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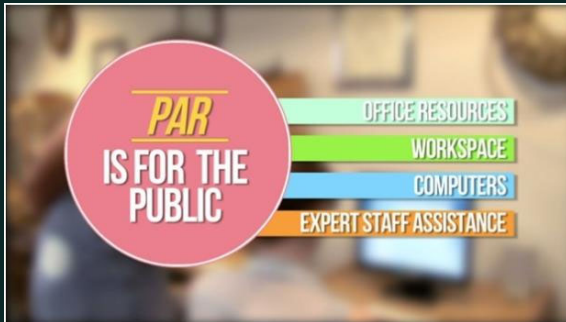


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Thank you for joining us for this “Using the Interim” presentation.

- ❖ In this presentation, we’ll talk about some of the things that happen during the interim and how you can best use this time to prepare for next year’s session.
- ❖ This business of lawmaking is a year-round process, and the interim is an important part of that process.

## Public Access Room (PAR)



- Help, information and training
- Non partisan
- Lots of resources!
  - Guidance on process
  - Computers with internet
  - Wireless access & recharge station
  - Copies of testimony
  - Helpful handouts
  - Workshops and tutorials

- ❖ The Public Access Room is a nonpartisan, taxpayer funded office that is set up to help enhance the public's ability to participate in the legislative process. We are staffed year-round and always available to assist.

## TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Governor's Role & Deadlines

How to Find the Acts (and The Law)

Regrouping and Reassessing

Working with Legislators During the Interim

Q & A

❖ In this presentation, we're going to talk about the following topics:

1. The Governor's Role in the bill-to-law process and his deadlines for this year in reviewing bills passed by the Legislature.
2. Finding the Acts and other relevant information on bills passed.
3. Regrouping and reassessing after Session
4. Working with Legislators in the Interim.

And we'll finish the discussion with a Q&A.

## GOVERNOR'S ROLE

Governor plays an important role in the bill-to-law process



Procedure for enactment is defined in Article III, Section 16 of the Hawaii State Constitution



Approval or Veto



Contacting the Governor



- ❖ Let's start by talking about the Governor's role in the bill-to-law process. The Governor plays a very important role in the enactment of state legislation. When a bill successfully passes through the Legislature, it needs to be presented to the Governor (except constitutional amendments)
- ❖ The procedure for enactment, which is defined in Article III, Section 16 of the Hawaii State Constitution, varies based on when a bill is delivered to the Governor and the Governor's subsequent action or inaction in considering the bill. We'll discuss that in the next slide.
- ❖ Every bill that passes the legislature is certified by the presiding officers and clerks of both houses and presented to the Governor. If the governor approves it, the governor will sign it and it will become law. If the governor does not approve the bill, he may return it, with his objections to the legislature. Except for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor can veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same; but shall veto other bills, if at all, only as a whole.
- ❖ The Legislature can successfully override a veto in special session by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. The Legislature can also amend a bill to answer the governor's objections. For

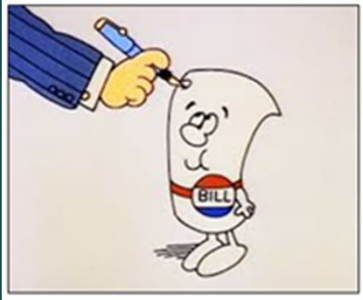


it to become law, a majority of the members in each chamber would be required to vote in favor of the amended bill, and the governor would then have 10 days to sign it.

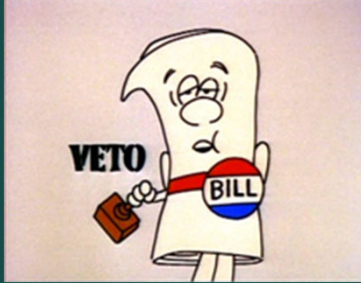
- ❖ You can contact the Governor to express support or opposition on bills that have been sent to him. We'll show you how to do that a few slides in.

## GOVERNOR'S DEADLINES July 11

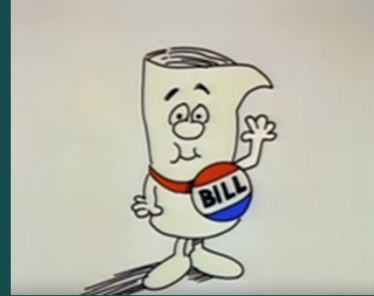
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**Veto**

