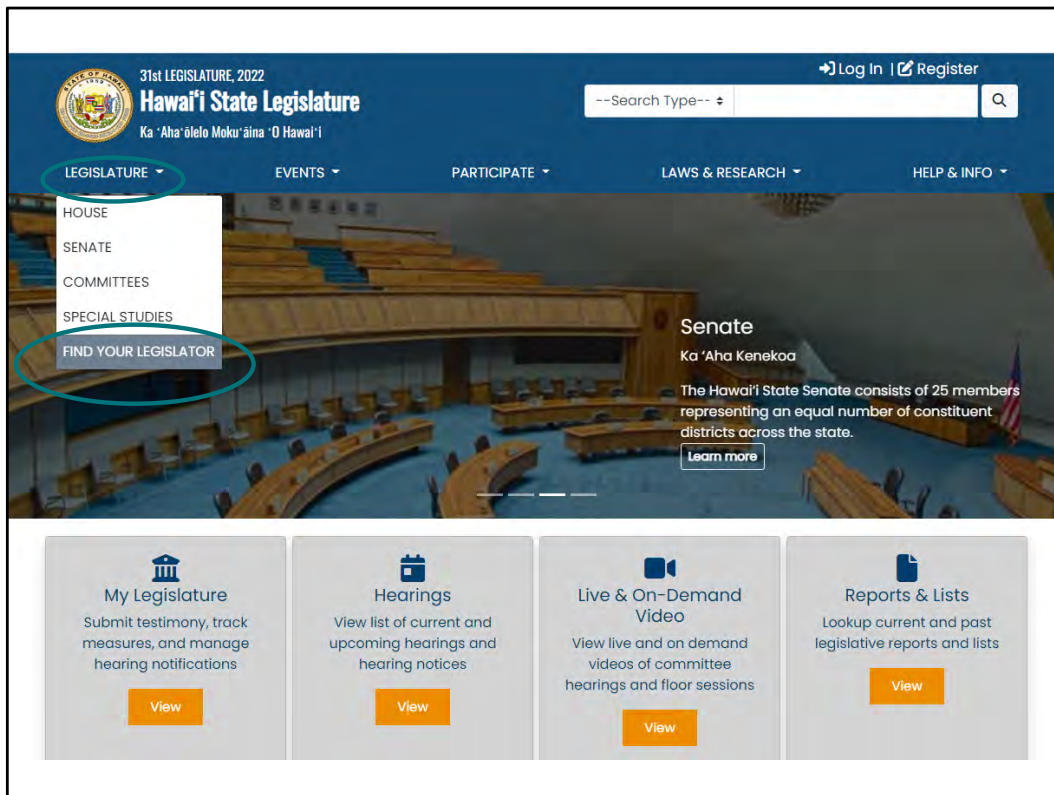
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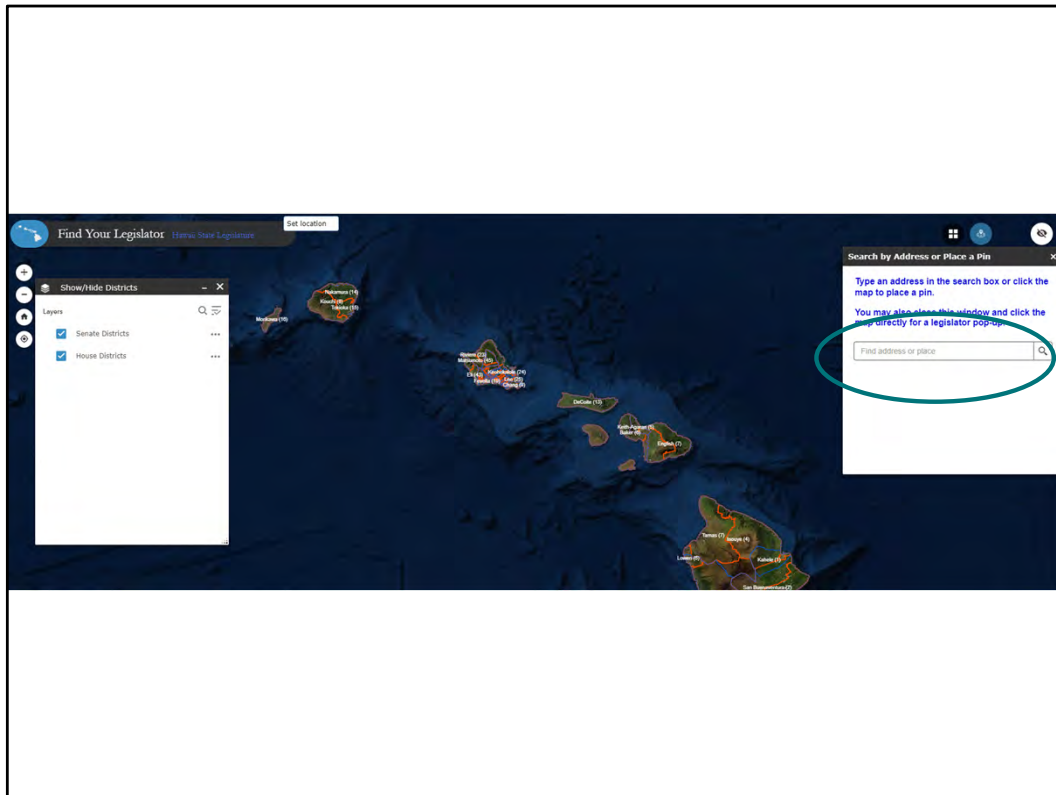
[capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)

To find out who your own representative and senator are, it's as simple as going to the legislature's website, [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov) .

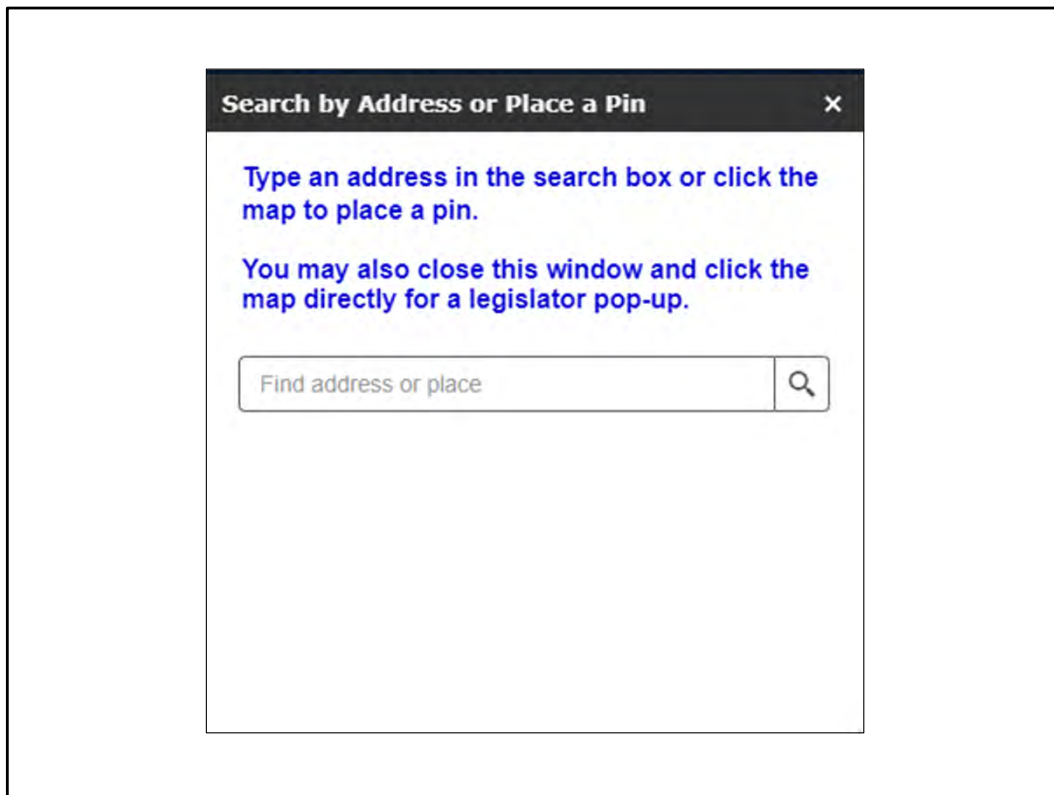




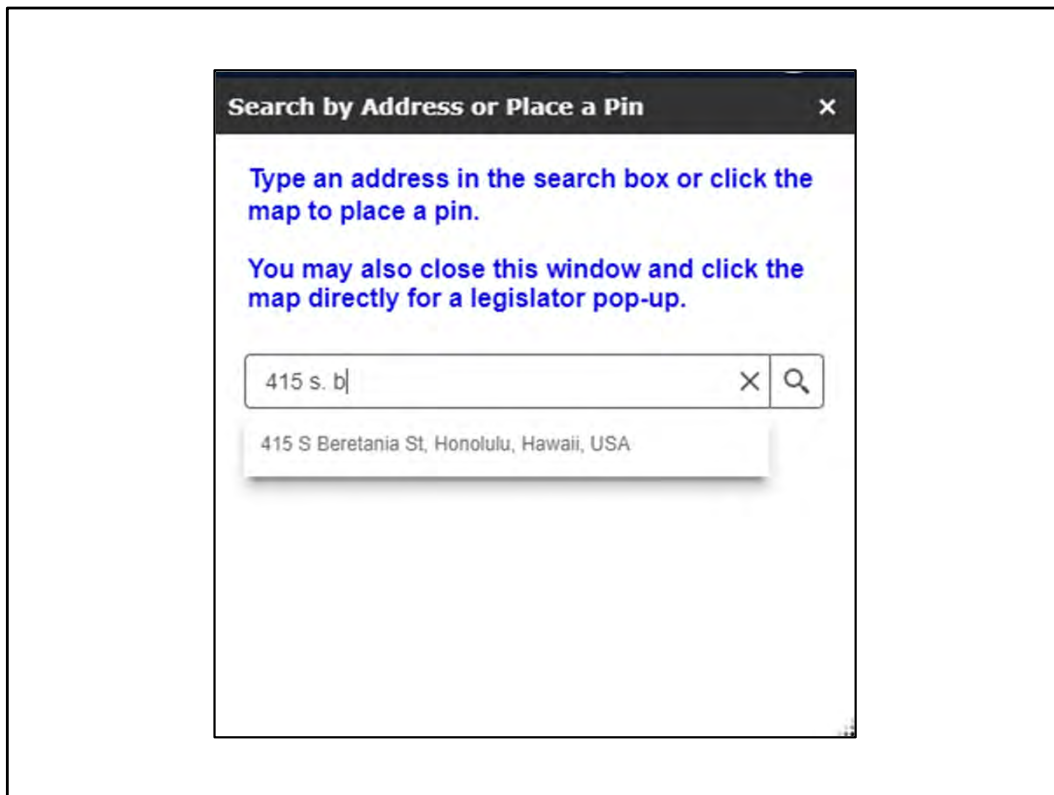
From the capitol homepage, click on the "Legislature" tab. Then select "Find your legislator" from the drop-down menu.



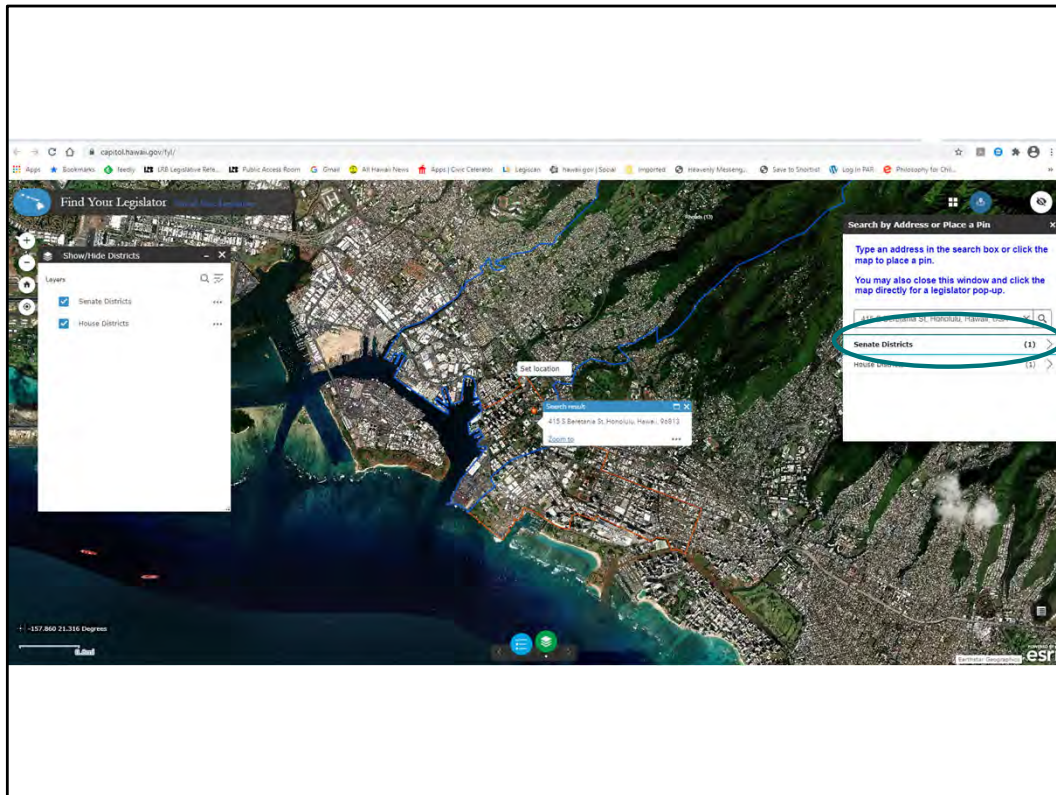
You'll come to this screen where you can type in your address or navigate on the map to a particular location



Let's put in an address



We'll pretend we live at the state capitol, 415 S. Beretania Street



As soon as we put in the address, the map locates the address and shows us the boundaries of the House and Senate districts it falls in. To see who our elected officials are, just click on “Senate Districts” or “House Districts” in the box on the right. We’ll choose to find our senator...

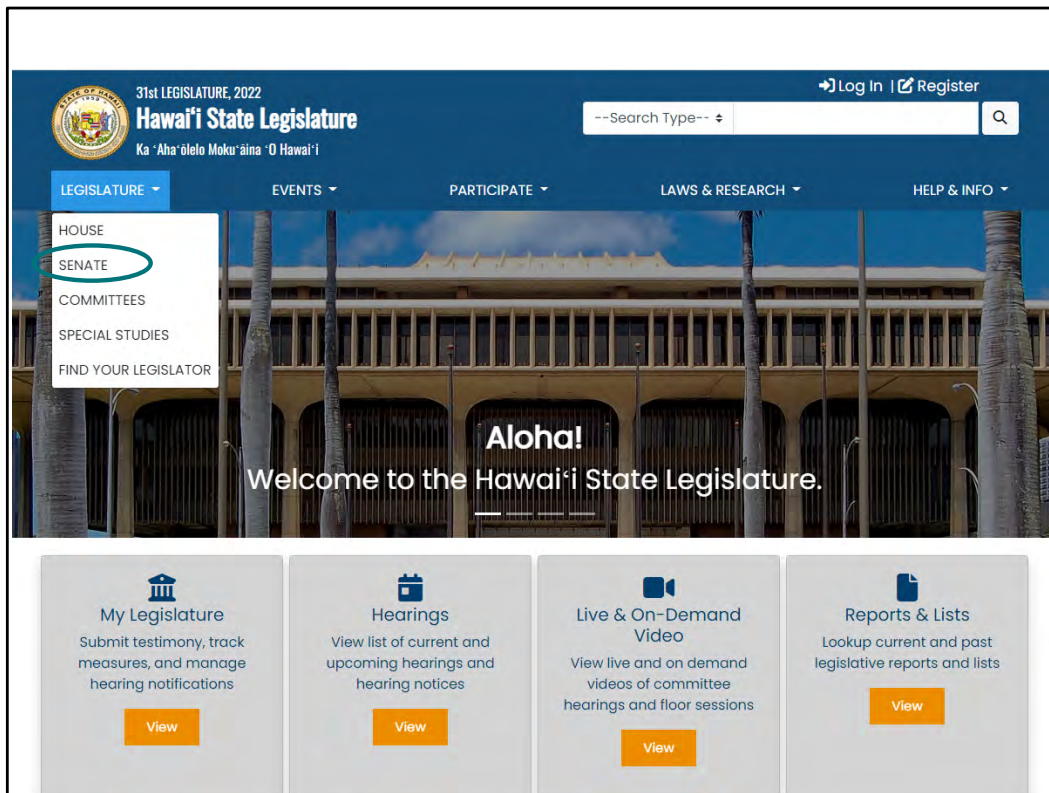


When we click on Senate Districts, we find that our senator would be Sen. Karl Rhoads, and are provided with his contact information and even a photo.



