Your Voice

It’s your government.
The Legislature needs you
to add your VOICE
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at the State Capitol
One of only two full service offices in the nation to help people participate in their state government
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Public Access Room (PAR)

- Help, information and training at no charge
- Non-partisan
- Lots of resources!
  - Guidance on process
  - Computers with internet
  - Wireless access & recharge station
  - Copies of testimony
  - Helpful handouts
  - Workshops and tutorials
Separation of Powers
3 equal branches of government

- **Legislative**
  - Make the law

- **Executive**
  - Implement the law

- **Judiciary**
  - Interpret the law
Today, we’re talking about one level of this branch of government.

NATIONAL

U.S. Congress passes laws that govern the entire country.

STATE

State Legislature passes laws that govern Hawaii.

COUNTY

Each council passes laws that govern their county.
Hawaii State Legislature
= two-chambered, lawmaking body

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What do these lawmakers do?

- as your representatives and senators
- on committees focused on particular subject matter
- in leadership roles to enhance their effectiveness
To find out who represents you, the Legislature’s website has made it this simple...!

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Go
# Find Legislators

To find out who your State Legislators are, please enter your street or road name. Do not use address numbers. If your street name contains "East" or "West", you may need to try both "E" and "East" or "W" and "West" to find your legislators. Do NOT add the words street, road, avenue, highway, or any street abbreviations.

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Representative Chris Todd

House District 2
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reptodd@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Member of the following committees:
Human Services
Consumer Protection & Commerce
Health

Representative Chris Todd of District 2, Keaukaha, parts of Hilo, Pana‘ewa, and Waiakea, serves as the Vice Chair of the Committee on Human Services, and as a member of the Committees on Consumer Protection & Commerce and Health.

Born and raised in Hilo, Hawaii, he is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Hilo with a degree in economics and political science. Representative Todd held several positions at Suisan Fish Market before becoming distribution manager for Hawaii Paper Products in 2016 and was appointed to serve as the Representative from the Second

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Go to Representative Chris Todd's photoset

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May 3, 2017


April 26, 2017

State Budget Takes Shape

Leaders in the state House and Senate agreed to a budget deal that includes funding for extending Saddle Road to Queen Kaahumanu Highway, responding to rat lungworm disease and containing rapid ohia death. View full article.
Recent Updates

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Roz Baker has represented the people of Maui County in the Hawai‘i State Legislature for over 21 years serving in a variety of leadership positions. She currently represents the 6th Senate District (South and West Maui) and is Chair of the Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee. She is a long-time advocate for issues that affect the quality of life for the average person, such as access to health care, quality public education, equity in the workplace, equal rights for all, community issues such as prevention of domestic violence and sex assault, care for elders, and promoting sustainable economic development focusing on green industries with...
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AEN
Senate Committee on
Agriculture and Environment

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The purview of this committee includes agriculture and aquaculture, including mariculture; and population, environmental quality control and protection, including litter control, recycling, wastewater treatment, endangered species, invasive species and hazardous waste.

AEN Measures Scheduled for Hearing (Current Notices)
No Hearings Scheduled

AEN Measures in 2019

Measure and Title

SB20
RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

SB21
Don’t forget the most important participants in State legislative government...
People like you!
What can you do?

- elect State Senator (every 4 years)
- elect State Representative (every 2 years)
- vote on proposed amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution
- run for office or help someone else do so
- communicate views and priorities
- offer testimony on proposed legislation
- join with others to amplify your voice
YOUR VOICE

Communicate with Your Legislators

• Always appropriate
• District issues needing attention
• Your priorities for the House and Senate to focus on
COMMUNICATE YOUR POSITION

Time for a Letter…
Email…
Phone call…

Make sure your elected officials are aware of your concerns and your position on issues important to you

- “But they won’t listen to me!”
- “Have you contacted your Senator and Representative to let them know what you think?”
Keep It Short and Simple

• Quickly get to the point
• Respect legislators’ time
• Provide additional detail when asked for
Make your letter effective

- Be brief, clear, and to the point.
  - one or two pages
  - your own words.
  - be courteous.
- Explain your position and why it matters.
- Include your return address or contact information. Sign your name legibly (or print it below your signature).
PAR can help you!

Psst... tell your friends!
When does all the lawmaking happen?

Important DATE!
Most of the calendar year is ‘interim’ – the time between regular legislative sessions

Per the State Constitution, session starts on the 3rd Wednesday in January each year...

Session starts mid-January

Ends late April or early May
The Legislative Calendar

In late December or early January...

The Senate President and House Speaker will publish an official schedule of deadlines

The 2015 Session Calendar

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. 