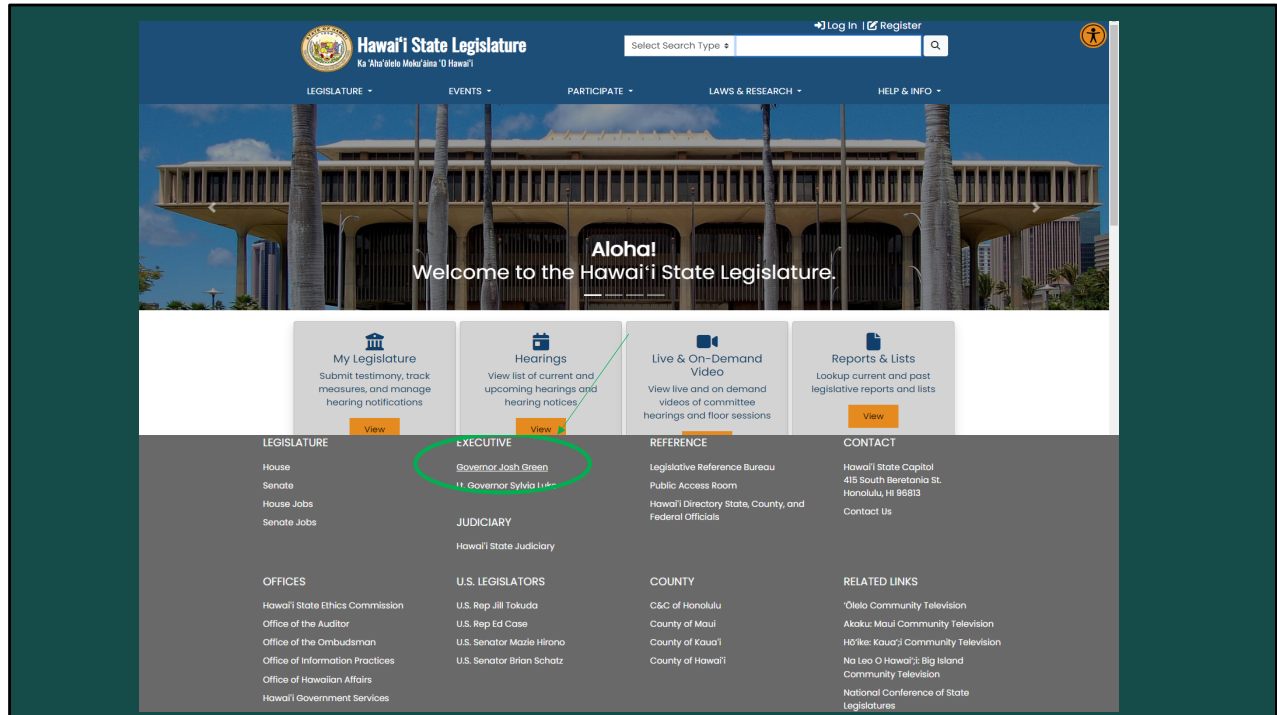


**Allow to Become  
Law**

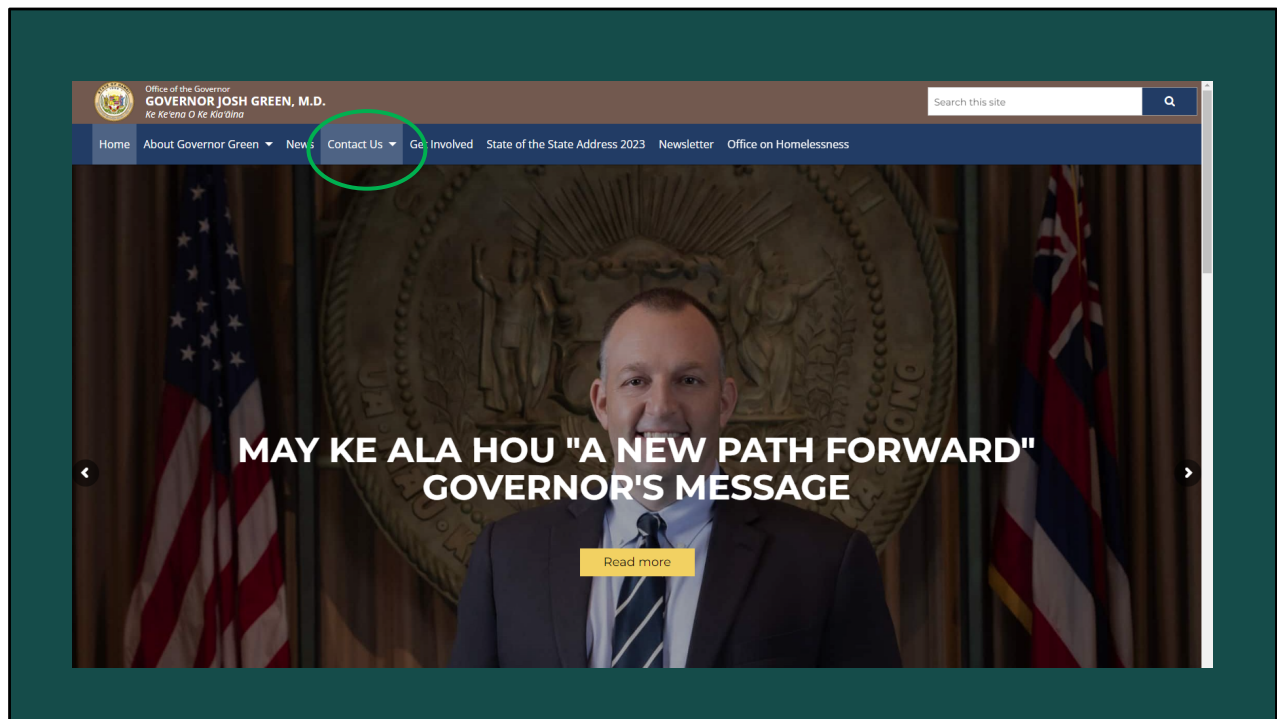


**Must submit intent to veto list  
by June 26th**

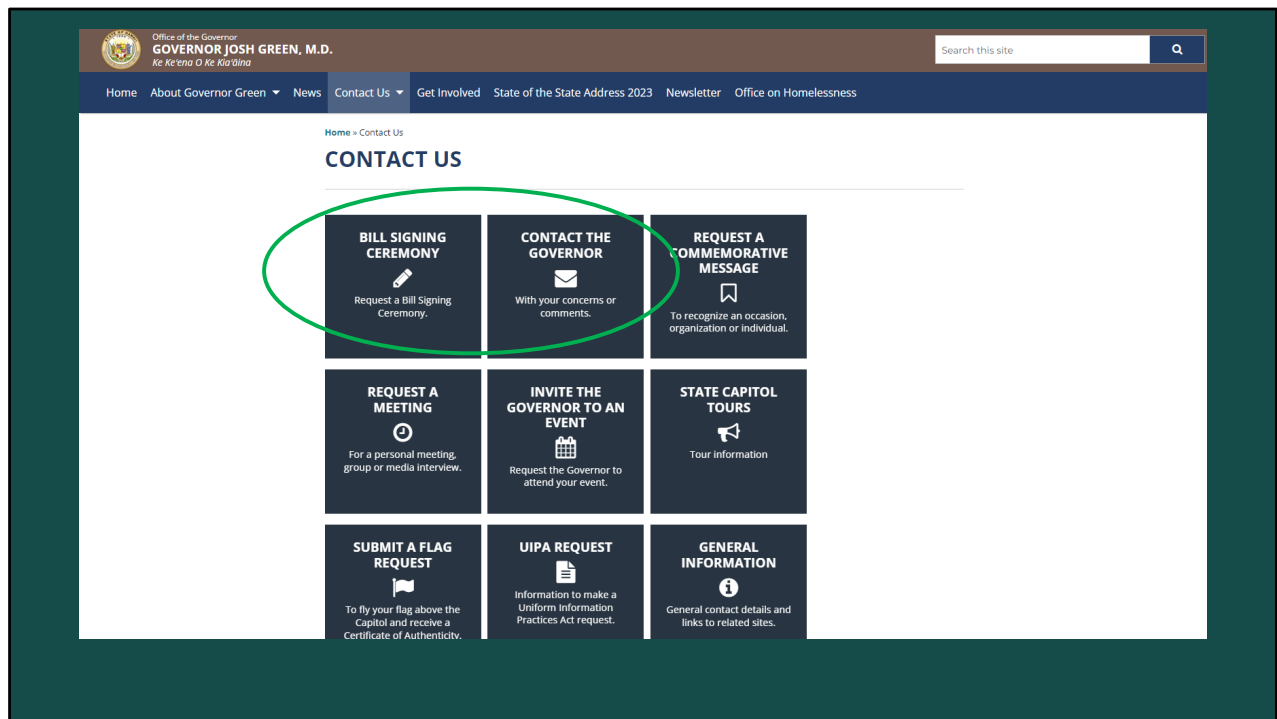
- ❖ The Governor has until July 11<sup>th</sup> (45<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment sine die) to either sign a bill into law, to veto it, or allow it to become law automatically. If the governor