The legislature's website, [capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov), is a portal to all sorts of helpful information. It's also where you'd go to signup for hearing notices and submit testimony.






To view the legislators, click on the “Legislature” tab and select either House to view all the Representatives, or Senate to view all the Senators.





From this page, you can view the chamber's leadership information, the committees, or all members by clicking on the button you want to view.



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Here's the page we get when we select "Senators." We can click on their name to get to their own web page.




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## SENATOR STANLEY CHANG (D)



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Senator Stanley Chang was born and raised in East Honolulu to hardworking immigrants from China and attended Wai-Kahala Preschool, Kahala Elementary School, and 'Iolani School. After graduating from 'Iolani school, Chang attended Harvard College, graduating magna cum laude and Harvard Law School cum laude. Before being elected to the City Council, Chang practiced law at Cades Schutte in Honolulu, specializing in real estate law.

From 2011 to 2015, Chang represented District 4, East Honolulu, on the Honolulu City Council. During his time on the City Council, he served as the Chair of the Public Works and Sustainability Committee, where he oversaw roads, sewers, water, waste disposal, and other basic infrastructure needs of the city. Chang also served as Vice Chair of the Budget Committee, which was responsible for the \$2 billion operating budget and the capital improvements budget of the City.

And find information about them, their experience, and other helpful information.



Don't forget the most  
important  
participants in State  
legislative  
government...

Before we go any further, we want to remind you that for this whole system to work, it needs participation by...

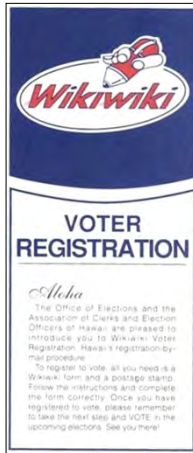
People  
like you!



YOU!

Without the public, it just doesn't work.

# What can you do?



- **Vote!**
  - State Senator (every 4 years)
  - State Representative (every 2 years)
  - Proposed Amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution
- **Run for office** (or help someone else)
- Communicate with legislators
- Offer testimony
- Join with others

Here's a reminder of some of the things that we as everyday citizens can do to be part of our own governance.

We vote the senators and representatives into office – senators serve 4-year terms, representatives are elected to 2-year terms. We also vote on proposed changes to the Constitution.

You can run for office or help someone else to do that – you don't need to be a political science major or a lawyer. People with all sorts of experience and backgrounds serve in these positions. Also, we have what is called a part-time legislature (in session from January to May), and many members keep their positions outside of the capitol while they serve. Of course, things get very busy during session, so you'd need to plan on that!

You can also communicate with the people that are in office, letting them know your priorities, views, and concerns. In PAR, we concentrate on helping you with that, as well as offering testimony and reminding you to join with others to amplify your voice. We'll get into all this as we move forward.

# YOUR VOICE

Communicate with  
Your Legislators



Appropriate any time!

We've already mentioned voting – which is an important way of expressing your voice – but how about communicating with the people who were elected to represent you? Let them know what you think they should focus on – environmental policy, education issues, transportation infrastructure, housing, tourism, public safety issues – what seems particularly pressing to you? What would help or affect you and your family, neighbors, and colleagues? Are there particular issues in your neighborhood that concern you?

It's always appropriate to communicate with your own representative and senator about such matters – you don't have to wait for them to be in legislative session – their offices are open year-round.

## COMMUNICATE YOUR POSITION

*Time for a Letter...*

*Email...*

*Phone call...*

- *"But they won't listen to me!"*

- *"Have you contacted your senator and representative to let them know what you think?"*

Legislators like to hear from their constituents. And even though they may not do what you'd like them to do, they really do listen! Give them a chance – let them know what you think.

Is it better to write or call? Either one – just do it! Writing provides a written record, while calling allows for a dialogue.

By the way, if you want to hear back from them, let them know. "I'd appreciate a call back." or "I look forward to hearing from you."





## Keep It Short and Simple

Think through what it is you want to say... Are you asking the legislator to take a particular action? Is there a situation that is a cause for concern? Do you want the legislator to hear your views and respond with his or her own?

Short and simple is usually a great place to start. If it's a complicated situation, offer an overview and a willingness to provide additional details. Help the legislator or staff member understand what you are asking for – make your request clear.

PAR  
can help  
you!



*Psst... tell your friends!*

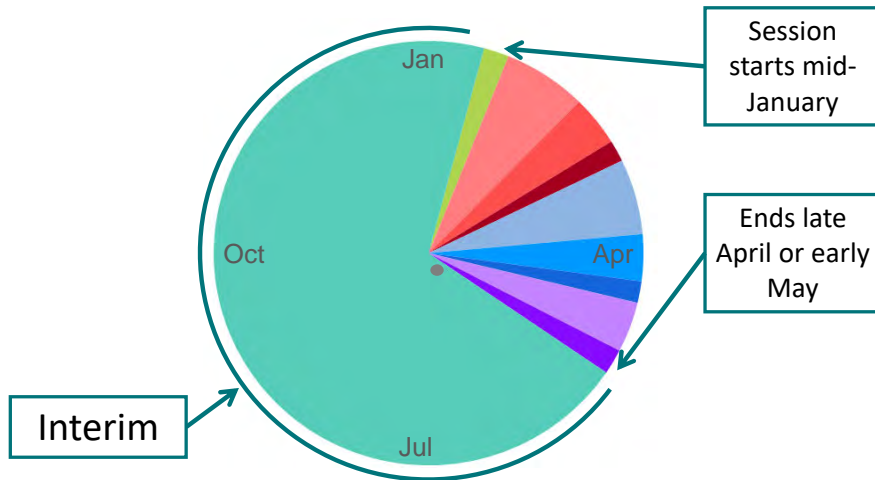
PAR can help you as you engage with the legislature and the legislative process. Unsure if you should contact your legislator? Call us, and we'll help you focus. And we're one of the best kept secrets in the state – tell your friends!

When does all the  
lawmaking happen?



Now, how about this matter of making laws. When does all that happen? When does the legislature meet to discuss what laws should be passed?

Regular Session starts on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January...



As mentioned, in Hawaii we have what is called a “part-time legislature.” About 2/3 of the calendar year is the ‘interim’ period between regular legislative sessions. But that doesn’t mean they’re not busy being your legislators year-round.

It’s crucial to use this time between sessions well, so you’ll be ready for the fast-moving session when it starts (which is always on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January). About 3,000 bills are introduced each year, in roughly one week...you can imagine the frenzy!

Each of the wedges in this illustration signifies a major deadline – and is intended to show you just how fast things move during session.

# The Legislative Calendar

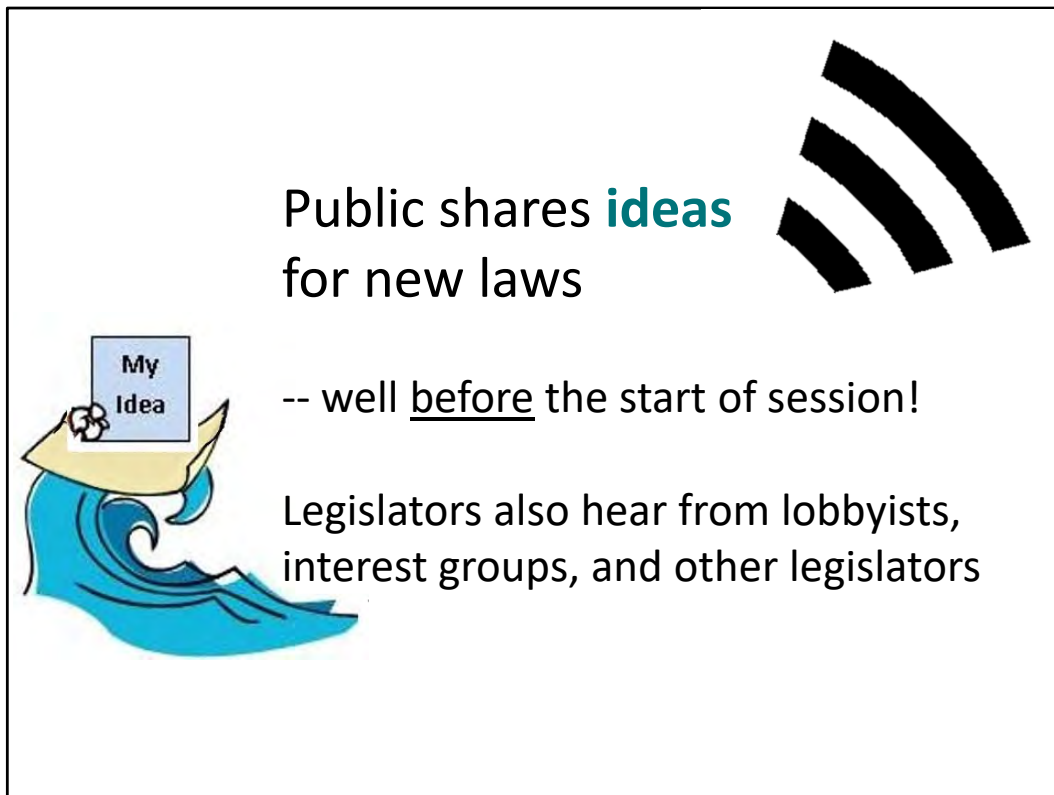
## Usually in late December or early January

THE 2015 SESSION CALENDAR						
<p>Note: On the 60 session days (days when members convene in their respective chambers), the session day count appears in a box on the lower-right, like this: <b>▶▶▶ 4</b></p> <p>Color code: <span style="color: blue;">■</span> = bills <span style="color: green;">■</span> = resolutions <span style="color: red;">■</span> = budget</p> <p>See reverse side for more deadline information.</p>						
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25	26 State-of-the-State Address & Admin. Bill Package Cutoff	27 Recess #1	28 State-of-the-Judiciary Address	29 Bill Intro Cutoff	30 Grants/Subsidies Cutoff & Recess #2	31
<b>FEBRUARY</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Recess #3	12 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	13	14
15	16 HOLIDAY Presidents' Day	17	18	19	20 First Lateral (Bills)	21
22	23	24	25	26 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	27	28
<b>MARCH</b>						
1	2	3	4 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Ends	5	6 First Decking (Bills)	7
8	9 Recess #4	10	11 Recess #5	12 First Crossover (Bills)	13 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	14
15	16 Budget Decking	17	18 Budget Crossover	19 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	20	21

The legislative calendar with the specific dates that will rule our lives during session is published prior to the beginning of a session – and usually not *much* before-hand.

The calendar is established by the Senate President and the House Speaker, working together.

By the way, the Public Access Room takes that calendar and creates an annotated version that's color coded and has helpful definitions so you can sort out what the deadlines mean. You can find the most recent version on PAR's website (click on the "Current Legislature" tab).



Public shares **ideas**  
for new laws

-- well before the start of session!

Legislators also hear from lobbyists,  
interest groups, and other legislators

Another way to use your voice is to share an idea for a new law with a legislator. The legislator can take your idea, have it drafted into a bill, and if the bill is successful, it will become an act of law. You need to know it's a tough road – over 90% of bills introduced each year don't become law. But if you've got a good idea and the time is ripe...!

NOTE: If you would like a legislator to introduce a bill on your behalf, you'll be wise to make the request during the interim months. It's usually easier to meet with legislators then and gives you a chance to discuss the matter when there is enough time to talk it over in an unhurried and thorough way. Most likely, if you wait until January...(sorry)...you're likely to be too late.

## Summarize the problem (or the opportunity)

- *This law would make \_\_\_\_ mandatory...*
- *It is needed because...*
- *Other states that have instituted similar laws include...*
- *Website with data on this subject: ...*

Start fleshing out your idea...

First, identify the problem or opportunity. (It sounds simple, but sometimes this one takes a little work). See if you can summarize it into a short paragraph (just a few sentences).

Then list what you think a law would do.

If you've got research, know of a group that's behind the idea, or a state that has enacted similar legislation, you can let the legislator know that, too.

It helps to think this through prior to speaking with a legislator...

## To get a bill introduced, must find a legislator

### Start with:

- Your own
- Subject matter committee chair
- Members who have supported similar issues

In Hawaii, all bills must be introduced by a legislator. Other states may have different procedures, but that's the way it is in Hawaii. So, the next step is to find a legislator who likes the idea and who agrees to introduce the bill on your behalf.

If you've done your research as to why this bill is a good idea, you'll be much more likely to get a legislator's agreement to introduce your bill. The PAR staff can help point you in the right direction in finding someone to approach.

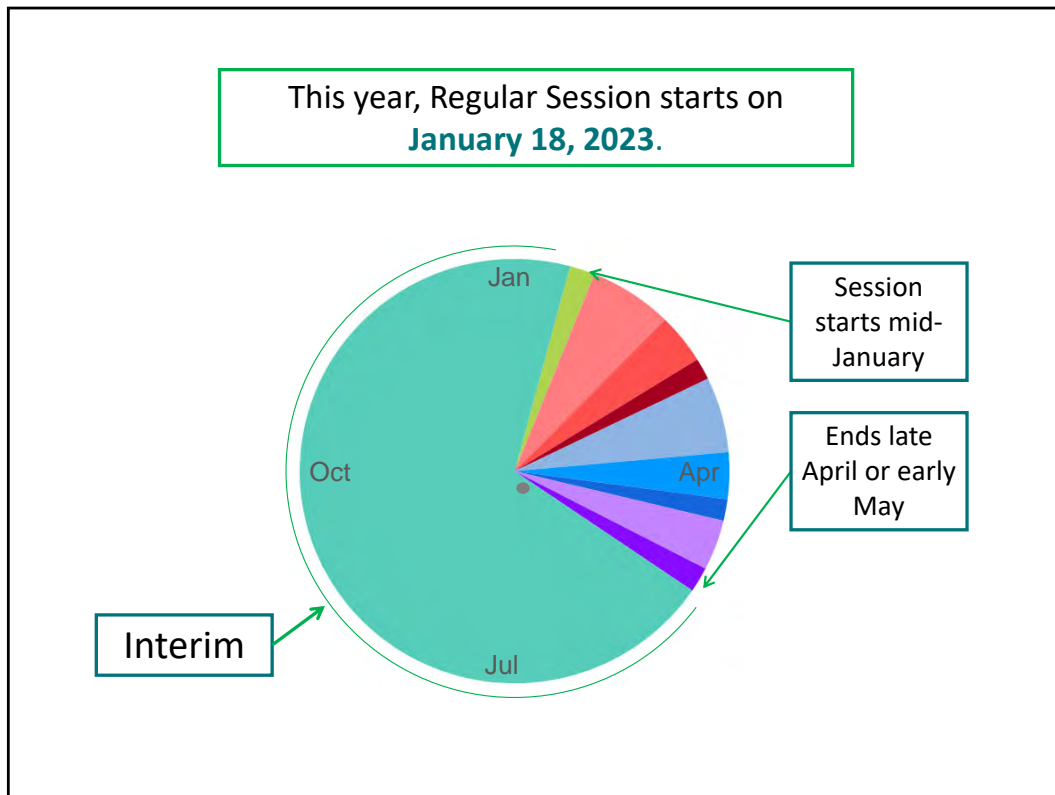
It's often a good idea to start with the senator and/or representative serving your district. That's good protocol but isn't an absolute rule at all.