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JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

Legislative session starts at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of January. Bills bundled together by common interest groups and accepted and labeled as a bill to the assembled joint legislature. The address presents an opportunity for the stations and initiatives. Many visitors come to the Capitol to hear the Governor's speech (ground floor/assembly level).

It is known as the “Governor’s Package.” The bills are prepared by executive branch on behalf of the executive branch by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to the assembled joint legislature. The address presents an opportunity to report on the House and the Senate clerk, who gives it a number with an HB or SB number. After First Reading, it is given its committee referrals which specify which House and Senate committees may introduce bills. [Note: At introduction, each bill is given a “Bill number” (www.capitol.hawaii.gov) and used to track all the measures of each house.]

Committees — “Grant” refers to an award of appropriated state funds by the legislative body. Also known as “Grant-in-Aid.” “Subsidy” refers to a similar award to a recipient to be public.

Committees must be in their second-to-last committee by this date. (Note: A referral to a allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to the last committee in their committee, so those with multiple referrals, must move to their final committee in the
Legislative calendar in upper left
Opening Day

• Ceremonial proceedings & festivities
• Opportunity to meet allies, network
• Learn where everybody’s office is
• Come into PAR for our opening day celebration (featuring cheap crackers and rich conversation and our almost-famous punch!)
YOUR VOICE

Share an **Idea** for a New Law

- A legislator can translate your idea into a bill
- If the bill is successful, it will become an act of law
Summarize the problem (or the opportunity)

• Then list what you think a law should do
• Bullet points may help
• You want a legislator to quickly grasp what you’re trying to say
To start a bill through the process, you need to find a legislator who likes your idea (or is at least willing to introduce the bill for you).

Start with:

• Representative and Senator who represent you

• Chair and/or members of relevant committee

• Members who have supported similar issues in past
Per the State Constitution, session starts on the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Wednesday in January each year... Next year, that will be **January 15, 2020.**
WARNING: DEADLINE

Short window to introduce bills: deadline is often only 1 week after start of session

(so use the time before session to get your ducks in a row!)
The legislator will have the idea drafted into a **BILL** that will be **INTRODUCED** at the start of **Regular Session**.

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**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 state’s population would help to decrease the number of cars on our roads, improve air and water quality, and encourage a healthier lifestyle among large portions of Hawaii’s population. Ownership of a bicycle greatly increases the...
Here’s a brief glimpse of what’s to come in a bill’s life...

• Successfully pass through all committees the House and Senate have referred it to and

• Successfully pass three readings in both the House and Senate chambers (where all the members convene) and

• Have both House and Senate agree on exact wording and

• Be signed or allowed to come into law by Governor, or House and Senate successfully overrides his veto
And, it’s got to get through all of these things by certain dates – affectionately known as "DEADLINES"
First Reading = no big deal

Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber
You’ll soon find out what committees the bill needs to go through...
Your Voice

Ask for a Public Hearing

- You need to move quickly!
- Get others to advocate for a hearing, too
- If your bill fails to get heard, look for other bills that may be similar
Go to the person with the power: Ask the **Chair of the Committee** to schedule the bill for a hearing
If it *doesn’t* get heard, it will miss upcoming deadlines and will “die in committee” (the fate of most bills)
2017: WHERE BILLS DIED (FIGURES ARE ROUGH)

- No Hearing*: 1172 (40%)
- Heard, Failed 1st Lateral: 69 (2%)
- Failed 1st Crossover: 217 (7%)
- Failed 2nd Crossover: 130 (4%)
- Died in Conference (or Failed Final Reading): 394 (14%)
- Enacted: 923 (32%)

Total bills introduced = 2,918

* Remember, there is a lot of duplication between the bills introduced, and some are short-form (empty) bills.
If your bill *does* get scheduled for a public hearing...
YOUR VOICE

Testify!

• Offer your view on why the bill should become law (or shouldn’t)
• Time is always short! Try to get it in by the deadline
• Get others to testify, too
Testimony

- Communication **to the committee** regarding your position on a bill being considered
- Can only offer when the measure is **scheduled for a hearing**
- Usually, **time is short**! (may have less than 24 hours)
Guidelines for how and when to offer testimony appear at the end of the hearing notice.
You can provide WRITTEN and/or ORAL (spoken) testimony
No rules regarding what your written testimony needs to look like or sound like.

That’s up to you.
Written Testimony

• Bill number
• Your name
• Are you for or against the bill?
• Why?
Remember...

✓ You don’t have to be an expert
✓ Stories are great
✓ Use your own words
✓ Keep it short
Many ways to submit written testimony...