intends to veto a bill, he needs to let the legislature know by June 26<sup>th</sup>.



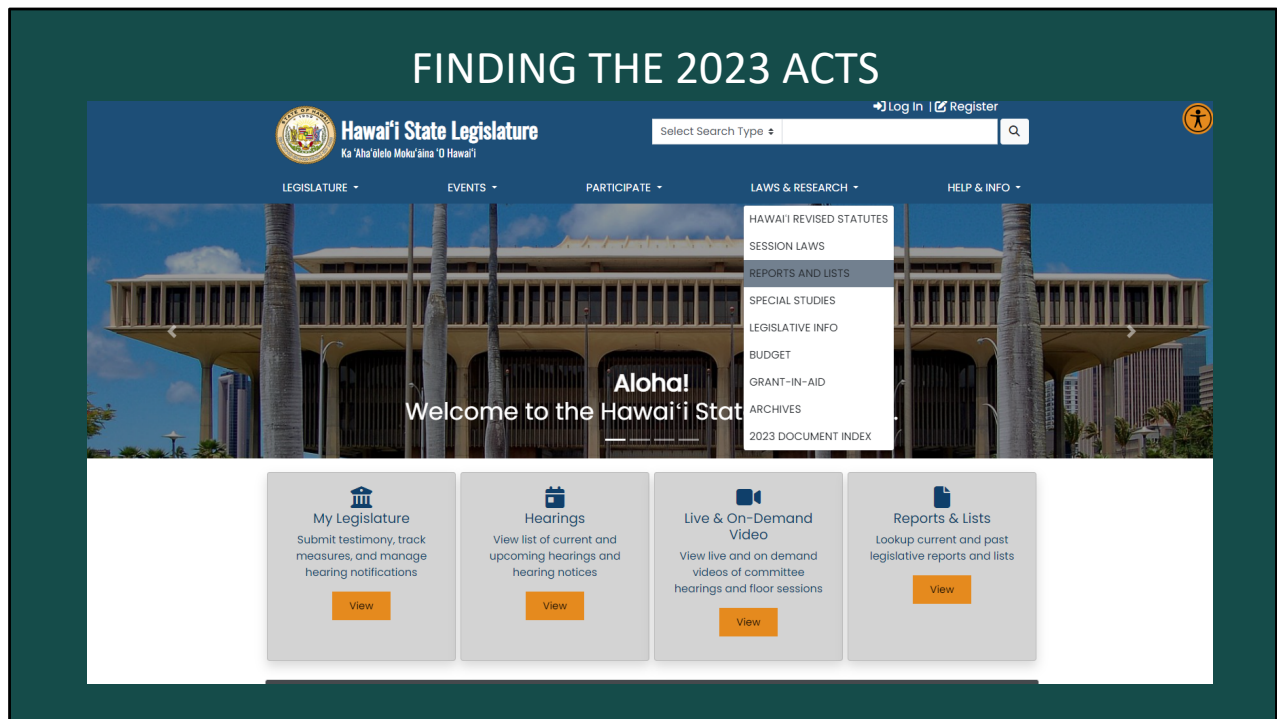
- ❖ If you want to contact the governor regarding legislation that has been sent by the legislature, you can use the link from the legislature's website, which is located on the bottom of the homepage, or you can get there directly by going to [governor.hawaii.gov](http://governor.hawaii.gov).