You could also go to the members of the subject matter committee to which your potential bill would probably first be referred – the Senate and/or House transportation committee for a transportation idea, for instance.

Or perhaps we know or can help you find out who's supported similar legislation or issues in the past. That might be a good legislator to approach.

[The legislator may also ask a colleague in the other chamber to introduce an identical bill (called a "companion bill"), just to help the idea's chances of moving ahead. While introduced with identical language, the bills can quickly change from one another and live or die on their own.]





The bill can only be formally introduced (start its way through the pipeline) when the legislature is in session (though of course it is written – “drafted” – in advance).

The legislature always starts its Regular Session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January – this year, that will be January 18, 2023.



party!



## Opening Day


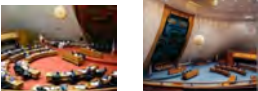




But the first thing we do is have a party! And we want to make sure you know that you're invited to our Opening Day party on the third Wednesday in January. Mark your calendars!

Usually, but not always, Opening Days are quite festive – there are floor speeches and entertainment in the chambers; legislators greeting people at their offices and offering pupus; and PAR's annual party, a potluck with our "almost famous" punch!

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic, this all changed. We're hoping things get back to normal before the 2023 session opens!

## Here's a brief glimpse of what's to come in a bill's life...

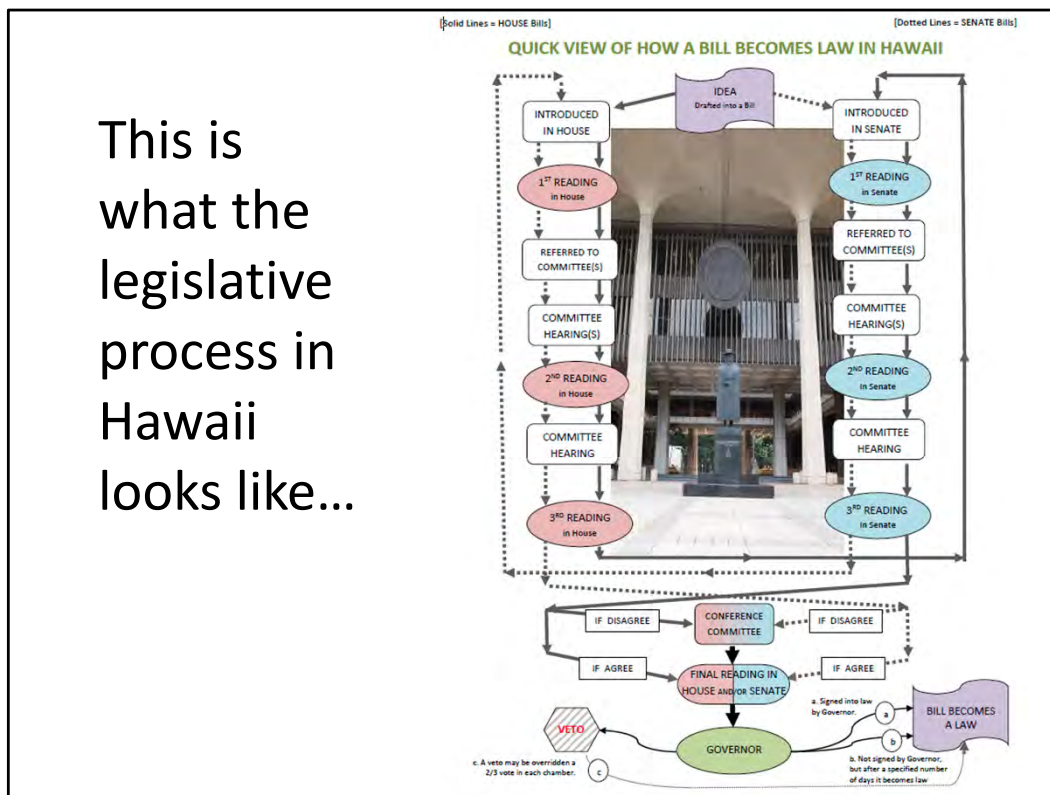
- Pass through all **committees** it's referred to *and* 
- Pass **three “readings” on floor of each chamber** *and* 
- Agree on **exact wording**  *and*
- Be signed or allowed to come into law by **Governor**, or Legislature overrides veto 

The bill has a lot of hoops to jump through to become law:

- Survive all the committees it's referred to. It's during the committee process that the bill is “heard” (that's why we show the disembodied ear here) – public hearings or decision makings are scheduled so that the public can have their voice heard regarding whether the legislation is a good idea. The number of committees a bill needs to go through in each chamber varies. As we'll see, it may be amended as it moves along.
- Pass 3 readings (votes) in each chamber by the full House (51 members) and the full Senate (25 members). This is a constitutional requirement for a bill to become law. The readings take place before, during, and after the bill makes it way through the committees.
- Both chambers must agree on the exact language of the final version.
- Be signed into law by the Governor, *or* become law without his signature, *or* if the bill is vetoed, have his veto overridden by 2/3 of the House and 2/3 of the Senate (or amend the bill to meet the governor's objections).


It's a high bar for a bill to become a law!

This is  
what the  
legislative  
process in  
Hawaii  
looks like...



This is what the legislative process in Hawaii looks like... Goes through three readings while it makes its way through committees, crosses over to the other chamber and goes through the same process, and then make sure both chambers agree on the final wording of the bill that will go off to the governor. The governor can then sign the bill, veto it, or allow it to become law without signature. (If he vetoes it, the legislature does have a mechanism so they can override the veto and still have the bill become law.)

## DEADLINES



### 2023 SESSION CALENDAR

NOTE: ON THE 60 SESSION DAYS (DAYS WHEN MEMBERS CONVEGE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS), THE SESSION DAY COUNT APPEARS IN A BOX ON THE LOWER RIGHT, LIKE THIS: [ 2 ]

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<b>MARCH</b>						
			1 Last Day of 5-Day Mandatory Recess	2 Single Referral (Senate Bills) Filing	3 First Decking (Bills)	4
5	6 Recess #3	7	8 Recess #4	9 First Crossover (Bills)	10 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	11
12	13 Budget Decking	14	15 Budget Crossover	16 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Second Lateral Filing (Bills)	24 Second Lateral (Bills)	25
26	27 HOLIDAY Kaho Day	28 First Lateral (Senate Concurrent Reses)	29	30 First Lateral Filing (House Concurrent Reses)	31 First Lateral (House Concurrent Reses)	
<b>APRIL</b>						
2	3	4 First Crossover Filing (Concurrent Reses)	5 First Crossover (Concurrent Reses) Single Referral (House Bills) Filing	6 Second Decking (Bills)	7 HOLIDAY Good Friday	8
9	10 Recess #5	11	12 Recess #6	13 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	14 Second Lateral Filing (Senate Concurrent Reses)	15
16	17 Second Lateral	18	19	20	21 Constitutional Amendments &	22

And it must do all of that by certain deadlines! Which is why that session calendar is so important. Over 90% of bills die – they don’t pass one of the deadlines... They’re called “dead”-lines because they’re designed to “kill” bills and narrow down the field of legislation being discussed.

## Bill introduction



Bills are introduced in a one-week period at the start of session

Approximately 2,500-3,000 bills are introduced each year (Senate and House combined). There is a narrow window when bills can be introduced, beginning with the first day of session and usually lasting about a week.

In our state, only legislators can introduce bills. So, if you have an idea that you think would make a good law, make sure to let your legislators know. They can send your idea to a drafting agency at the Capitol where researchers can take your idea and put it into bill form. If your bill is drafted and a legislator introduces it, it has a chance to become law.

The legislator will have the idea drafted into a **BILL** that will be **INTRODUCED** at the start of **Regular Session**.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2009  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1243

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that an increase in bicycling among the
- 2 state's population would help to decrease the number of cars on our roads,
- 3 improve air and water quality, and encourage a healthier lifestyle among large
- 4 portions of Hawaii's population. Ownership of a bicycle greatly increases the

When a legislator agrees to introduce a bill, he or she will then work with one of the five bill-drafting agencies in the Capitol to have the bill written up.

When the bill is submitted by your representative or senator, it is promptly **given a number, which will be the tool you use to keep track of it. The prefix "HB" begins a House bill number; "SB" begins a Senate bill number.** If your bill is changed by various committees along the way, different draft numbers will be tacked onto the end of the bill number to help you keep track of the new versions.

When the bill was drafted, it was given a bill title – "A Bill for an Act Relating to Transportation," for example. The bill title can not change, and it must reflect the bill's contents. (The bill's content may change as it goes through the legislative process, but it must always be appropriate to the bill's unchanging title.)

Bills can be short or long, simple or complex. Usually, the first section will state what the bill intends to do, the following sections outline what exactly is being done (revising the law books, for example, indicating deleted or added language), and the final section specifies when the law will take effect if enacted.

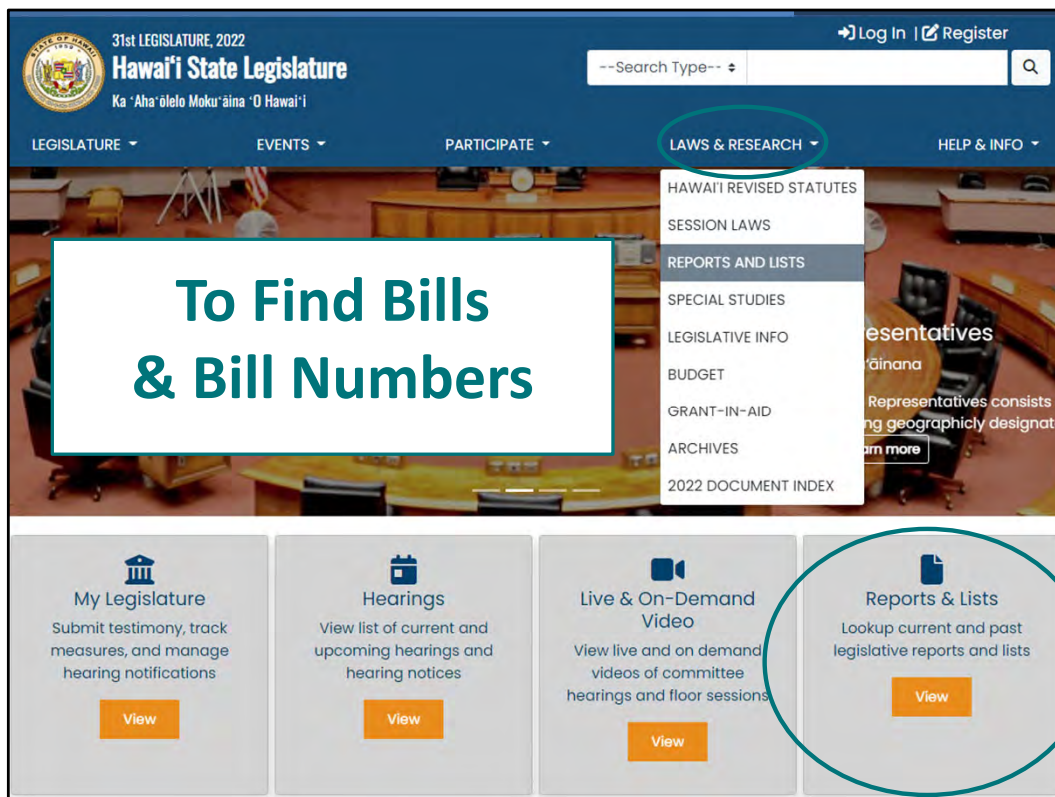
# First Reading



Constitutional requirement: Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber

The First Reading vote is nothing to get excited about. All the bills pass their first vote on the floor.





Say we've gotten our bill introduced – how do we find out its bill number? While you can use the “Keyword” type in the search bar at the top of the page, it's often much easier to use the “Reports and Lists” page to find bills. Often, when you're looking for something, this is the button that may bring an end to your quest. It's a “list of lists” that gets updated throughout session and also has a great “Subject Search” feature. There's a shortcut to “Reports and Lists” on the homepage, or you can find it under the “Laws & Research” tab.

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First Lateral

After clicking on “Reports and Lists,” on the right side of the screen, you will see the heading **“Deadline Tracking.”**

To the right (also under the heading “Deadline Tracking”), you will see a long list of reports that are just a click away. Using these as the session progresses will give you access to sortable and downloadable lists of measures that have survived significant deadlines. It's a great way to keep up with what's still viable.

Here, for example, you can find all the House bills introduced, or later in the session, only the bills that survived first crossover.

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Measure Text pdf	Measure Status	Current Status	Introducer(s)	Current Referral	Companion
 <a href="#">HB2</a>	<b>Amendment: Paid Sick Leave</b> RELATING TO PAID SICK LEAVE. Requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care and supplemental paid sick leave to employees under certain public health emergency conditions.	(H) 1/22/2021- Referred to LAT, PDR, FIN, referral sheet 1	KAPELA, GANIADEN, ICHYAMA, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TAM, Branco, Nakamura, Sayama	LAT, PDR, FIN	
 <a href="#">HB3</a>	<b>Revenue Generation: Personal Income Tax: Corporate Income Tax: Capital Gains: General Excise Tax Exemptions: Conveyance Tax</b> RELATING TO REVENUE GENERATION. Increases the personal income tax rate and implements a rate recapture mechanism that phases out lower tax brackets for high earners for taxable years beginning after 12/31/2020. Increases the tax on capital gains. Increases the corporate income tax and establishes a single corporate income tax rate. From 7/1/2021 through 6/30/23, temporarily repeals certain general excise tax exemptions. Increases conveyance taxes for the sale of properties valued at \$1,000,000 or greater.	(H) 2/2/2021- Re-referred to ECD, HSG, FIN, referral sheet 4	KAPELA, GANIADEN, LOPRESTI, MIZUNO, NAKASHIMA, PERRUSO, WILDBERGER	ECD, HSG, FIN	<a href="#">SB56</a>
 <a href="#">HB4</a>	<b>DLIR: Tax Credit: Small Business: Health Care Costs: Minimum Wage</b> RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE. Establishes a temporary small business income tax credit for qualified employers to offset the cost of providing health care coverage to employees that earn below certain amounts. Raises the minimum wage and establishes an adjusted minimum wage rate for 2027 and after. Repeals the tip credit. Repeals the tax credit on 7/30/2027.	(H) 1/22/2021- Referred to LAT/ECD, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 1	KAPELA, GANIADEN, ICHYAMA, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, PERRUSO, TAM, Marten, Wildberger	LAT/ECD, CPC, FIN	
 <a href="#">HB5</a>	<b>Family Leave Insurance Program: Family Leave Insurance Benefits: Appropriation</b> (S) RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE. Requires the department of labor and industrial relations to establish and administer a family leave insurance program. Provides family leave insurance benefits and extends period of family leave to 16 weeks for businesses that employ one or more employees who meet the hourly qualifications. Appropriates funds.	(H) 1/22/2021- Referred to LAT, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 1	KAPELA, GANIADEN, ICHYAMA, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, PERRUSO, TAM, WOODSON, Marten, Sayama	LAT, CPC, FIN	
 <a href="#">HB6</a>	<b>Green Fees: Environmental Surcharge on Visitor Accommodations: Green Tourism Special Fund (s)</b> RELATING TO GREEN FEES. Establishes an environmental surcharge on visitor accommodations. Establishes the green tourism special fund to invest in the State's transition to a clean energy economy, conservation of natural resources, and sustainability and resiliency.	(H) 1/22/2021- Referred to EEP/LAT, CPC, FIN, referral sheet 1	KAPELA, GANIADEN, ICHYAMA, JOHANSON, LOPRESTI, MARTEN, MIZUNO, NAKAMURA, PERRUSO, TAM, WILDBERGER, Har, McKelvey	EEP/LAT, CPC, FIN	
 <a href="#">HB7</a>	<b>Marijuana: Legalization: Personal Use</b> RELATING TO MARIJUANA. Legalizes the personal use, possession, and sale of marijuana in a specified quantity. Requires licensing to operate marijuana establishments. Subjects marijuana establishments to excise taxes and income	(H) 2/2/2021- Re-referred to HHH, JHA/CPC, FIN, referral sheet 4	KAPELA, GANIADEN, LOWEN, MCKELVEY, MIZUNO, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, PERRUSO, TAM, WILDBERGER, Nakamura, Sayama	HHH, JHA/CPC, FIN	

This is the type of report you'll see... you can browse through the bills' keywords and descriptions. To view the bill itself you can click on the .pdf symbol on the left. To view the bill's status page, click on the bill number.