- Deliver it
- Email it
- Fax it
- Use “Submit Testimony” button
To use the web form to submit testimony
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Enter Bill or Measure

Examples: HB100 or SB123 (not case sensitive)

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Upcoming Hearing for HB2017 HD1

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Your position on HB2017 HD1

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Comments Only

Will you be testifying in person at the hearing?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Testifying on behalf of an

- ☐ Individual (ex. testifying as an individual citizen)
- ☐ Organization (ex. representing government agency, non-profit, business, etc.)
You can then “attach” your testimony file.

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The name of the file you uploaded appears here

Or you can type your testimony here. This textbox enables formatting.
Successfully submitted

Not yet submitted; still available for edits
Oral Testimony

Let them Hear your Voice!

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

• Short and simple (2-3 minutes)
  – 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!

• Tell the truth and do not exaggerate. Become a trusted resource!
Find others who agree with your position to amplify your voice

- Let them know how easy it is to testify
- Make use of organizations to help spread the word
- Listen to those who disagree with you – they may be your best teachers
After all the testimony has been heard...
The Committee may...

- Vote to **pass the bill without changes** (unamended or “as is”)
- Vote to **pass the bill with changes** (amended)
- **Not vote!** Hold or defer the bill
  - If they don’t set a date for decision making, it may not get voted on at all (it will then die in committee)
If changes *have* occurred...

Changes may be minor or significant
If changes *have* occurred...

- Bill must always conform to its **title**
- Effective date may be **far in future** “to ensure further discussion”
- Dollar amounts may be **blanked out**
- Changes will be summarized in the **committee report**, published with the new draft
The bill is given a **new draft number**...

It keeps the **same bill number** (SB1, for example), but is given a **new draft number**

**SB1 SD2 HD2**

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO STATE RECOGNITION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE FOR 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 Native Hawaiians to publish the roll for the purpose of organizing a convention of qualified Native Hawaiians. Appropriates unspecified funds. Effective January 7, 2059. (SB1 HD2)
# SB2013 SD1 HD2 CD1

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO CIVIL IDENTIFICATION.

**Report Title:** Civil Identification; Identification Renewal; Homebound Individuals

Requires the Director of Transportation to adopt rules to allow an individual who has a letter from a licensed primary care provider certifying that a severe disability causes the individual to be homebound to renew a State identification card by means other than an in person appearance. (CD1)

| Introducer(s): | INOuye, BAKER, S. CHANG, DELA CRUZ, GABBARD, GALUTERIA, HARIMOTO, KIDANI, KIM, NISHIHARA, Ihara, Riviere |

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Second Reading = usually before the last committee

Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber
YOUR VOICE

If your bill was passed...

• Ask to have it heard at the next committee
• Offer testimony
• Repeat as necessary! (on the way to becoming law, a bill will need to be heard by more than one committee)
Third Reading = after last committee

Bills must pass 3 readings (votes) on the floor of each chamber
For a bill to become law it must get through both the House and the Senate... and have them agree on the exact wording.
To find agreement, leadership appoints members to **Conference Committees** for each bill that has passed the House and Senate in different versions.

Conference committees try to reach agreement on final version of the bill.
Final Reading

Both chambers must vote on final version of bill
Let the Governor know your view

- After it passes the Legislature, your bill still needs to be enacted
- Governor has deadlines to sign, veto, or allow to become law
Don’t give up –

get ready for next year’s session!
“The Interim”

• 70% of the calendar year
• Valuable opportunity for research, persuasion and action
• May be easier to find time with legislators
Before you know it...

It’ll be the 3rd Wednesday in January,
And the whole process begins again*...

*Actually, it’s a **two-year cycle** – in even numbered years, the session starts out with all the bills from the previous year still in the pipeline – just in case someone wants to act on them. In odd-numbered years, it starts afresh.
Confused?
Not to worry!
PAR’s happy to help!

• Ask questions
• Learn more about the process
• Find online resources
This is a lot of information!

So, when you’re trying to figure out where to find something

Remember...
PAR can Help!
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PAR’s website: LRBhawaii.org/PAR

WELCOME to the Public Access Room
PAR serves the citizens of Hawaiʻi by providing facilities, services and equipment to enhance their ability to participate in the legislative process. You are welcome here to track and affect legislation pending before the Hawaiʻi State Legislature. Staff assistance is available in person, by telephone and by e-mail.

PAR is a division of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

An Overview of the Public Access Room (pdf, 180kB)

Our newsletter for March. (Adobe PDF, 700 kB)
*Answers to our Crossword Puzzle! Download the pdf.*

Our Public Access Room Blog
Occasional news and alerts from your office at the Capitol!