- ❖ From the homepage of the governor’s website select the “contact us” tab to get to the contact page.



- ❖ Once here, you can request a bill signing (if you supported a bill that made it) or using the contact the governor box to ask for his support or opposition on a bill sent by the legislature.



- ❖ To see what’s happening with all the bills that were sent to the governor, click on the “Laws & Research” subject heading, then the "Reports and Lists” Icon on the website.

Measures Passed Final Reading in the House
Measures Passed Final Reading in the Senate
All bills that have passed the Legislature or been decked for Final Reading
House bills that have passed the Legislature or been decked for Final Reading
Senate bills that have passed the Legislature or been decked for Final Reading
Legislature
Bills that Passed Legislature (Report complete after all bills are sent to the Governor)
Resolutions Adopted
Constitutional Amendment bills that passed in final form
Constitutional Amendment bills yet to pass in final form
Governor's Actions
Acts
Bills Pending Governor's Action
Bills signed by the Governor
Bills that became law without Governor's signature
Governor's Intent to Veto
Bills vetoed by the Governor
List of Veto Overrides

- ❖ On the “Reports and Lists page, scroll down to “Governor’s Actions.” The first link is to the 2023 Acts. You can also find links to other information on bills enrolled/transmitted by the Legislature. The links will update as the Governor takes action on the pending bills.

Acts  
Deadline Tracking

Print

Export to Excel

Export to CSV

Back to report selection screen

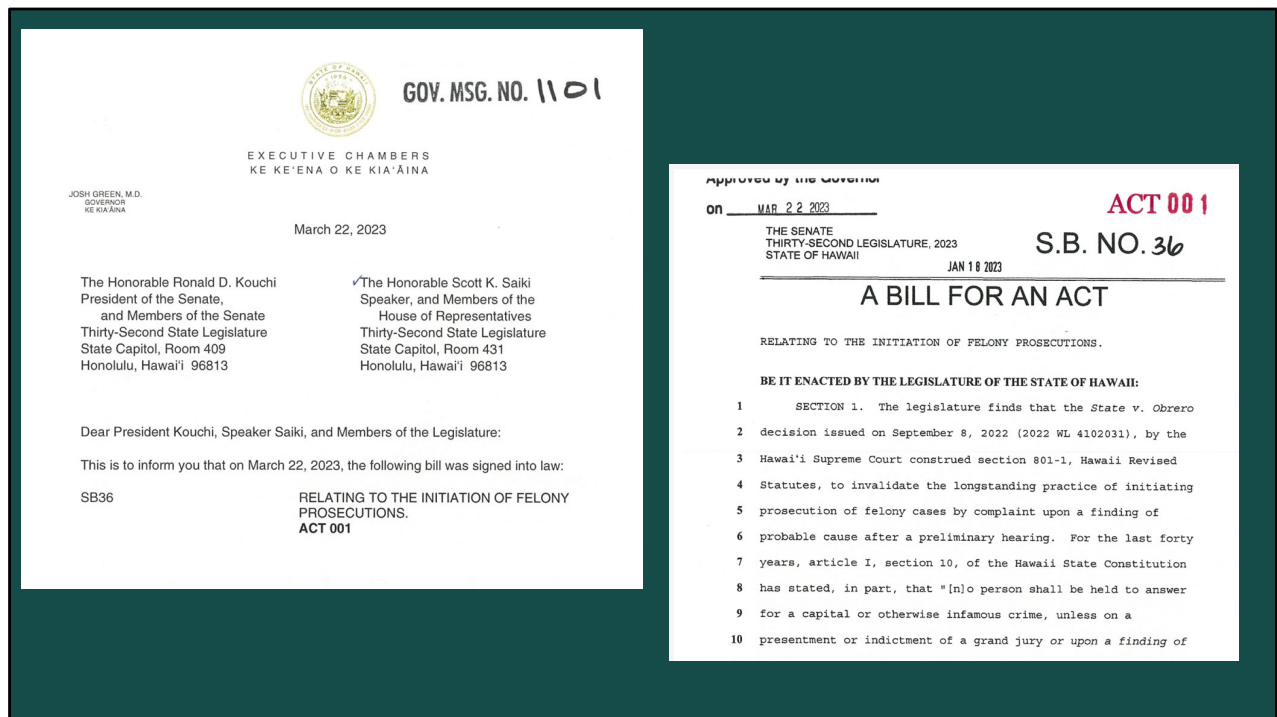
29 records returned.

