

2023 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. #

Color code: ■ = bills ■ = resolutions ■ = budget or fiscal bills

See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY			18 Opening Day	19	20 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff & Grants/Subsidies Cutoff	21
			1	2	3	
22	23 State-of-the- State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff	24 Recess #1	25 State-of-the- Judiciary Address Bill Introduction Cutoff	26 Recess #2	27	28
	4		5		6	
29	30	31				
	7	8				
FEBRUARY			1	2	3	4
			9	10	11	
5	6	7	8 Triple Referral Filing (House Bills)	9 Triple Referral Filing (Senate Bills)	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	
12	13	14	15	16 First Lateral Filing (Bills)	17 First Lateral (Bills)	18
	17	18	19	20	21	
19	20 <i>HOLIDAY Presidents' Day</i>	21	22	23 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	24	25
		22	23			
26	27	28				
MARCH			1 Last Day of 5-Day Mandatory Recess	2 Single Referral (Senate Bills) Filing	3 First Decking (Bills)	4
			24	25		
5	6 Recess #3	7	8 Recess #4	9 First Crossover (Bills)	10 Substantive Resolution Cutoff	11
		26		27	28	
12	13 Budget Decking	14	15 Budget Crossover	16 Triple Referral Filing (Bills)	17	18
	29	30	31	32	33	
19	20	21	22	23 Second Lateral Filing (Bills)	24 Second Lateral (Bills)	25
	34	35	36	37	38	
26	27 <i>HOLIDAY Kuhio Day</i>	28 First Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos)	29	30 First Lateral Filing (House Concurrent Resos)	31 First Lateral (House Concurrent Resos)	
		39	40	41	42	
APRIL						1
2	3	4 First Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos)	5 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) Single Referral (House Bills) Filing	6 Second Decking (Bills)	7 <i>HOLIDAY Good Friday</i>	8
		43	44	45	46	
9	10 Recess #5	11	12 Recess #6	13 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	14 Second Lateral Filing (Senate Concurrent Resos)	15
		47		48	49	
16	17 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos)	18	19	20	21 Constitutional Amendments & Second Crossover Filing (Concurrent Resos)	22
	50	51	52	53	54	
23	24 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos)	25	26 Recess #7	27 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	28 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	29
	55	56		57	58	
30	MAY					
	1 Recess #8	2	3 Recess #9	4 Adjournment Sine Die	(Session pau!)	
			59	60		

