GET ACTIVE AT THE LEGISLATURE

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October is a great month to learn more!





Odd Things Happen





Coffee Hour with PAR

Virtual Workshops



No matter where you are or how much you know, we've got a workshop or tutorial for you! Just call or email us at the Public Access Room (PAR) — (808) 587-0478 or <u>par@capitol.hawaii.gov</u> — and we'll get you set up. Below are some of the classes we're currently offering. When we've got you scheduled, we'll email you the Zoom link. And don't forget to join us for Coffee Hour with PAR on Friday's at 3 p.m.! It's a chance to ask questions and discuss all things legislative in a non-partisan environment.

"Your Voice" — An Overview



The hour-long "Your Voice" workshop is a great place to start if you're new to the legislative environment or it's been a while since you were active.

We'll cover the make up of the legislature, how a bill becomes a law, and some great tips on using the website. Most importantly, you'll hear how you can add *your* voice each step of the way!

"Odd Things Happen" — An Exploration



Have you been through a few legislative sessions? Already know the ropes of how a bill becomes a law? Then you've probably noticed that sometimes a bill, while still following the rules, takes a less than traditional route.

We'll explore some of the odd things that happen at the legislature, just so you won't be surprised if things don't always follow the usual path. Learn about the rules that govern the action at the capitol.

"The Calendar at the Capitol" — A Bird's Eye View of the Action



Sometimes timing is important! Get an overview of how the calendar year unfolds here at the capitol, and how you can make the most of it.

We'll cover the broad sweep of things and discuss the ongoing effort that is often needed to move an idea forward.

Coffee Hour with PAR



Join us for Coffee Hour with PAR on Friday's at 3 p.m. At that time, just open Zoom and enter the meeting ID 990 4865 9652 (or click this link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/99048659652</u>).

PAR staff will be available to answer questions and to discuss the legislative process. Not sure? Connect and listen to the conversation — you may be surprised at what you learn.

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