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Nearing the End of the 2022 Regular Session



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Conference is often marked by long periods of waiting, interrupted by whirlwinds of activity, and it's all hard to follow! Much of the action takes place between legislators away from the conference meetings. As an advocate, what can you do to make your voice heard? While no public testimony is accepted, you can certainly contact those members named to the conference committee, especially the chairs. Refine your message to be clear on any aspects of the bill you find absolutely necessary (or unacceptable). Don't forget to also let your own legislators, as well as others with whom you've developed a relationship, know your view — you never know when they may be helpful. On the Legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov), you can use the "Conference Committee" bar on the "[Reports and Lists](#)" page to assist you as you follow the action. Remember, if your bill has any fiscal implications, or has been referred to FIN or WAM, it'll need the money committee's blessing. The deadline for bills to emerge with a conference draft is Thursday, April 28th, for non-fiscal bills and Friday, April 29th, for fiscal bills.

Governor's Deadlines



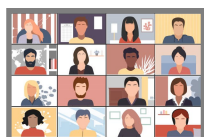
While some bills introduced in 2022 have already passed into law, the majority won't head off to the Governor until the waning days of session. For bills that are sent to him by April 18th, the Governor has 10 session days to act on the legislation or it becomes law without signature. However, most of the bills go to the Governor after April 18th, when he has much more time to consider the legislation. The Governor has until July 12th to sign such a bill into law, allow it to become law without signature, or veto the bill. If he has any intent to veto the bill, he needs to let the Legislature know by June 27th. If he does veto a bill, the Legislature can attempt a veto override (2/3 vote of each chamber) or return an amended bill to the Governor for signature. What can you do while the bill is in the Governor's hands? Share your view and let him know your thoughts! Go to the "Contact" page on his website (governor.hawaii.gov) and select "[Comments on Legislation](#)". There, you can type in your message or attach a file — just like you did with the "Testimony" form on the Legislature's site.

Finding the Acts of Law



Bills have until the end of session (May 5th, this year) to pass their final reading in the House and Senate. However, their journeys are not over. Next, they go to the Governor for enactment. Once enacted, where do you find them listed? The "[Reports and Lists](#)" page on the Legislature's website opens in "Deadline Tracking" mode. Just scroll down to the last section entitled "Governor's Actions". There you'll find a link labeled "[Acts](#)" that will provide you with an up-to-date list on what's become law. Want to see the bill with the official "Act" stamp at the top? Click on the act number itself — up comes the Governor's message, followed by the stamped bill..

Upcoming Workshops



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

[Understanding Conference](#), Wednesday, 4/20, 6 p.m. [Register](#)

Learn about conference basics and how to follow the action.

[Using the Interim](#), Wednesday, 5/4, 6 p.m. [Register](#)

How to make the best of the time between legislative sessions.

Do you have a subject you'd like us to address in a workshop? Let us know!