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## 2022 Archives

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**HB2**


Measure Title: RELATING TO PAID SICK LEAVE.

Report Title: Employment; Paid Sick Leave

Description: Requires employers to provide a minimum amount of paid sick leave to employees to be used to care for themselves or a family member who is ill or needs medical care and supplemental paid sick leave to employees under certain public health emergency conditions.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: LAT, PDP, FIN

Introducer(s): KAPELA, GANADEN, ICHIYAMA, LOPRESTI, LOWEN, MARTEN, PERRUSO, TAM, Branco, Nakamura, Sayama

Sort by Date	Status Text
12/10/2021	D Carried over to 2022 Regular Session.
1/27/2021	H Referred to LAT, PDP, FIN, referral sheet 1
1/21/2021	H Introduced and Pass First Reading.
1/20/2021	H Pending introduction.

S = Senate | H = House | D = Data Systems | \$ = Appropriation measure | ConAm = Constitutional Amendment

Some of the above items require Adobe Acrobat Reader. Please visit [Adobe's download page](#) for detailed instructions.

**All Versions of this Measure**

HB2
 

**Committee Reports**

No other committee reports available at this time. You may search in our Document Directories if you believe this message is in error. The link is on the home page under Search.

**Testimony**

No testimony available at this time.

**Hearing Notices**

No hearings scheduled

Here's a bill status page. Every bill that's introduced gets its own web page where everything that ever happens to the bill is recorded. As we'll see later in the presentation, it's also where we can find committee reports, testimony, and other valuable information. To view the bill from its status page, click on the bill number at the top of the page or the .pdf symbol next to it.

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PAID SICK LEAVE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that:

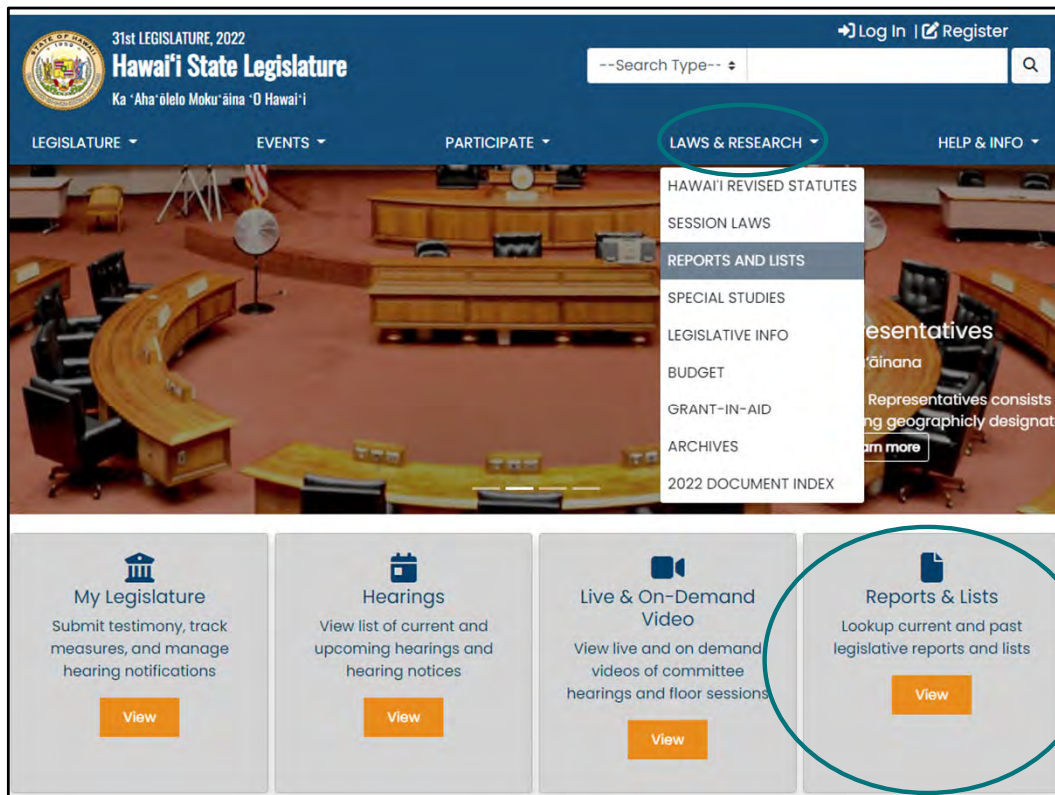
2       (1) Most workers in the State, at some time during the  
3       year, need temporary time off from work to take care  
4       of their personal health needs or the health needs of  
5       members of their families;

6       (2) According to the United States Bureau of Labor  
7       Statistics, paid sick leave was not available to  
8       twenty-five per cent of private sector workers in  
9       March 2020. This leaves a significant segment of the  
10      nation's workers without paid sick leave. In Hawaii,  
11      an estimated forty-three per cent of private sector  
12      workers lack paid sick leave;


13      (3) Low-income workers are significantly less likely to  
14      have paid sick leave than higher income workers.

And it will bring you to the bill itself, which you can read through.





Going back to the main page, we can again go to the shortcut to “Reports and Lists” on the homepage, or you can find it under the “Laws & Research” tab.



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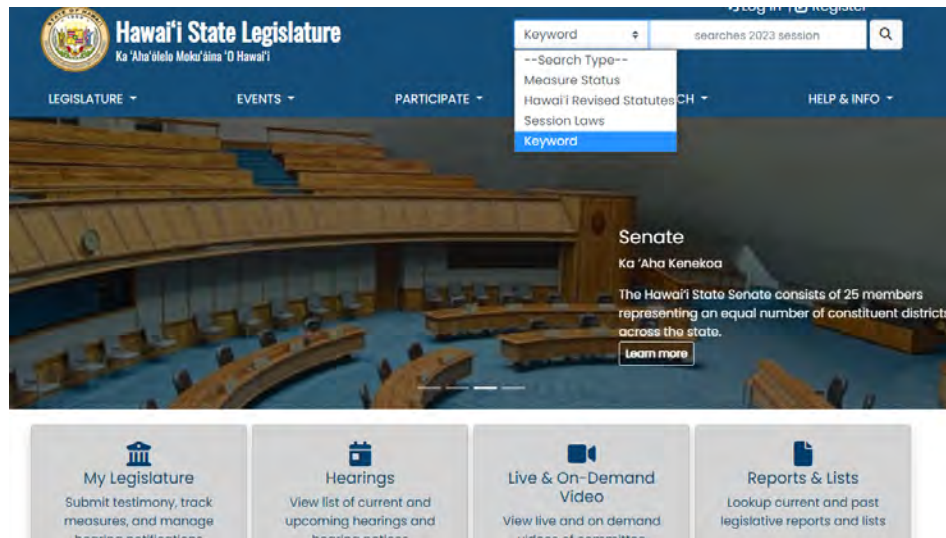
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Which brings up a search box for finding a word or phrase that appears in a bill's title, description, or key words





Or use the “Keyword” search type  
in the search bar at top of screen



The other option is to use the “Keyword” search type for the search bar at the top of the site. This is a more thorough search, and will look through not just the description, title, and keywords, but also the content of the legislation, committee reports, and testimony.

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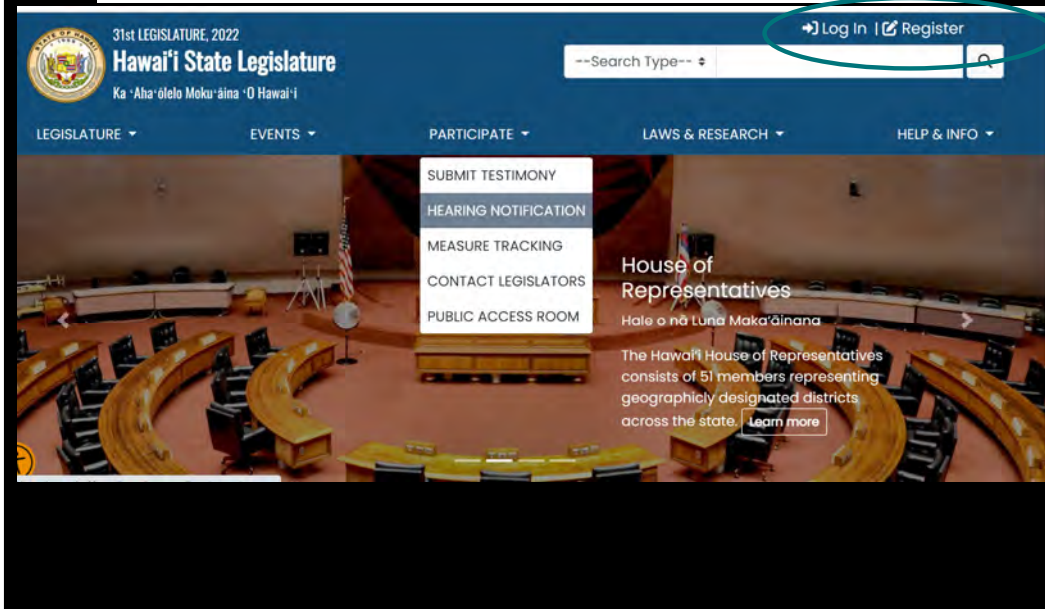
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Here's what the "Advanced" form looks like – it makes it easy to refine your search.

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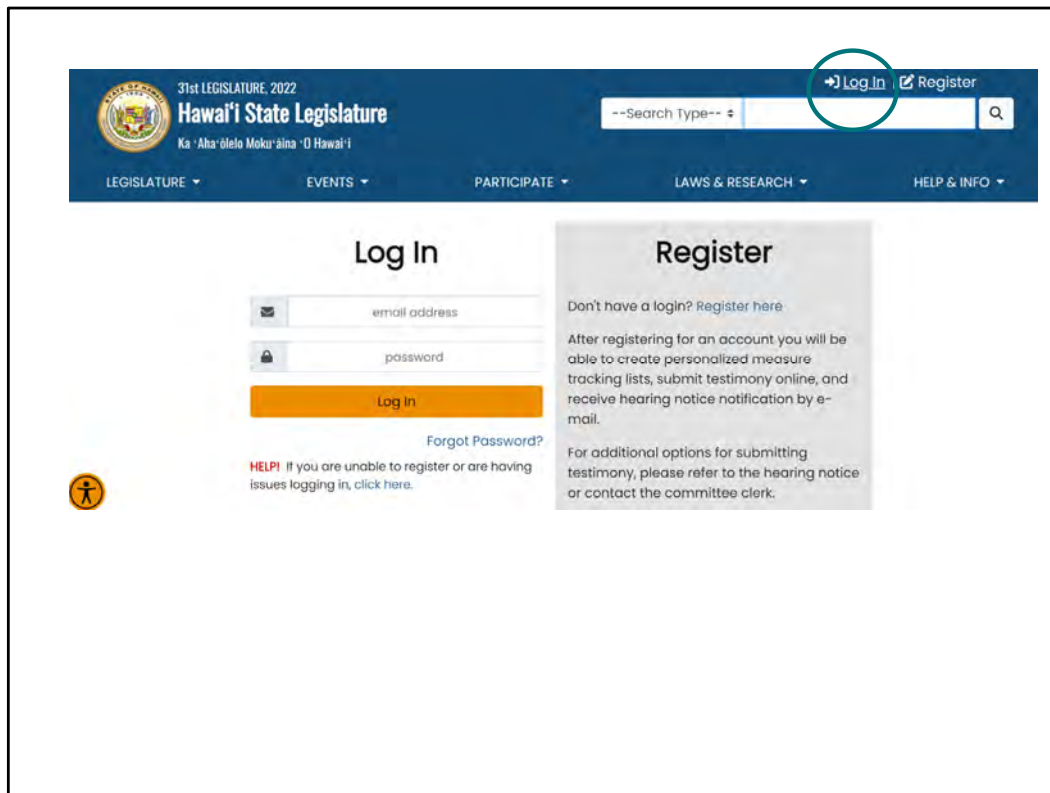
Sign up for hearing notices so you know if one gets scheduled!



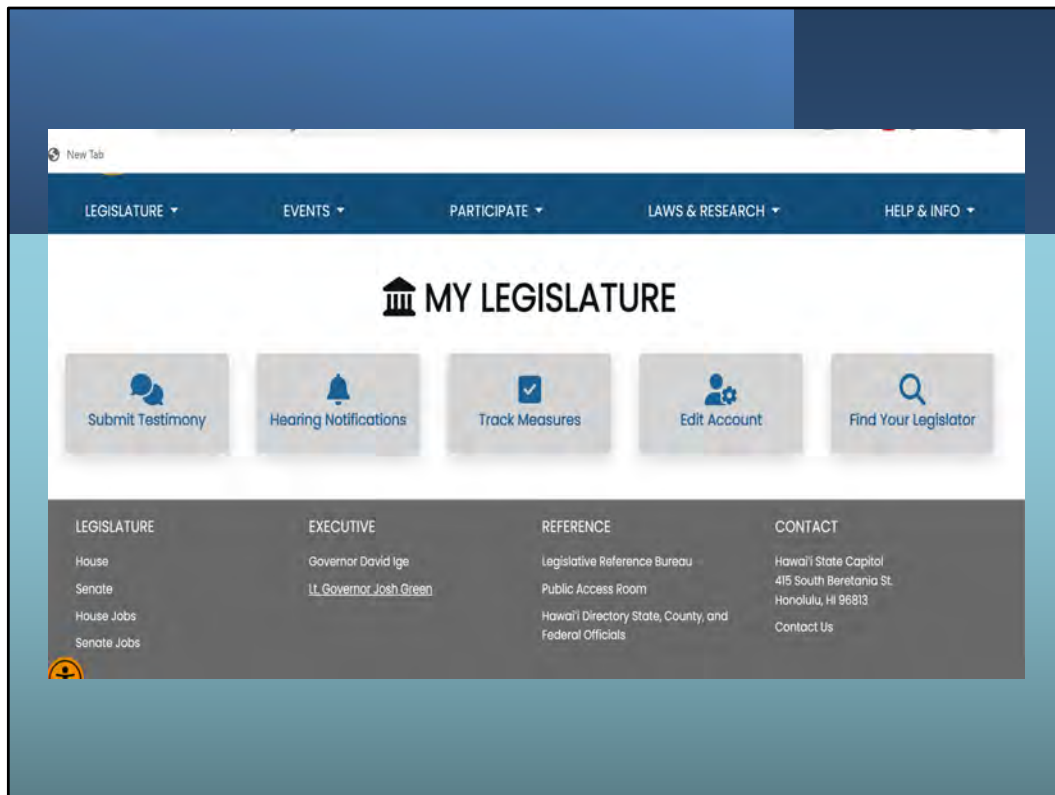
One of the first things to do when you find a bill that interests you is to sign up for hearing notices. Go to the legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)) and "Sign In" – we'll enter our email address and the password we created. We'll then be presented with shortcuts to our interactive features. If you've traveled away from that page, just select the interactive buttons that appear under the "participate" tab. Here, we'll select "Hearing Notification."

