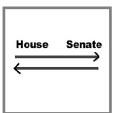
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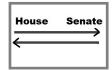
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First Crossover



Only about 25% of the bills introduced typically survive the First Crossover deadline. It may be a good idea to take a look at what remains — you may find that you were unaware of some of the ideas being considered. Ask for hearings for those bills you support, and offer testimony on scheduled bills that you care about.

To find all bills that have survived the First Crossover deadline (March 10th), click on the "Reports and Lists" button on the Legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov), and then scroll down to the "First Crossover" section. You have a choice of whether you want to see all House or Senate bills that are still alive (2021 and 2022 bills) or want to see only the bills that have seen action so far this session ("with Action Taken in 2022 Only").

2021 and 2022 Senate Bills Crossed Over to the House Senate Bills Crossed Over to the House with Action Taken in 2022 Only 2021 and 2022 House Bills Crossed Over to the Senate House Bills Crossed Over to the Senate with Action Taken in 2022 Only

It's worth scrolling through the lists to see what's alive. Why? Many bills have changed since they were first introduced — a bill that initially did not interest you may have been changed in a way that makes it worthy of your interest now.

Concurrent Resolutions



The deadline for offering "Substantive Resolutions" is Friday, March 11th. This deadline applies to most concurrent resolutions, which are resolutions that are adopted by both chambers and express the will or intent of the entire legislature. These HCRs and SCRs are "offered" by their introducers and then referred to committees in the same manner as bills. After succeeding in all its committees in the originating chamber, a resolution comes to the floor for a vote to adopt. If successful, it crosses to the other chamber for consideration, again being referred to committees and ultimately to the floor of that chamber for adoption. If it fails to be adopted in either chamber, nothing happens. If adopted by both chambers, look to the last paragraph of the resolution itself — it will indicate where certified copies of the resolution will be sent.

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This year, the bill conversationally referred to as "The Budget Bill" for the fiscal biennium FY 2021-2023 is HB1600. In the second year of a biennium, like 2022, the budget bill specifically amends the budget enacted in the first year of the biennium. After HB1600's initial introductory pages, you'll basically be looking at the content of last year's act (Act 88, SLH 2021) with any changes noted. Any text or numbers to be changed or deleted will be indicated by brackets and strikethroughs [like this], and new text and numbers will be underlined. The House Draft of the budget crosses over to the Senate by March 16th. Need a little help deciphering the budget bill? Check out our handout, call us and ask questions, or attend our budget workshop listed below.

March Workshops



Join us on Zoom to attend one (or all) of our workshops! Click on the registration links below. Please contact us if you'd like more information. We look forward to seeing you!

The Budget Bill's Journey, Wednesday, 3/16, 6 p.m. Register Floor Sessions & Orders of the Day, Wednesday, 3/23, 6 p.m. Register Odd Things Happen: Unlikely Scenarios, Wednesday, 3/30, 6 p.m. Register

Interested in something that's not covered here? Call or email us — we'll see what we can do!

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