Hawaii State Legislature

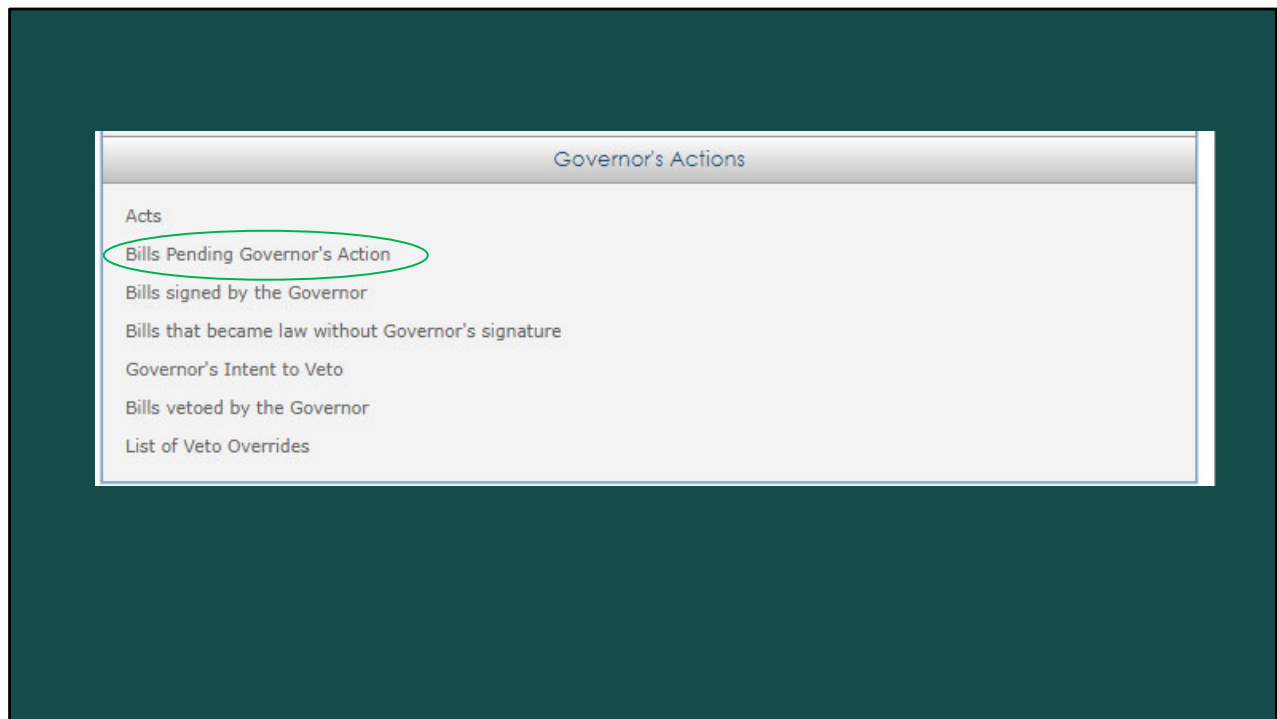
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- ❖ This is how it'll look like in the report. Click on the Act number to see the Governor's Message and the Act...





- ❖ And it will look like this.... With the governor's message and the bill approved by the governor with the act number on the upper right portion of the bill.



- ❖ Here's a better look the Governor's Actions portion of the Reports and Lists page. If you clicked on the *Bill's pending Governor's Action* link. It will take you to that report.