#### First Time Users:

*If this is your **first time** using the interactive features of the website, you'll have to Register. Click on "**Register**" and enter your name, email address, and the password you'd like to use for the website. After you've agreed to the terms and conditions, you will be directed to go to your email account and open the email sent to you by the website. (This confirms you are not a robot.) Follow the instructions for confirming your account. You'll only have to register once.*

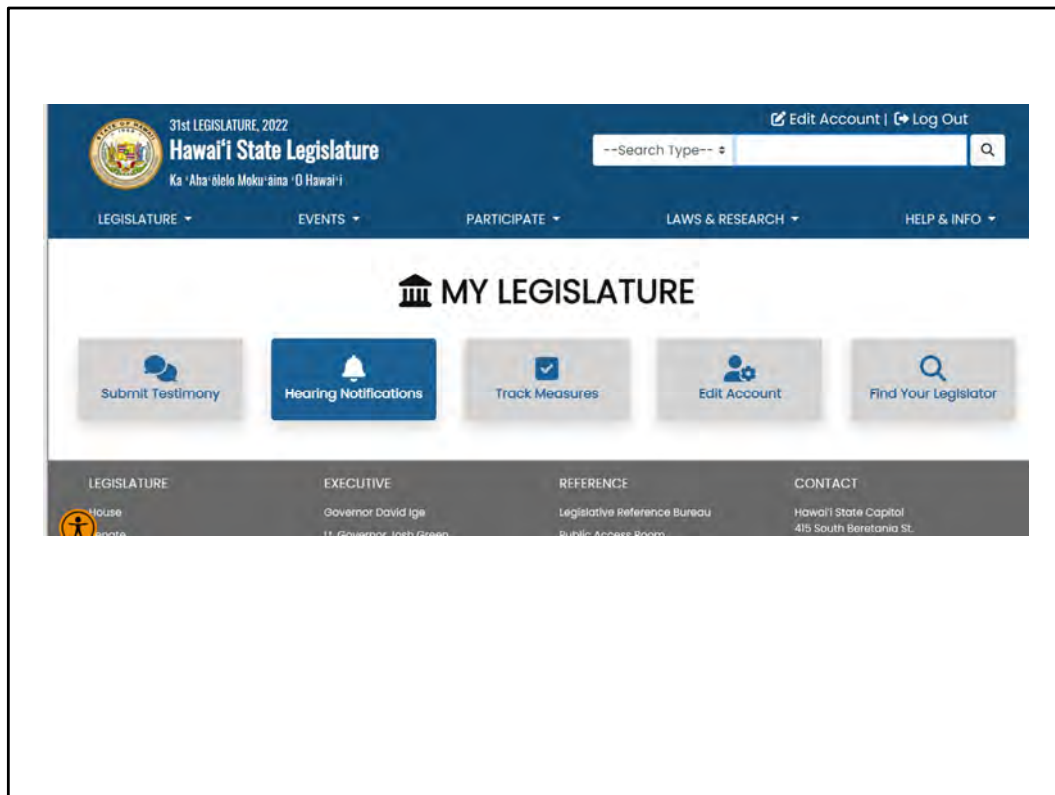


Go to the legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov). To use the "Hearing Notification" feature, first we "Log In" to the website – we'll enter our email address and the password we created.



Once you sign in, you can use the interactive features.





So, if we want to sign up for hearing notices to be emailed to us, we just click on the icon, "Hearing Notification".

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PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO ESTABLISH LEGISLATIVE TERM LIMITS.

HB123 Remove

Check the boxes next to the committees you wish to receive notices for.

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This page appears. You can choose to receive hearing notices for certain bills or committees.

Just enter the bill number in the “Subscribe by Measure” box. Add as many bills or resolutions as you’d like. Any time one of them is scheduled for a hearing, you’ll get an email with a link to the hearing notice telling you when and where the hearing is taking place and how to offer testimony.

You may also want to subscribe to receive all the hearing notices issued by a particular committee. In the “Subscribe by Committee” area to the right, just click the boxes next to the committees you’d like to subscribe to. Be sure to select both the House and Senate committees!

Be sure to click on the “Save and Exit” button, and you’re all set. It’s easy to come back to this page and change your selections as session progresses.

**You'll soon find out what  
committees the bill needs to go  
through...**

After the bill is introduced, it will soon get its committee referral in its originating chamber (the House for HBs, the Senate for SBs) – the list of committees the bill will go through in order to survive. It could be that our bill is referred to three committees, or to two, or maybe just one. Sometimes, the committees may be asked to meet together (a joint referral). In any case, this list of committees is called the 'committee referral' and once we know what committees a bill needs to go through, we can use our voice to influence things.

# YOUR VOICE

## Ask for a Public Hearing



**Chair** decides which bills  
will get a hearing –  
there is limited time!

We can ask for a public hearing. We'll have to move quickly – those deadlines come up *fast!* Committees need to give at least 48-hours notice of a public hearing and the committees don't all meet every day of the week.

Are there other people we can get to join our call for a hearing? If so, you'll want them to help you move the bill forward –

Go to the person with the power:  
**chair of the committee**

We ask the person with the power – the chair of that first committee – to have the bill heard, considered by the committee.

Getting your bill scheduled for a committee hearing is a big step – many bills never get that far. Contact the committee chair’s office and just ask – “Would you please make sure to schedule *[bill number]* for a hearing? I think it’s important because...” They should be upfront with you about whether they will. The chair’s office has a lot of things to consider – your bill is one among many that have been referred to the committee, and they’ve only got so much time to hear bills.

When a bill is scheduled for a hearing, a *hearing notice* is published and distributed to let everyone know what’s being discussed. This is the opportunity the public has been waiting for to provide testimony.

If it doesn't get heard, it will miss deadlines and will **"die in committee"** (the fate of most bills)



If the chair doesn't like your bill or doesn't think it's a priority and won't schedule it, it will just sit there while deadlines go by, and it will be left behind.

If the chair is not inclined to hear your bill, you may want to talk to other members of the committee – if they're in favor of it being heard, they may be willing to advocate to the chair.

You can find lists of the committees and committee chairs on both the legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)) and PAR's ([LRB.hawaii.gov/PAR/](http://LRB.hawaii.gov/PAR/)).

Remember to keep your eyes open for other bills that are being heard that may cover similar subject matter. You may want to testify on those. That involves keeping your eyes open for hearing notices.

If your bill *does* get scheduled for a  
public hearing...

If a bill you're interested in does get scheduled for a public hearing, you've got another chance to use your voice...

# YOUR VOICE



## Testify!

### Who testifies?

Executive Departments, Interest  
Groups, Lobbyists, Public

Testify! Offer your opinion on whether the bill is a good idea.

Your testimony at those committee meetings can be very helpful to the committee members. Don't make them have to come to decisions on legislation all on their own! Members of the public can offer a tremendous amount of experience, expertise, and variety of viewpoints that help to make better laws for us all. Also testifying will be executive departments, interest groups, and paid lobbyists.

Just a head's up: there's never as much time as you think you need to prepare your testimony! Just do the best you can and see if you can get other people who care about the issue to offer their testimony, too. The deadline is usually just 24-hours prior to the hearing.



## Testimony information appears at the end of the hearing notice.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

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DATE: Wednesday, March 17, 2021  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 229 & Videoconference

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To comply with social distancing, you wish to

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RELATING TO THE UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES. CPN, WAM  
Eliminates the requirement for a public utility to seek approval from the public utilities commission for the underground construction of high-voltage electric transmission lines if certain conditions are met. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)

Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

All testimony received by the Hawai'i Senate is posted on the Hawai'i Legislature's website, which is accessible to the public. Please do not include private information that you do not want disclosed to the public.

Persons wishing to submit written testimony or request to testify via videoconference may do so up to 24 hours prior to the hearing.

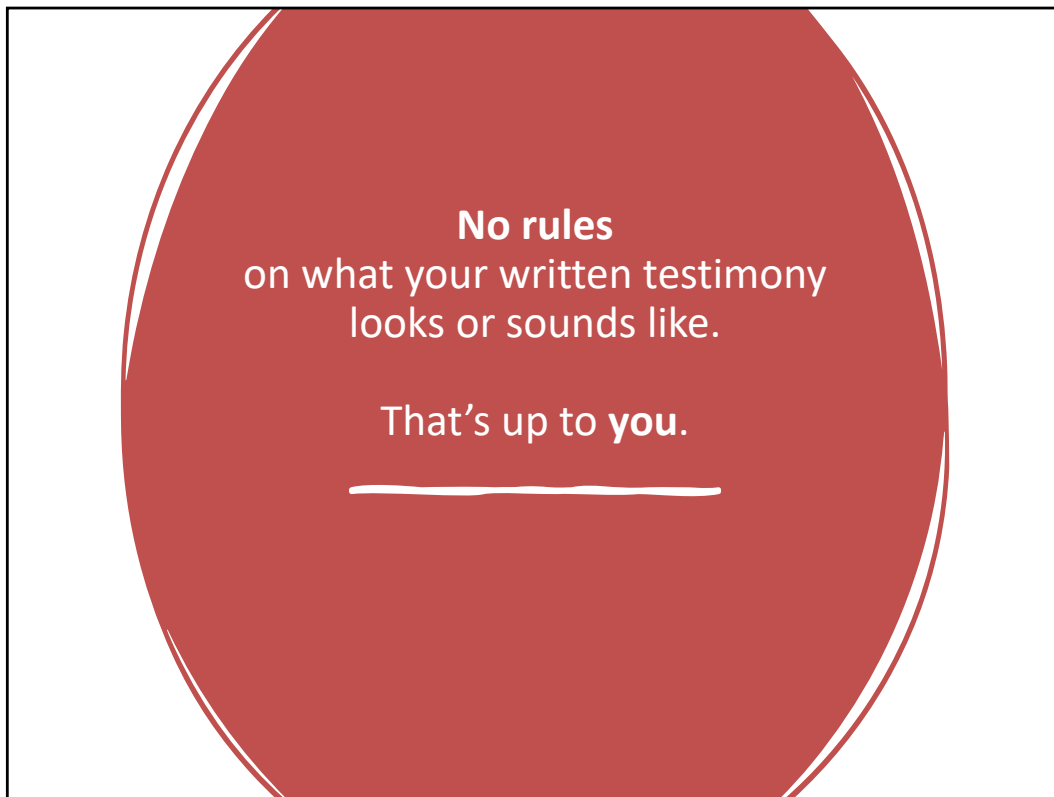
Click [here](#) to submit **written testimony**.

If you wish to **testify via videoconference** during the hearing, please sign in to your account on the Legislature's website, then click on the "Testimony" icon on the home page. Detailed step-by-step instructions are available on the testimony submittal page. They are also posted on the Legislature's website [here](#).

Please note the following:  
*The number of videoconference testifiers and the time allotted to each testifier may be limited by the Chair.*

The hearing notice lists the time and place it will meet and which measures are being considered.

Guidelines and the testimony deadline appear at the end of the hearing notice.



In submitting written testimony, there's no set rule as to what it should look like. That's up to you. We do encourage you to try to keep it to a page or two. Try to make the main points immediately apparent.

## Written Testimony

- Bill number
- Your name
- Are you **for** or **against** the bill?
- Why?



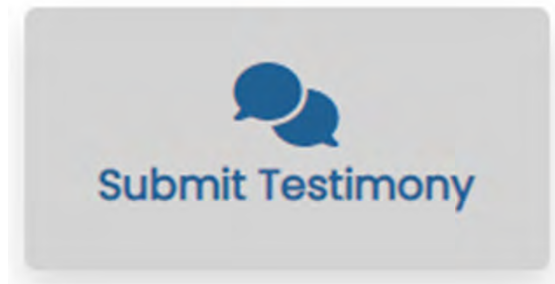
Include the essentials: the bill number, your name, whether you are for or against the measure, and where you're coming from. (Are you an expert? Great. But that's not necessary. Maybe you have an experience you'd like to share. Or maybe you're motivated by your moral or religious beliefs. Let them know where you're coming from.)

## Remember...

- ✓ You don't have to be an expert
- ✓ Stories are great
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- ✓ Keep it short

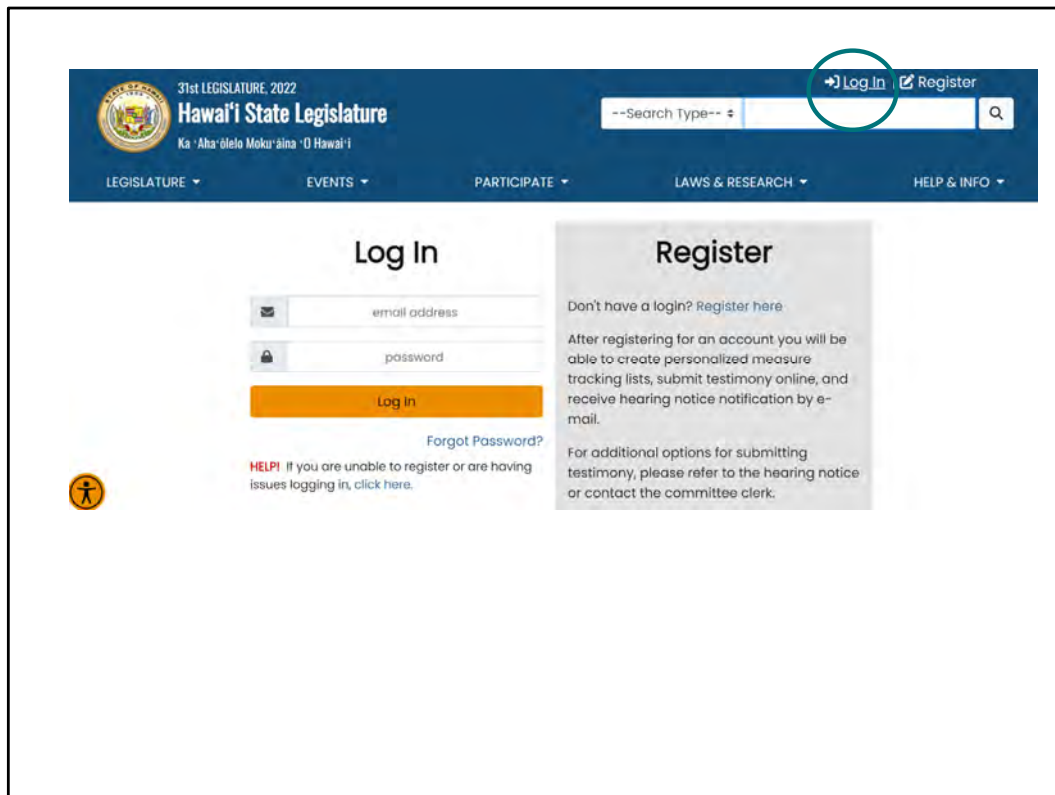
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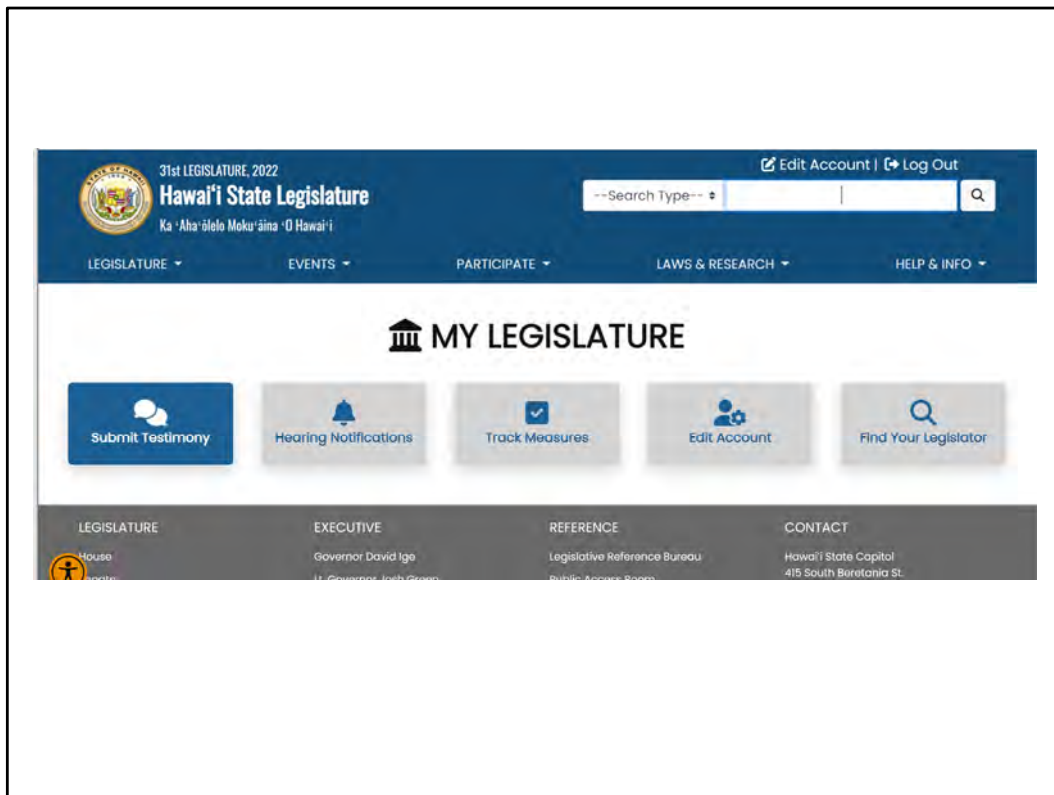


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And we've got shortcuts to our interactive features. If you've navigated away from this page, remember, you can always find them under the "Participate" tab.