*New* Brown Bag Workshops
In April we will be offering a series of "Legislature 201" workshops for the public.

- Floor Sessions and Orders of the Day: Tuesday, April 7th,
PAR can Help!

• PAR website offers handy lists, manuals and tips
• Subscribe to our email list and receive newsletters and notices
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• **Call or email us** – we can save you time by pointing you in the right direction
A last few things for you to explore:

- Reports and lists
- Sign up for Hearing Notices
- Measure tracking
- Archives
- HRS
• **Reports and lists**

• **Deadline tracking** (find out what’s still alive)

• What’s in a **committee**, what’s come out...

• What a **legislator** has introduced

• **Packages** of bills

• **Subject search** (**great** way to find bills!)

• And a lot more... **explore!**

*Lots to be Found Here!*
Find it in the center of the Legislature’s homepage (capitol.hawaii.gov)
After you click on the “Reports and Lists” button, the page opens in “Deadline Tracking” mode.
For example, you can find a handy list showing only the bills that have survived the First Crossover deadline.

Helpful Features

- easy to search using your web browser
- can view descriptions and current status
- can download to Excel
• Sign up for Hearing Notices
You can even sign up to receive emails whenever hearings are scheduled...
Aloha!

If you are a first-time user, you may visit the General Information and FAQs page for additional help navigating the website. You may also see the help page for assistance in creating an account.

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Submit Testimony  Hearing Notification  Measure Tracking
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Submit Testimony  📬

Hearing Notification  🔊

Measure Tracking  ✅

Legislators  ⚖️

Committees  🧑‍❤️‍🧑

Reports and Lists  📑

Hearings  🗣️

Order of the Day  📝

Broadcasts/Video  📻
You can choose to receive hearing notices only when certain bill numbers are scheduled...

Or you can choose to receive all the hearing notices issued by particular committees...

Best of all -- you can change your selections as often as you like!
• Measure tracking

It’s easy to set up Tracking Lists

• First, Create a list – just name it something!
• Then populate the list with the bills and resolutions you’re interested in
• When you’re done, ask it to generate the report – print it out using the landscape orientation (or print it as a .pdf document, and email it to your colleagues)
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Measure Tracking
Create lists of measures, enter customized notes on measures, and get started!

Enter a name and click Create List to store the measures you wish to track. Use Show List to begin adding measures to that list.

(List names have a 21 character limit)

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Priority Ag Bills

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Priority Ag Bills

sb3084 |  Add a Measure  Generate Report

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If you add notes, be sure to click “Save”
When you’re done adding to your list, “Generate Report”

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A beautiful report!

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To see what’s changed recently, click the “Current Status” header...

| Measure Tracking Report: Assist Task Force |  
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| SB725 |  |  |  |  |
| SB762 SD1 |  |  |  |  |
| SB1207 SD1 |  |  |  |  |
| SB1282 SD2 HD1 |  |  |  |  |
To arrange your report by measure number, click the "Measure" heading...
Tips on Bill Tracking Lists

• Can make just one list, or make lots of them – whatever works best for you

• Print out landscape style

• **Convert to .pdf** if want to email to folks

• Instead of just deleting ‘dead’ measures from your list, may want to create a “Dead Measures” list – check it on occasion, strange things happen (this is also a good idea for 1st year of the interim)
• Archives

Find information from past years using the “Archives” bar on the right side of the Legislature’s homepage.
Lists the previous sessions back to 1999 – just pick the one you want
Takes you back in time!

Helpful reports and lists – to make your life easier!
One last thing…
The online version of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

There are 14 volumes
Find existing laws by using the “Hawaii Revised Statutes” section.
You can search for words or phrases
The Table of Contents allows you to scroll through the HRS

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The Index and Supplemental Index are helpful when you’re not sure what terms to use.
If you need to find “§291C-146,” you can “Browse the HRS Sections” to go right to it…
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§291C-146 Carrying articles. No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the use of both hands in the control and operation of the bicycle. A person operating a bicycle shall keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times. [L 1971, c 150, pt of §1; am L 1984, c 273, §13]
Whew!
Keep it up!

Warning: There is no known cure for the political virus.
However, treatment *is* available...

**Participate in your democracy**
Of course, we live in the real world...

And this is how others might depict the process –
HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

AS INTRODUCED

AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE

AS AMENDED ON SECOND READING

AS ENACTED

AS FUNDED BY JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

AS IMPLEMENTED BY THE STATE AGENCY

AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA

AS UNDERSTOOD BY THE PUBLIC

WHAT WAS ACTUALLY NEEDED
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