# PENDING BILLS

Bills Pending Governor's Action					
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<a href="#">HB11 HD2 SD1 CD1</a>	<a href="#">Time Share Plans: Primary Plan Documents: Liens: Disclosure</a> RELATING TO TIME SHARING PLANS. Clarifies when the disclosure of pertinent provisions of condominium project instruments must occur. Specifies that primary plan documents be listed in the public disclosure statement of a time share plan. Clarifies the manner in which the required disclosure of liens, title defects, or encumbrances on the titles of units may be made. Provides that a consultant's review of encumbrances shall be waived upon the certification from the developer that the time share interest is free and clear of blanket liens or that identifies all blanket liens. (CD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	QUNLAN	CPH	<a href="#">SB797</a>
<a href="#">HB16 HD2 SD1</a>	<a href="#">Liquor: Licenses: Sales: Off-Premises Consumption: Curbside Delivery</a> RELATING TO LIQUOR. Authorizes liquor licensees engaged in retail service to sell unopened beer, wine, and prepackaged cocktails with food for pick up, delivery, take out, or other means to be consumed off-premises. Authorizes liquor licensees holding class 4 retail dealer licenses to deliver purchased liquor to a customer's vehicle. (SD1)	(H) 5/28/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	TODD (Introduced by request of another party)	CPH	
<a href="#">HB24 HD1 SD2 CD1</a>	<a href="#">Common Carriers: Water Carriers: Public Utilities Commission: Long-Term Leases</a> RELATING TO WATER COMMON CARRIERS. Clarifies that a common water carrier may enter into vessel leases longer than five years or enter into leverage leases for vessels upon prior approval of the Public Utilities Commission. (CD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	TODD	TCA, CPH	<a href="#">SB841</a>
<a href="#">HB28 HD1 SD1 CD1</a>	<a href="#">DOTAX: DBEDT: UH: Hydrogen Hub: Appropriation: Expenditure Ceiling</a> RELATING TO STATE PROGRAMS. Appropriates funds to the department of taxation for upgrades to software and computer systems. Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to work with the University of Hawaii on workforce development activities that support the development of the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub. Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Pacific hydrogen hub. (CD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	YANAGISHITA	WAM	
<a href="#">HB33 HD1 SD1 CD1</a>	<a href="#">State Bonds: State Budget</a> RELATING TO STATE BONDS. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds. Makes findings required by Article VII, Section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution to declare that the issuance of authorized bonds will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded. (CD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	YANAGISHITA, NISHIMOTO	WAM	
<a href="#">HB68 HD1 SD1 CD1</a>	<a href="#">Criminal Justice Research Institute: Centralized Data System: Appropriation: Expenditure Ceiling (4)</a> RELATING TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Requires that ongoing staff support for the centralized statewide criminal pretrial justice data reporting and collection system be conducted by the Criminal Justice Research Institute's staff and not be contracted to another entity. Requires the Criminal Justice Research Institute to protect any information and data that may be shared. Requires the Criminal Justice Research Institute to submit an annual report regarding the creation of the centralized statewide criminal pretrial justice data reporting and collection system to the Legislature for two years. Appropriates funds to establish a centralized statewide criminal pretrial justice data reporting and collection system pursuant to state law. (CD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	HATAKEYOSHI, CHUN, COCHRAN, HUSSEY, BURDICK, ICHIMURA, LOWEN, HARTTEN, HOSOGAKI, YANAGISHITA, NISHIMOTO, TAKAHARA, TAM, TARNAG, Kobayashi, Puopue	JOC, WAM	
<a href="#">HB91 HD1 SD1</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission Package: Orders: Judgments: Enforcement of Judgments: Fines</a> RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE CAMPAIGN SPENDING COMMISSION. Deems the right to a contested case hearing waived if a person fails to request the hearing within thirty days after receipt of the Campaign Spending Commission's preliminary determination. Allows the Commission to file its order in the First Circuit Court for confirmation as a civil judgment. (SD1)	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	SADQ (Introduced by request of another party)	JOC	<a href="#">SB636</a>
<a href="#">HB92 SD1</a>	<a href="#">Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission Package: Fines: Noncandidate Committees: Independent Expenditures</a> RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAW. Increases the amount of fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that may be assessed against a noncandidate committee making only independent expenditures that has received at least 1 contribution of more than \$10,000, or spent more than \$10,000 in an election period, for campaign spending law violations. Allows the Campaign Spending Commission to order the fine be up to 3 times the amount of the unlawful contribution or expenditures, and to order that the payment of the fine assessed against a noncandidate committee, or any portion thereof, be paid from the personal funds of the candidate or the funds of the noncandidate committee or if the noncandidate	(H) 5/2/2023 - Transmitted to Governor.	SADQ (Introduced by request of another party)	JOC	<a href="#">SB627</a>

- ❖ Which will look like this. You can use these links to see all the bills that the governor hasn't acted on. The measures in these links will decrease based on the action taken.

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SB731

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Measure Title:

RELATING TO HAWAIIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Report Title:

La Kuokoa; Hawaiian Independence Day

Description:

Designates November 28 of each year as La Kuokoa, Hawaiian Independence Day, to celebrate the historical recognition of the independence of the Kingdom of Hawai'i.

Companion:

Package:

Senate Native Hawaiian Caucus

Current Referral:

CAI, JHA

Introducer(s):

KEOHOKALO, AQUINO, DECOITE, FEVELLA, INOUE, KANUHA, LEE, RICHARDS, SHIMABUKURO, Kidani

Act:

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Status Text

4/20/2023

S Act 011, 04/19/2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 1111).

4/19/2023

H Act 011, on 04/19/2023 (Gov. Msg. No. 1111).

4/4/2023

S Enrolled to Governor.

4/4/2023

S Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 523).

4/3/2023

Passed Third Reading with none voting aye with reservations; none H voting no (0) and Representative(s) Aliu, Cochran, Nishimoto

All Versions of this Measure

SB731

Committee Reports

SB731\_SSCR107\_

SB731\_HSCR1343\_

SB731\_HSCR1875\_

Testimony

SB731\_TESTIMONY\_HWN\_02-02-23\_

SB731\_TESTIMONY\_CAI\_03-15-23\_

SB731\_TESTIMONY\_JHA\_03-29-23\_

Hearing Notices

HWN

2/02/23 1:00P

CR 224 & Videoconference

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CAI

3/15/23 10:00A

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View

JHA

3/29/23 2:00P

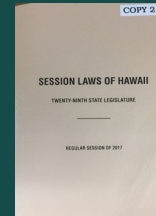
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View

- ❖ If you just want to follow your own bill, you can see the updates on your bill's status page, where the history is updated to include the bill becoming an act (like in our example here.)