You'll just enter the bill number...

**Enter Bill or Measure** and click Continue

Examples: HB100 or SB123 (not case sensitive)

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Please note that **you will no longer receive email confirmation of testimony**. If your testimony is green in the list below, then it was successfully submitted and received.

### Your Testimony



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Then, enter the bill number you want to testify on. Don't put in any spaces between the letters and numbers, and don't add on any draft numbers. Click on "Continue".



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The bill's hearing information will appear along with a submission form.

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If you are requesting the opportunity to testify remotely, make sure that the "Testifier's Full Name" field at the top of the form has the name of the person who will be offering Zoom testimony – the Zoom identity must match this field.

You can then  
“attach” your  
written  
testimony file.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Written Testimony". It contains the following elements:

- Acceptable document filetype extensions: .doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt
- Attachments 10MB max
- If file is password protected, we may not be able to process your testimony
- A radio button labeled "File upload:" is selected.
- A button labeled "Choose File" is circled in red.
- Below the radio button is the text "--OR--".
- Below "--OR--" is a radio button labeled "Comments: (alphanumeric and punctuation characters only)".
- A large text input area is located below the "Comments" radio button.
- An orange "Next" button is at the bottom right of the form.

Then you can attach or upload your testimony file to the form. Just click on the button “Choose File” (it may say “Browse” or “Select”) and locate the file on your computer. This is like you add a file to an email message.

The name of the file you uploaded will appear here

**Written Testimony**

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• File upload:  GMI testimony for JDC.docx

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After you've uploaded the file, its name appears to the right of the button.

**OR** you can select "Comments" and type your testimony here.

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Either upload a file **OR** type your testimony in the box

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- OR -

☐ Comments: (alphanumeric and punctuation characters only)

I am in strong support of HB 707, Relating to Transportation. There are too many cars on the road, and if everyone biked it would help solve the problem. I

Another option: You may type your testimony directly into the "Comments" box.

So, one way or the other, once you've either attached or typed your testimony, you can click on "Next."

- Review your information
- Agree to the terms
- When ready, click on “Submit Testimony”

### Preview Submission

Please note that once testimony is submitted to the Legislature, it becomes part of the public record

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Testifying remotely:	Yes, in person
Full Name:	John Citizen
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(Please click submit only once.)

Review your information. Once you submit your testimony, you won't be able to change it, so double check that you've uploaded the right file, have correctly identified your position, how you'll be testifying, etc. If you need to change something, use the “Back” button.

Since the testimony will be public and posted online, make sure you're comfortable with the information you'll be sharing.

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## Your “Testimony” page now looks like this...

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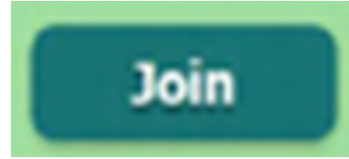
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You’ll be returned to the original “Submit Testimony” page. A green box on the left corresponding to your hearing will appear. This indicates that your written testimony has been successfully transmitted to the committee.

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## So, if you're Zooming... when hearing time rolls around...

- Sign into the website
- Click "Submit Testimony" button
- Click "Join" button
- Keep the "Chat" panel open
- Wait for your turn...



### If you're Zooming...

- Keep "chat" panel open -- this is how legislative staff will communicate with you.
- Your microphone should be muted, and your video stopped, unless it is your turn to testify.
- You will receive a request to share your video shortly before it is your turn. Accept the request.
- When the Chair calls on you, unmute your microphone and then begin addressing the committee.
- If you do not respond when the Chair calls on you, you may miss your chance to testify.



## Oral Testimony

### Let them Hear your Voice!



- “Chair \_\_\_\_, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_ and members of the committee...”
- Short and simple (may be a time limit)
  - Introduce yourself
  - State your position
  - Remember to **Breathe!**
- ***Become a trusted resource!***

Here are some simple guidelines

“Chair, Vice Chair and members of the committee...” is a great way to start.

Short and simple (2-3 minutes) – there may be a time limit, honor it.

Introduce yourself and the group or organization (if any) you represent.

Clearly state your position – in favor? Opposed? Alternatives?

Be courteous, respectful, and professional

Remember to **Breathe!**

Don’t just read your testimony – the committee has your written words. Instead, summarize your position, provide a point you’d like to emphasize. A short story can be very effective.

Tell the truth and don’t exaggerate. ***Become a trusted resource!***

Find others who agree with you to  
amplify your voice



Now that you know how easy it is to testify, spread the word! Find allies. Don't forget to get help from and collaborate with people who share your perspective on the issue.

And don't forget to pay attention to your opponents. They can teach you a lot and help you to sharpen your own message.

After all the testimony  
has been heard...

So now what? You've offered testimony, now you wait to see what the committee will do.

## The Committee may...

- **Vote**
  - pass the bill without changes
  - pass the bill with changes
- **Not vote! Defer or hold**



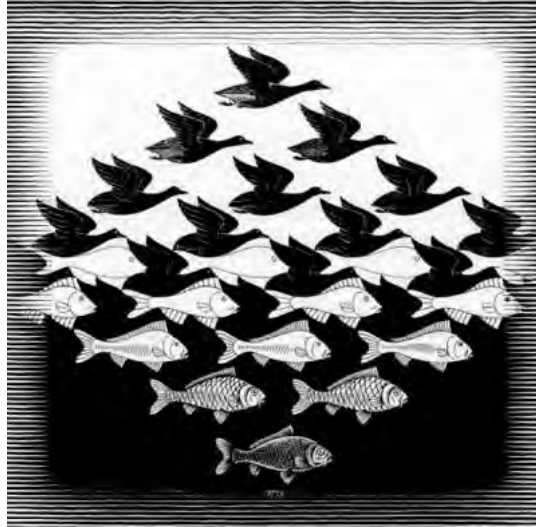
- 1) The committee may vote to pass the bill just as it is, without any changes.
- 2) The committee may vote to pass the bill “as amended,” with changes.
- 3) The committee may choose not to vote – instead, the chair announces that they will “defer” or “hold” the bill. If they haven’t set a date for decision making, this means the bill will stay in the committee and miss the upcoming deadlines.

If the committee votes to pass the bill, the bill survives and moves forward in the legislative process.

The person who decides which of these paths to go on? The chair of the committee.

*NOTE: On rare occasions, the committee may vote on the bill and the bill fails to win the vote; the bill would then be dead. It is much more common for a vote to be avoided if the chair knows there will not be enough support to pass it.*

If changes *have* occurred...



Changes may be **minor or significant**

If they passed the bill with changes, they can be minor changes like correcting punctuation and other technical changes, or major changes affecting what the bill does.

## Bill must conform to its title

### 2 Common Changes

Effective date: “1/1/2099”

Appropriate/fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_






The thing that constrains how much a bill can change is its title, which never changes. The bill must always conform to its **title**.

Two common changes:

- Effective date may be **far in future** “to ensure further discussion”: The “defective” effective date is a mechanism to ensure that the bill goes into the conference committee process near the end of session. There is no intention of it going off to the governor like that.
- Dollar amounts may be **blanked out**: If they want to keep a dollar amount associated with the bill, they’ll make note of it in the committee report. The final dollar amount or appropriation details will usually be determined during the conference committee process.

Any changes will be summarized in the **committee report**, published whenever a bill moves forward out of committee.

If changed, it gets a  
**new draft number...**

**SB1 SD2 HD2**   

Measure Title:	RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN P HEALTH, EDUCATION, WELFARE, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE.
Report Title:	Native Hawaiians; Qualified Native Hawaiian Roll; Appropriation
Description:	Establishes a commission to prepare and maintain a roll of qualified to publish the roll for the purpose of organizing a convention of qu governor to dissolve the commission after the commission publishe unspecified funds. Effective January 7, 2059. (SB1 HD2)

The amended bill will be given a new draft number.

It has still got its bill number, but now there is a new suffix indicating which draft (or version) of the bill we're looking at. HD = House Draft, SD = Senate Draft – the number indicates the number of times it's been changed by that chamber. This can look a bit confusing at first, but it really does help to make sure we're looking at the same version of the bill.

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Measure Title: RELATING TO ASTHMA.

Report Title: Asthma; Department of Education; Training; Teachers; Instruction

Description: Authorizes the Department of Education to offer optional asthma education instruction to students and provide asthma training to teachers and other department employees who interact with students. (CDI)

Companion: HB1799

Package: None

Current Referral: EDN, HHH, FIN

Introducer(s): KIDANI, CHANG, DECOITE, FEVELLA, KANUHA, LEE, MISALUCHA, Baker, Dela Cruz, Gabbard, Ihara, Keith-Agaran, Moriwaiki, Nishihara, San Buenaventura, Wakai

Act: 147

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Act 147, on 06/27/2022 (Gov. Msg. No. 1248).

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Enrolled to Governor.

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Received notice of passage on Final Reading in House (Hse. Com. No. 824).

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Received notice of Final Reading (Sen. Com. No. 946).

All Versions of this Measure

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WAM

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CR 211 & Videoconference

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EDN

3/15/22 2:00P

309 Via Videoconference

View

Here's a status page of a bill that's been changed three times. Click on the bill number at the top of the page to view the latest version of the bill itself. (Use the .pdf symbol to view the same draft but showing page and line numbers.)

On the right side of the page, you'll find links to previous versions of the measure. To get a quick glimpse of what changes were made, check out the committee reports that are published as the committees move the bill forward. Each committee report will summarize the changes, if any, that were made.

You can also view the written testimony that was received at each hearing. Just click on the links, and you'll be able to view .pdf files that present one page of testimony after another.

Under Hearing Notices, you can view the hearing notices as well as watch the proceedings – in real time, or after the fact – by clicking on the YouTube logo.

Everything that happens to the bill gets listed on its website under "Status Text". (Unfortunately, the site will not say "this bill is dead because it has now missed a crucial deadline." To determine that, you'll need to know your calendar of deadlines – or call or email PAR, and we'll be happy to help you out.)



## Second Reading



Constitutional requirement: Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber

Yay! Your bill passed its first (or first and second) committees... Now it's back to the floor for Second Reading! A majority of the members present vote 'aye.' And now we go on to our next committee if there is one...

# YOUR VOICE



**If your bill moves forward...  
do it again!**

- Ask to have it heard at the ***next*** committee
- Offer testimony at the ***next*** committee
- Repeat as necessary!

If the bill moves forward, you can ask that it be heard by the next committee. If a public hearing is scheduled, come and testify again. You don't have to worry about a whole new creative writing project, instead you can use virtually the same testimony you provided at the previous hearing. Just make sure that if the bill has changed, your testimony is still relevant. And you may want to emphasize the parts of your testimony that address the committee's purview.

## Third Reading = by the Crossover Deadline



Constitutional requirement: Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber

After it's made it through all the committees (which it must do by the First Decking deadline), it comes back to the floor for the Third Reading. The members of the House or Senate are given 48-hours notice of all bills coming up for Third Reading. This ensures that they've had time to review them before this critical vote. The bill has to survive Third Reading by the First Crossover deadline.

# YOUR VOICE

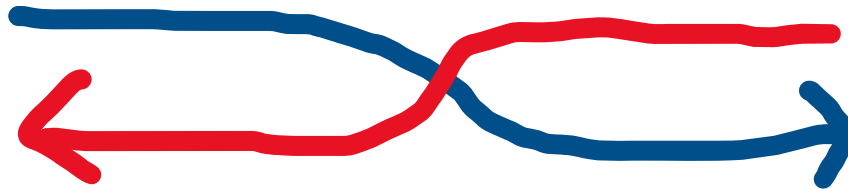


## On Occasion, Advocate to Entire Chamber

- Ask for their vote
- Get others to join you

During the bill's path through the legislature, it must be voted on 3 times in the full chamber of both the House and the Senate. On rare occasions, whether the bill will pass the vote may be in question. (Most bills die in committee, rather than on the floor of the House or Senate.) In such cases, you may want to use your voice to let your own representative or senator know how you would like them to vote. In some cases, you may want to call *all* of the members to let your opinion be known. Know a member is on the fence? Try to find one or more of their constituents to chime in.

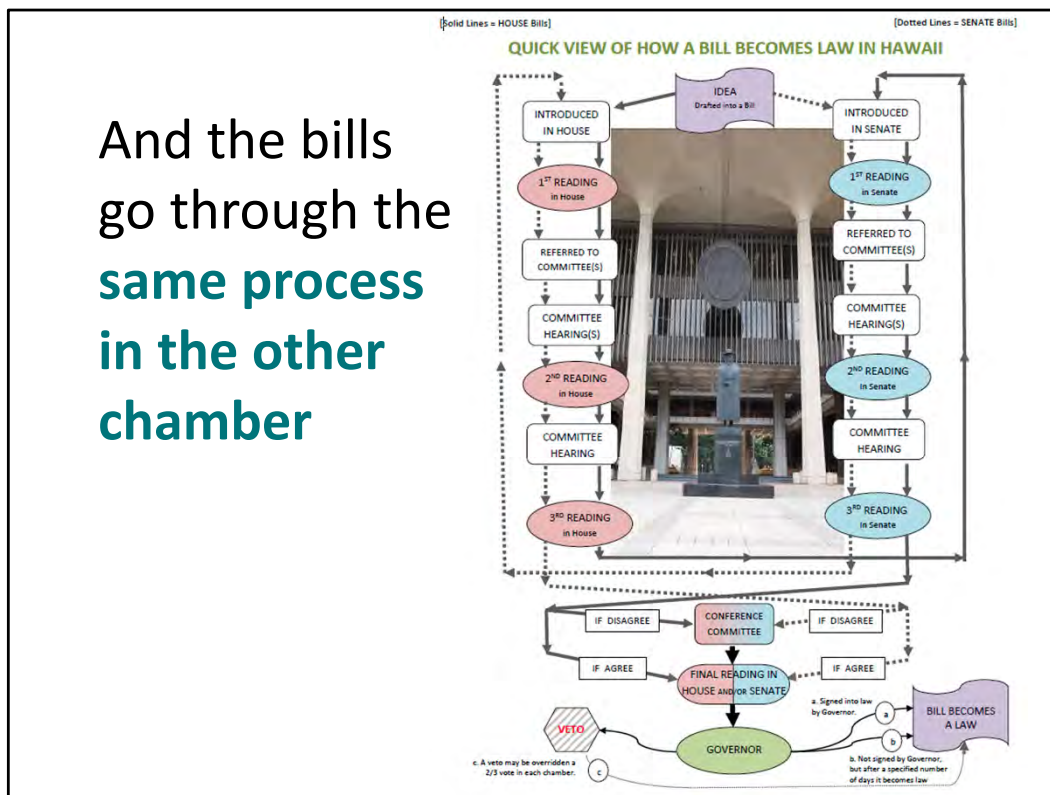
House bills go to the Senate  
Senate bills go to the House



If your bill survives all three readings, then it ‘crosses over’ and attempts to go through the same process in the other chamber!