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE DEADLINE INFORMATION

2023 SESSION CALENDAR: A GUIDE TO THE DEADLINES

- JAN 18 – OPENING DAY** – The Hawaii Constitution mandates that the regular legislative session start at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of January. ([Article III, Section 10](#))
- JAN 20 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ALL NON-ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGES** – Bills bundled together by legislative caucuses (common interest groups) and accepted and labeled as a package by the clerks. You can view the various packages of legislation by clicking on the "Reports and Lists" button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#) and selecting the "Measures by Package" bar on the left.
- JAN 20 – LAST DAY FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT GRANT AND SUBSIDY REQUESTS** – Deadline for "Grant-in-Aid" (GIA) applications. Applications, information, and more specifics regarding the deadline will appear under "[Grant-in-Aid](#)" under the "Laws & Research" tab of the legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](#)).
- JAN 23 – STATE-OF-THE-STATE ADDRESS** – The Governor's annual address to the assembled joint legislature. The address presents an opportunity for the Governor to report on affairs of state, and to put forth recommendations and initiatives.
- JAN 23 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGE** – This is what is known as the "Governor's Package." The bills are prepared by executive branch agencies for consideration by the legislature and are introduced on behalf of the executive branch by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. View the package of legislation by clicking on the "[Reports and Lists](#)" button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#) and selecting the "Measures by Package" bar. The administrative package will be listed as "Governor".
- JAN 25 – STATE-OF-THE-JUDICIARY ADDRESS** – The Chief Justice's biannual address to the assembled joint legislature.
- JAN 25 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE BILLS** – A bill is "introduced" when it has been filed with the House or Senate Clerk, who gives it a number (with an HB or SB prefix) and then puts it on the calendar for First Reading by the chamber. After First Reading, it is given its committee referrals which specify which committees must hear and pass the measure for it to succeed. Only legislators may introduce bills. [Note: At introduction, each bill is given a "Bill Status" webpage that can be accessed via the Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](#)) and used to track all the measure's activity.]
- FEB 8 (HOUSE) & 9 (SENATE) – TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to the last committee in their originating chamber by the First Lateral deadline.
- FEB 17 – FIRST LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills referred to more than one committee must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day. (Note: Committees must file their committee report with the bill by the previous day, February 16.)
- FEB 23 - MAR 1 – MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS** – Hawaii's Constitution mandates a 5-day recess between the 20th and 40th days of the regular session. Neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate convene or assemble formally in chamber on recess days. Committee hearings do take place.
- MAR 3 – FIRST DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of the originating chamber. This "decking" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the chamber's members before they are asked to vote on the third reading. Note: A bill must pass three readings (votes) in each chamber before being enrolled to the governor. (Note: Senate Bills with only a single referral need to be filed by the committee by March 2.)
- MAR 9 – FIRST CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in order to move (or "crossover") to the other chamber. If successful, House bills are sent to the Senate and Senate bills are sent to the House for further consideration.
- MAR 10 – LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS** – Concurrent resolutions (HCRs and SCRs) require adoption in each chamber and are used to state the official position of the Legislature on an issue, or to request action formally without having to mandate it by law. They require only one vote in each chamber for adoption, and do not enroll to the Governor.
- MAR 13 – BUDGET DECKING** – Deadline for submitting the Executive, Judiciary, and OHA budget bills for third reading.
- MAR 15 – BUDGET CROSSOVER** – Last day for third reading of the Executive, Judiciary, and OHA budget bills, to move to the other chamber.
- MAR 16 – TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee in the non-originating chamber the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to their last committee in the non-originating chamber by the Second Lateral deadline.
- MAR 24 – SECOND LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date. (Note: Committees must file their committee report with the bill by the previous day, March 23.)
- MAR 28 (SENATE) AND 31 (HOUSE) – FIRST LATERAL FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – All concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by these dates. (Note: HCRs must be filed by March 30.)
- APR 5 – FIRST CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for concurrent resolutions to pass the required single floor vote in the originating chamber. Upon adoption by the originating chamber, concurrent resolutions move or "crossover" to the other chamber. (Measures must be filed by Tuesday, April 4.)
- APR 6 – SECOND DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills that have been amended by the non-originating chamber to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of that chamber. This "decking" ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading. (Note: House Bills with only a single referral need to be filed by the committee by April 5.)
- APR 13 – SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber and to "cross back" to the originating chamber.
- APR 13 – LAST DAY FOR THE ORIGINATING BODY TO DISAGREE WITH BILL AMENDMENTS** – The deadline for the originating chamber to disagree with changes made to its bills by the other chamber. When the Senate and House disagree on a bill, members from each chamber can meet in conference committees to reconcile their differences.
- APR 17 – SECOND LATERAL FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – All Senate concurrent resolutions (SCRs) with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the non-originating chamber (the House) by this day. (Must be filed by Friday, April 14.)
- APR 21 – DEADLINE FOR FINAL FORM OF BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – A proposed amendment's final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor prior to passing final reading by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. Once adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters, in the form of a 'yes or no' question on the ballot, for ultimate decision.
- APR 24 – SECOND CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for adopting amended concurrent resolutions in the non-originating chamber in order to "cross back" to the originating chamber. (Measures must be filed by Friday, April 21.)
- APR 27 – FINAL DECKING OF NON-FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers.
- APR 28 – FINAL DECKING OF FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers. Fiscal bills include appropriation or spending bills, tax credits, etc., or any bill with a House Finance (FIN) or Senate Ways and Means (WAM) referral.
- MAY 4 – ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** – The end of session is the deadline for Final Reading of bills and adoption of resolutions. Adjournment *sine die* occurs on the last day of a Regular Session and indicates a suspension of the business of the legislature indefinitely. Next, the Legislature will certify the bills whose form both chambers have agreed to and will transmit or "enroll" those bills to the Governor.

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