## FINDING THE LAW

### Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH)



### Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

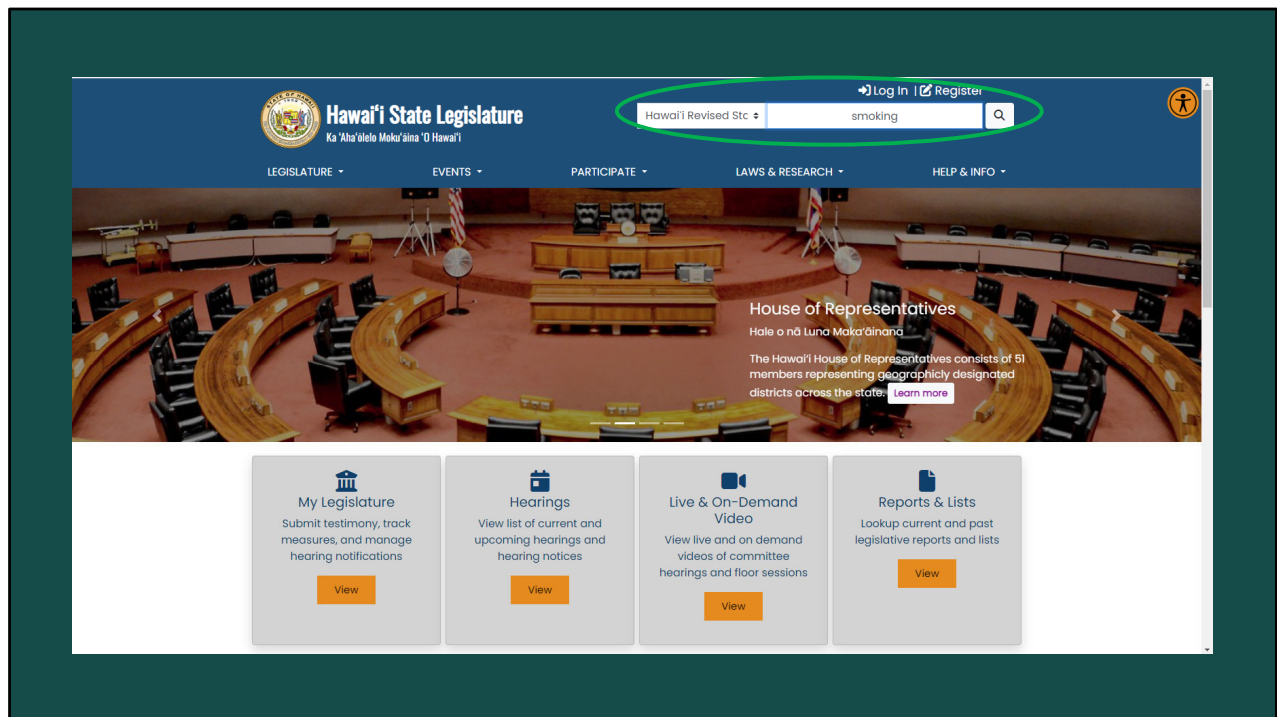


\*2023 laws will not be reflected until later this year

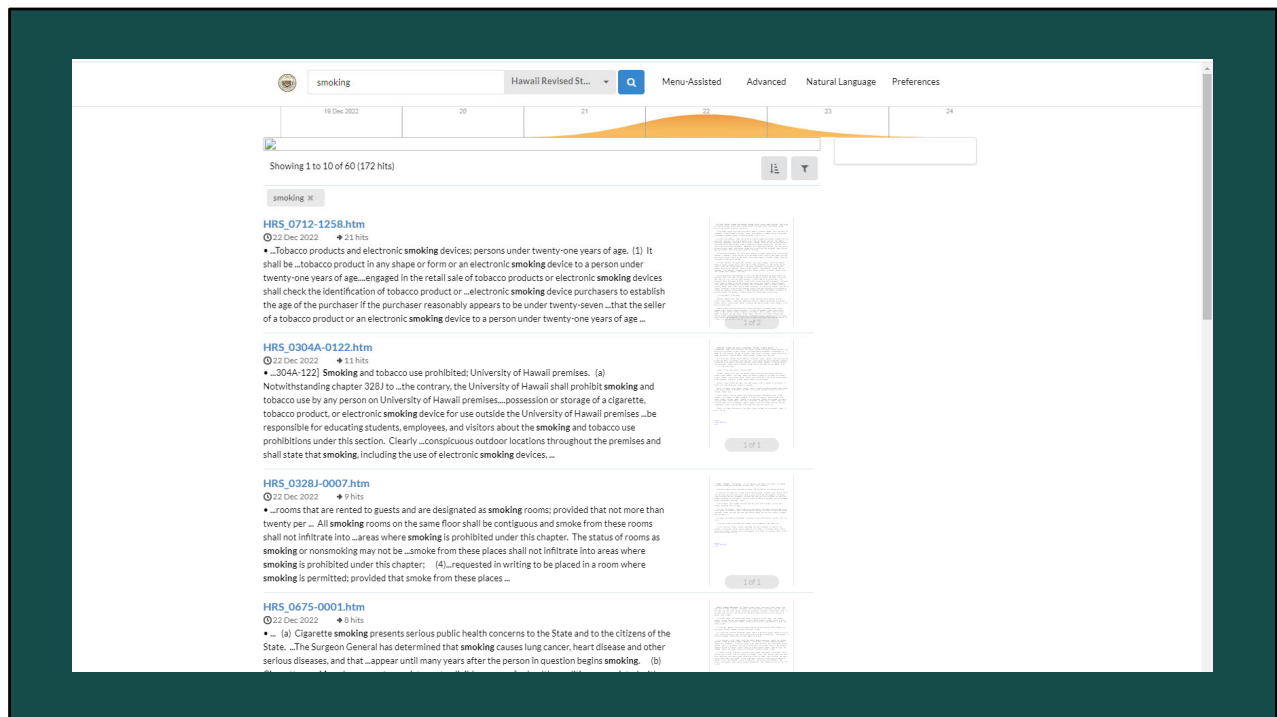
- ❖ Each year, all the bills that become law are compiled in the Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH). If the new law adds to or amends any of the codified laws (the laws arranged in a systematic code) of the State of Hawaii, it will also be reflected in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), where the laws of a general and permanent nature go.