This time it will be the non-originating chamber that passes it on First Reading and then assigns committees, and you’ll ask for the bill to be heard, just like before. Deadlines come quickly during this part of session, and a bill must get through all three readings in the non-originating chamber by the Second Crossover deadline.

And the bills  
go through the  
**same process**  
**in the other**  
**chamber**



So, we've gone down one side of the diagram, and now we start down the other side. Now the Senate will be considering the House bills that survived First Crossover, and the House will be considering the Senate bills that survived.

(Note: If we were following a Senate bill, it would have to pass the Senate committees it was referred to and three readings on the Senate floor before First Crossover – it would then be transmitted to the House for its journey there.)

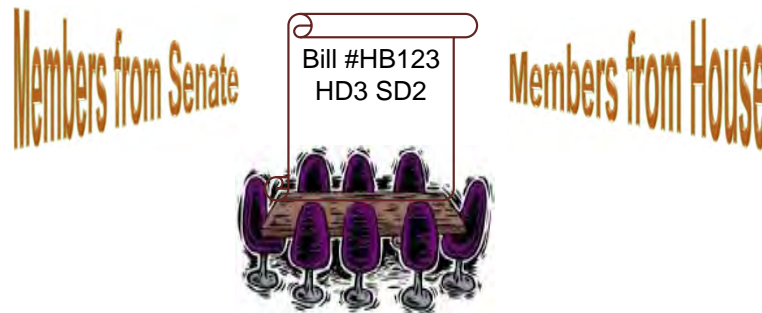
Session moves even faster after  
**First Crossover...**



Bills must get through their non-  
originating chamber by  
**Second Crossover**

Things move quickly after First Crossover! They must get through their committees and three readings by the Second Crossover deadline.

To find agreement, leadership appoints members to **Conference Committees**



We now come to what is often the tricky part – coming to an agreement on the final version of the bill that will pass the legislature. If the bill wasn't changed while it was away at its second chamber, no problem, both chambers voted on the same version of the bill and off it can go to the governor. But most bills are changed while they're in their non-originating chamber, and so we enter the period called "Conference."

If the House has passed one version of the bill, and the Senate has passed another, the Conference Committees appointed by House and Senate leadership for that particular bill will try to iron out the differences and come to an agreement on the final version of the bill to be presented to their chambers. Bills can still die here. Conference committees may not be named, may fail to convene, or may not come to an agreement. The fate of your bill may be tied to the fate of other bills being negotiated by *other* conference committees. The meetings are open to the public, but usually only the chairs speak to one another and often the dialogue is simply, "Do we have an agreement?" and, if not, whether to give up or agree on the date and time for the next meeting.

This is when they may correct those crazy effective dates. It's also when the money committees determine which bills get funded, and those blank dollar amounts get filled in.



# YOUR VOICE



## Advocate to Conferees

**... and any other legislators  
you've developed a  
relationship with...**

While the meetings are open to the public, no testimony is received. Instead, advocates contact the conference members and anyone else they think may have some influence over the outcome. Advocates may focus on which particulars they want to see in the final bill.

The conferees need to come to agreement by the Final Decking deadline. For the budget and other appropriations bills, you'll see that there's a "Final Decking (**Fiscal Bills**)" deadline.

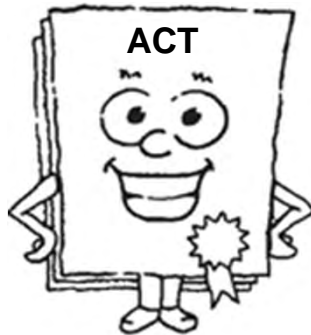
## Final Reading



Both chambers must vote on final version of bill  
by the end of session

Finally, if the bill emerges from conference committee with a conference draft (CD1), that new version of the bill must be voted on by both the House and the Senate. The Final Reading must take place by the end of session (adjournment *sine die*) and members must be given 48 hours notice before the vote.

# YOUR VOICE



**Let the Governor know  
your view**

But it's not over yet! The Governor has a say in whether the bill becomes law. You may want to let the Governor know that he should sign the bill into law – or let him know if you want it vetoed! If it does get signed (or not vetoed by a certain date), the bill becomes an act of law that governs the state of Hawaii. The date the law goes into effect is specified in the last section of the bill.

*Note: If the bill is vetoed, there's still an opportunity for it to become law – the House and Senate can reconvene in special session, and if both chambers override the veto with a 2/3 vote, the bill is enacted. The legislature also has the option of amending a vetoed bill to meet the governor's objections; it then becomes law if the governor signs it.*



Did your bill pass? Did you get what you wanted out of the committee hearings you submitted testimony for? Were the changes made to the bill acceptable compromises that still move your issue forward?

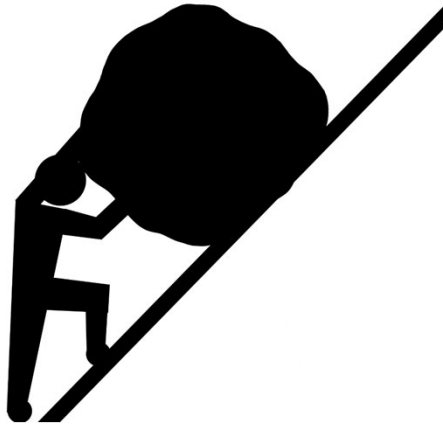
Amazing. Take time to thank the people who heard you and others who helped along the way!



Throughout session, though, this is more likely for a lot of folks. Often, they're disappointed to see their bill die, right there in front of them. It helps to remember the bright side – Did a hearing spark good discussion on an issue? Raise awareness? Identify potential allies? Often, you can take a step back and find some progress that's been made.

Even though the process of making a law may seem slow (it can take years) and is often frustrating, the process keeps a lot of "bad" legislation from coming into law. Just read through the descriptions of all the bills introduced at the start of session – you're sure to see some things you disagree with!

**Don't give up –**



**get ready for next year's session!**

If your bill dies...keep at it and remember that “many hands make light work.” The process is often long and complicated, so having other people involved will both increase your chances and keep you from burning out. Go over what happened during this year’s session and get ready for next year.

## “The Interim”

May be easier to  
find time with  
legislators



And remember how important the interim is – the time between legislative sessions.

If your bill dies, the following interim is a good time to start stirring up interest in reviving it. Debrief and consult with allies about what worked and what didn't during session. Work with other stake holders to find points of acceptable compromise. Teach the legislators and/or the community more about your issue. Perhaps ask a legislator to draft a new bill that may stand a better chance of passage.

After the flurry of session, you'll find the capitol so much more relaxed during interim! It's a great time to talk with legislators and their staff.

*Before you know it...*

**It'll be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January,  
And the whole process begins  
again\*...**

**\*Actually, it's a two-year cycle that follows the  
elections...**

We didn't want to confuse you at the outset, but if your bill dies in an odd-numbered year, the first year of the 2-year legislative cycle (a biennium), it's not really dead(!).

In the first year of a biennium, any bill that didn't pass out of the legislature actually just goes into a coma. We say that it "died" but it's actually a potential "zombie" that could come back to life. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, in addition to all the new bills legislators will introduce, bills from the 1<sup>st</sup> year can be revived at exactly the same place they "died."

**BUT** at the end of the even-numbered year, the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium, if it hasn't passed into law, it is really truly finally absolutely totally DEAD.

We'll have elections in November of the even-numbered year, and a new biennium begins the following January with all new bills introduced.

That's no reason to stop your campaign, though. Remember, more than just a specific bill, you're advocating for an idea! You can make a list of what you'd like a bill to do, take it to a legislator, ask that person to introduce a bill for you the following year... and it starts all over again.



## Add Your Voice

- Talk with legislators
- Suggest a bill
- Ask for a hearing
- Testify
- Lobby the chamber
- Contact the governor
- Keep at it!

So, as we've seen, there's a lot you can do at the legislature...

**Confused?**  
**Not to worry!**  
**PAR's happy to help!**

We know it all can seem a bit overwhelming and confusing. This is a lot of information! But the Public Access Room was established by the legislature as a resource to help to answer any of your questions and help you understand and learn more about the process.

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- Help, information, and training at **no charge**
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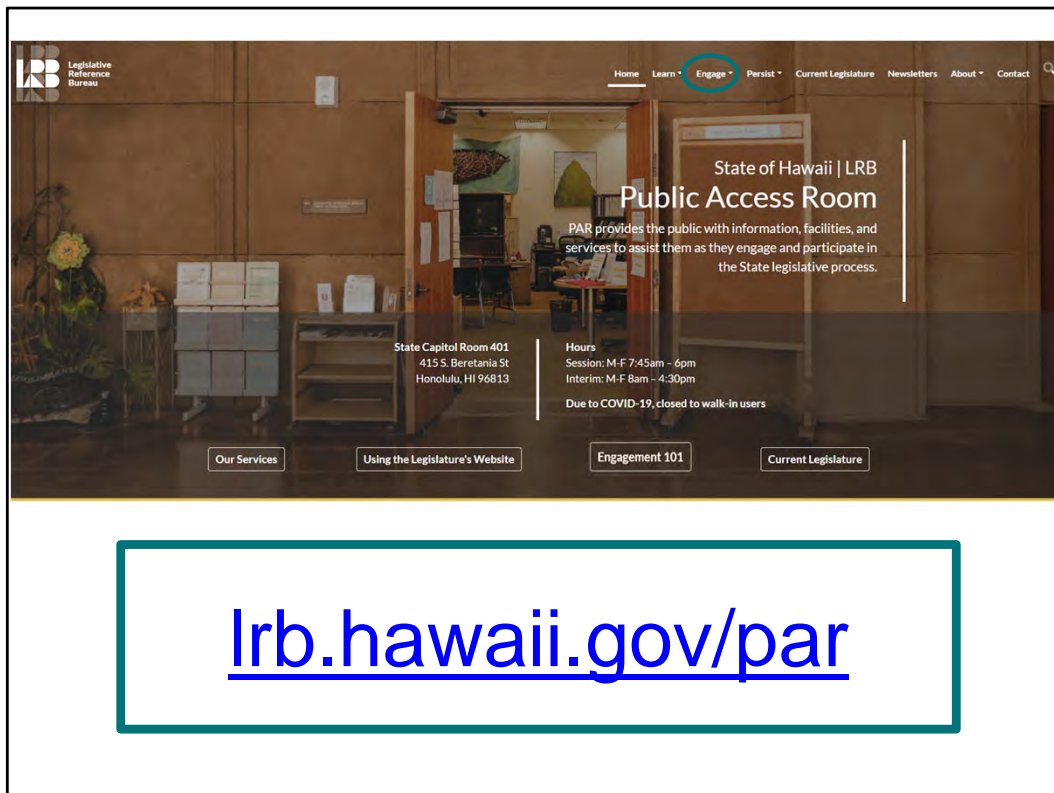
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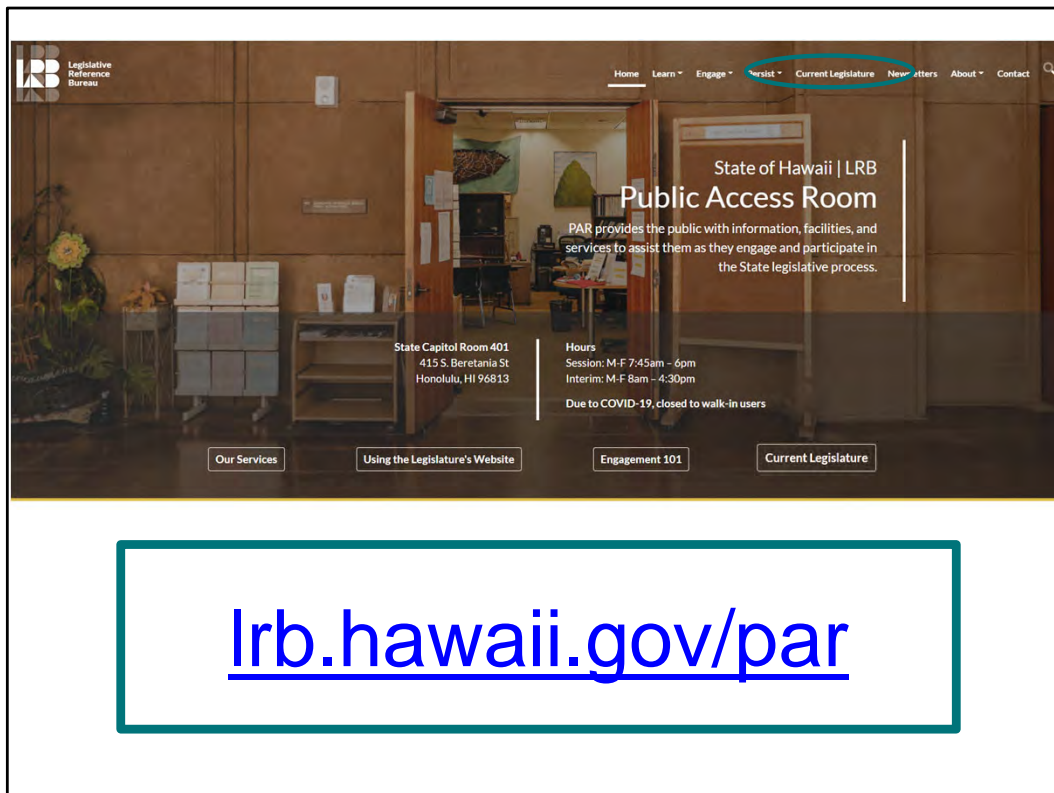
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There are many helpful handouts on the PAR website, <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/> .



Our website has a lot of helpful information! Check out the “Engagement 101” shortcut, or find it under the “Engage” tab. You’ll find “How To” handouts and videos on using the legislature’s website’s interactive features.

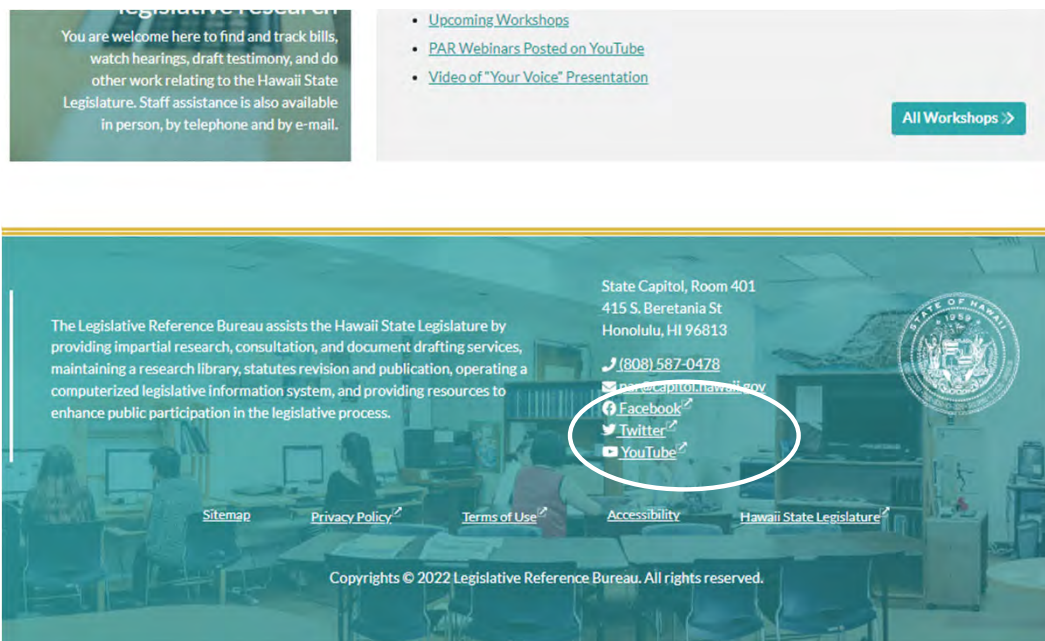


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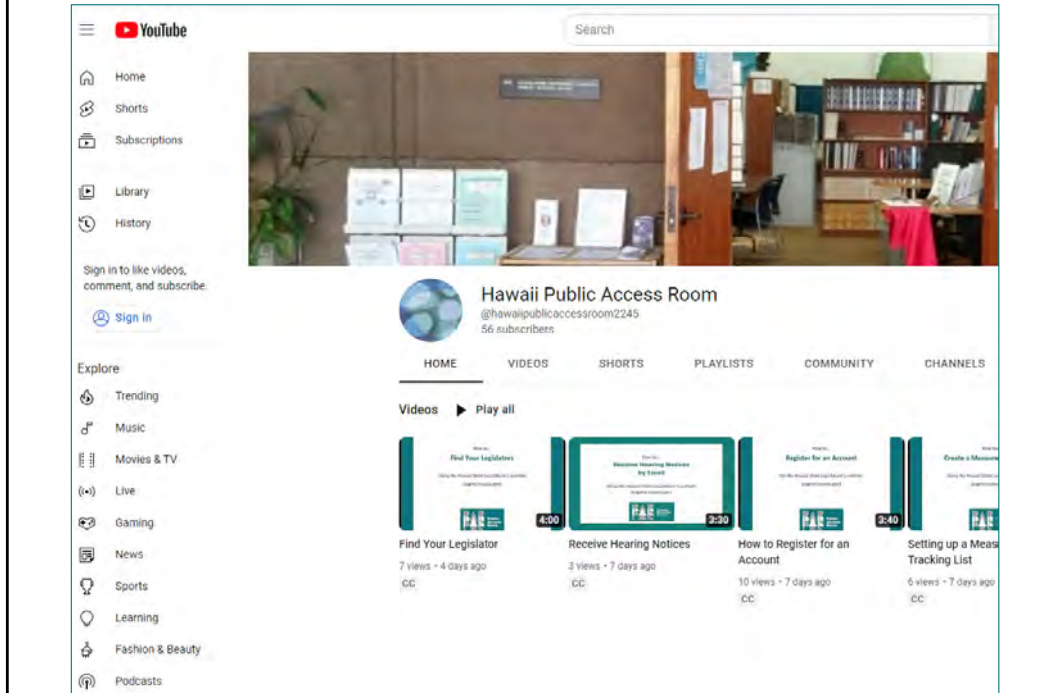
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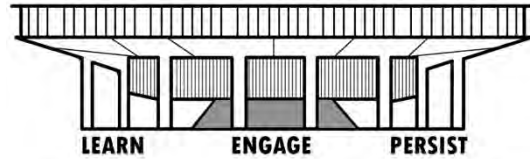
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***Whew!***

Whew!

Keep it up!



Warning:

No known cure for  
the advocacy virus

Keep it up! If you're reading this, you've obviously contracted the virus –

However, treatment is available...

**Participate** in **your** democracy



Treatment is available – Participate in your democracy. You're always welcome in the Public Access Room!

Of course, we live in the  
real world...

And this is how others might  
depict the process –

We've talked about how bills become laws, but of course, we live in the real world. Here's how others might describe the process...

## HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW



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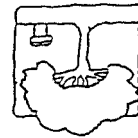
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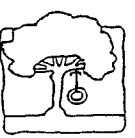
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WHAT WAS ACTUALLY  
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- We get a legislator to introduce a bill for a double-decker tree swing. Wonderful.
- But then, it gets changed in one of the committees. They insist it should be double-wide instead. Fine. We can live with that.
- It then gets changed again, this time on the floor during second reading (this can happen – though it doesn't very often). Strange change, though, as now it's not going to be of any use to anyone! It's blocked by the tree trunk!
- Luckily, before the bill is enacted they've fixed it, sort of – they've dissected the tree trunk, put up support braces – it's not very pretty, but I guess it's something. Someone's going to hit their head though...
- Unfortunately, along the way the funding provision got stripped from the bill so there was no money allocated to do anything.
- So, the state agency does what it can, which isn't much help – it's a useless swing, lying on the ground.
- Along the way, the media's reported on all of this, but at times they seem to have things completely upside down.
- As for the public, it's not even on their radar! Not at all.
- And what was actually needed, was a tire swing. That would have been the best solution.

So, this is to illustrate a couple of things: 1) Keep your sense of humor. Helping to shape laws is a serious thing but keeping your sense of humor will help to keep you sane. 2) Don't be too wedded to your initial vision. If we were sure the double-decker tree swing was the only answer, we would be blind to a much better solution!

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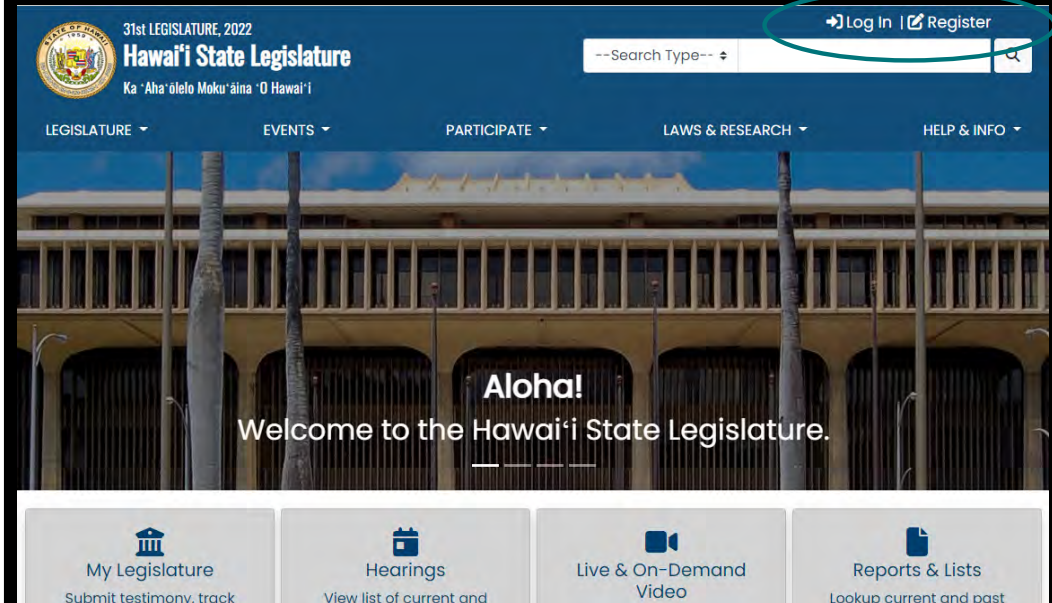
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

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
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<b>SB2067 SD1</b> <b>Burial Sites: Coastal Erosion: State Historic Preservation Division: Office of Hawaiian Affairs: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.</small> Establishes an inter-division program between the State Historic Preservation Division, Land Division, county burial councils, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that addresses the location, movement, and restoration of Hawaiian burial sites, or "lei," exposed or likely to be exposed to coastal erosion. (SD1)		(s) 2/3/2022 - Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	INOUE, MISALUCHA, Kanuha, Keith-Agaran	HMN/WTJ, WAM	
<b>HB1095</b> <b>Feral Chickens: State Parks: DLNR: Division of State Parks: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS.</small> Appropriates funds for the department of land and natural resources division of state parks to establish a program to eradicate feral chickens in state parks.	Keep July up to date on this one.	(H) 2/3/2022 - The committee(s) on WML recommend(s) that the measure be deferred.	SAYAMA, HASHIMOTO, ILAGAN, KITAGAWA, LOPESTI, MATAYOSHI, MZUND, TARNAS, WILDBERGER, Tam	WML, FDN	
<b>SB2760 SD1</b> <b>Trails: Access: Na Ala Hele Program: Positions: Department of Land and Natural Resources: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO TRAILS.</small> Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent land and access specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent abstractor position within the Na Ala Hele program for the protection and expansion of public trail access statewide. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)		(s) 2/4/2022 - Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, KETH-AGARAN, LEE, MISALUCHA, RYIERE, SAN BERNVENTURA, Galdano, Iliana, Kishii	WTL, WAM	HB1656
<b>HB2413 HD1</b> <b>Department of Land and Natural Resources: State Parks: Feasibility Study: User Fees: Revenue Enhancements</b> <small>RELATING TO STATE PARKS.</small> Requires the department of land and natural resources to conduct a feasibility study on a revenue-generating and management system of user fees for Hawaii's state parks and to submit a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)		(s) 3/11/2022 - Referred to WTL, WAM.	KITAGAWA, BELATTI, BRANCO, ELI, GANADEN, HASHIMOTO, ILAGAN, JOHANSON, MATAYOSHI, MORDAWIA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, WILDBERGER, Nakamura	WTL, WAM	
<b>HB2417 HD1</b> <b>DLNR: Leases: Extension: Direct Negotiation: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.</small> Requires DLNR to review the final report of the house of representatives' investigative committee established under House Resolution No. 164, Regular Session of 2021, for the purpose of conducting a policy analysis and developing proposed legislation. Appropriates funds for DLNR to conduct the policy analysis and implement the report's recommendations. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)		(s) 3/16/2022 - The committee(s) on WTL debated the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 03-16-22 1:00PM, Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	BELATTI, HASHEM, ICHIVAMA, D. KOBAYASHI, OKIMOTO, PERRUSO, TARNAS, YAMAGUCHI	WTL, WAM	
<b>HB1705 HD1 SD1</b> <b>HDCA: Agricultural Park Leases: Extension</b> <small>RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES.</small> Allows the Department of Agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of 15 years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is 25 acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than 500,000. (SD1)		(H) 7/13/2022 - Vetoed (Gov. Msg. No. 1387).	TOOO, ILAGAN, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, TARNAS	AEN/WTJ, WAM	
<b>HB2288 HD2 SD2 CD1</b> <b>DHHL: Land Transfer</b> <small>RELATING TO LAND.</small> Authorizes the negotiation of the transfer of certain land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. (CD1)		(H) 7/13/2022 - Became law without the Governor's signature. Act 316, 07/13/2022. (Gov. Msg. No. 1445).	BRANCO, HASHIMOTO, HOLO, ILAGAN, MORDAWIA, SAYAMA, TARNAS, Belatti, Luke	WAL/HET, JSA, FDN	
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<b>HB2288 HD2 SD2 CD1</b> <b>DHHL: Land Transfer</b> <small>RELATING TO LAND.</small> <small>Authorizes the negotiation of the transfer of certain land to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. (CD1)</small>		(H) 7/13/2022 - Became law without the Governor's signature. Act 316, 07/13/2022, (Gov. Msg. No. 1445).	BRANCO, HASHIMOTO, HOIT, ILAGAN, MORIKAWA, SAYAMA, TARNAS, Belatti, Luke	WAL/HET, JNA, FIN	
<b>HB2413 HD1</b> <b>Department of Land and Natural Resources: State Parks: Feasibility Study: User Fees: Revenue Enhancements</b> <small>RELATING TO STATE PARKS.</small> <small>Requires the department of land and natural resources to conduct a feasibility study on a revenue-generating and management system of user fees for Hawaii's state parks and to submit a report to the legislature. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</small>		(S) 3/11/2022 - Referred to WTL, WAM.	KITAGAWA, BELATTI, BRANCO, ELI, GANADEN, HASHIMOTO, ILAGAN, JOHANGSON, MATAYOGHI, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, OHNO, PERRUSO, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAP, TARNAS, WILDBERGER, Nakamura	WTL, WAM	
<b>HB2417 HD1</b> <b>DLNR: Leases: Extension: Direct Negotiation: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.</small> <small>Requires DLNR to review the final report of the house of representatives' investigative committee established under House Resolution No. 164, Regular Session of 2021, for the purpose of conducting a policy analysis and developing proposed legislation. Appropriates funds for DLNR to conduct the policy analysis and implement the report's recommendations. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)</small>		(S) 3/16/2022 - The committee(s) on WTL deferred the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 03-16-22 1:00PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	BELATTI, HASHEM, ICHIVANA, D. KOBAYASHI, OKIMOTO, PERRUSO, TARNAS, YAMASHITA	WTL, WAM	
<b>SB2067 SD1</b> <b>Burial Sites: Coastal Erosion: State Historic Preservation Division: Office of Hawaiian Affairs: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO BURIAL SITES.</small> <small>Establishes an inter-division program between the State Historic Preservation Division, Land Division, county burial councils, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs that addresses the location, movement, and restoration of Hawaiian burial sites, or 'he', exposed or likely to be exposed to coastal erosion. (SD1)</small>		(S) 2/3/2022 - Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	INOUE, MISALUCHA, Kamsu, Keith-Agaran	HWN/WTL, WAM	
<b>SB2760 SD1</b> <b>Trails: Access: Na Ala Hele Program: Positions: Department of Land and Natural Resources: Appropriation</b> <small>RELATING TO TRAILS.</small> <small>Appropriates moneys for the establishment of a permanent full-time equivalent land and access specialist position and a permanent full-time equivalent contractor position within the Na Ala Hele program for the protection and expansion of public trail access statewide. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)</small>		(S) 2/4/2022 - Report adopted; Passed Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referred to WAM.	INOUE, CHANG, KEITH-AGARAN, LEE, MISALUCHA, RIVIERE, SAN BUIENVENTURA, Gabbard, Thera, Kidani	WTL, WAM	HB1656
<b>SB2768 SD2 HD1 CD1</b> <b>Department of Land and Natural Resources: Grass Take Youth Corps: Sustainability: Appropriation</b>					

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<b>HB1705 HD1 SD1</b> <b>HCCA Agricultural Park Leases: Extension</b> RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PARK LEASES. Allows the Department of Agriculture to extend the agricultural park lease of any lessee who holds a lease with a remaining term of 15 years or less; provided that the land covered by the lease is 25 acres or less and located in a county with a population of less than 500,000. (SD1)		(H) 2/13/2022 - Vetted (Gov. Reg. No. 1387).	TODD, ILAGAN, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, TARNAS	AEN/WTL, WAM	
<b>SB2768 SD2 HD1 CD1</b> <b>Department of Land and Natural Resources: Green Jobs Youth Corps: Sustainability: Appropriation</b> RELATING TO THE HAWAII YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS. Authorizes the Governor to designate the Department of Land and Natural Resources to administer or enter into an agreement for the administration of a green jobs youth corps to provide temporary work and training opportunities in the fields of natural resource management, agriculture, or other sustainability-related professions to young adults ages thirty-eight and younger. Requires the Department to partner with an organization that has received accreditation from the Corps Center of Excellence Accreditation Program or has at least ten years of experience providing similar programming statewide in the State, or both. Appropriates funds. (CD1)	#1: Priority	(H) 8/13/2022 - Act 633, on 06/08/2022 (Gov. Reg. No. 1133).	INOUE, ACASIO, KEITHAGARAN, LEE, MISSALLUCHA, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Shara, Riviere, Wake	WAL, FIN	HB1989
<b>HB2417 HD1</b> <b>DNR: Leases: Extension: Direct Negotiation: Appropriation</b> RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS. Requires DNR to review the final report of the house of representatives' investigative committee established under House Resolution No. 164, Regular Session of 2021, for the purpose of conducting a policy analysis and developing proposed legislation. Appropriates funds for DNR to conduct the policy analysis and implement the report's recommendations. Effective 7/1/2050. (HD1)		(S) 3/16/2022 - The committee(s) on WTL deleted the measure from the public hearing scheduled on 03-16-22 1:00PM; Conference Room 229 & Videoconference.	BEIATTI, HASHEM, ICHYAMA, D. KOBAYASHI, OKIMOTO, PERRUSO, TARNAS, YAMASHITA	WTL, WAM	
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