- ❖ Not **all** new laws impact the HRS. For example, if the law is applicable only for a limited amount of time or contains temporary provisions (as is the case with legislative appropriations), it will be published in the Session Laws but **not** codified in the HRS.
- ❖ Note that there are also rules published by the State departments governing **how** the new laws will be implemented – those are the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) but we won't get into that.



- ❖ To find the laws, head over to the Legislature’s website and click in the search box on the top of the home page. You can select “Hawaii Revised Statutes” to find permanent laws and “Session Laws.”



- ❖ To find a subject in the HRS, just type a subject to search for, like smoking in this example.



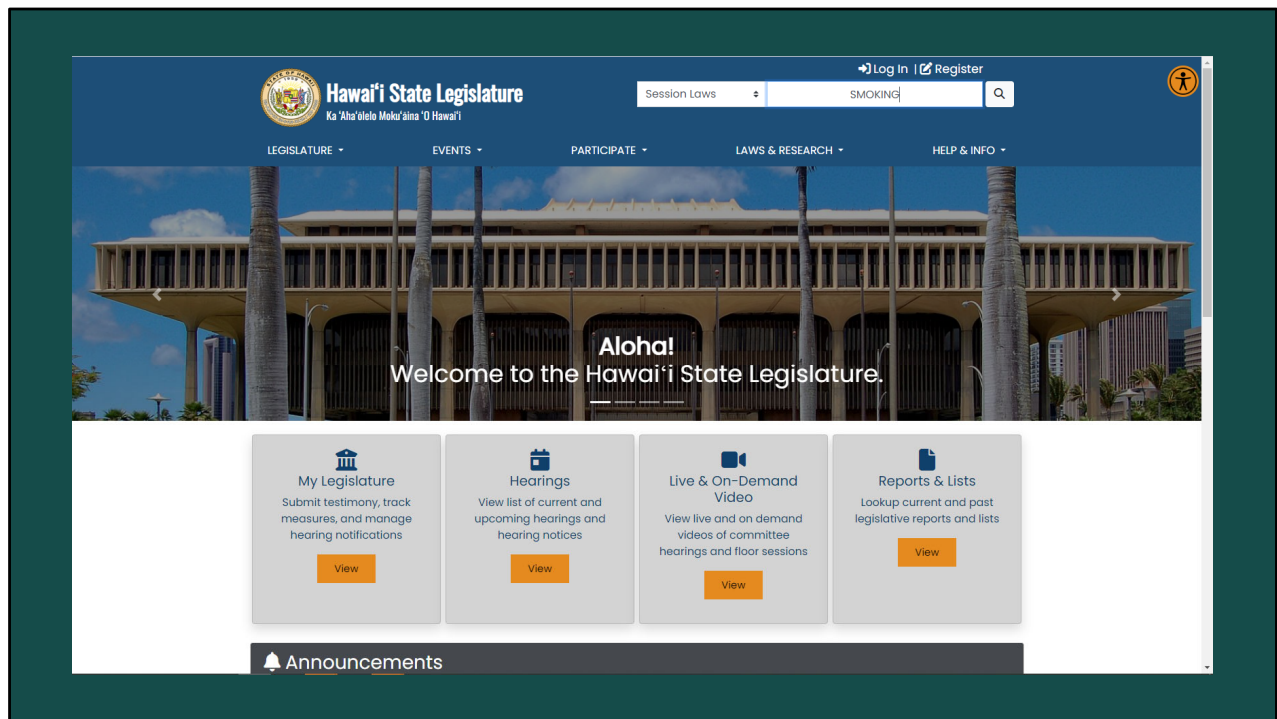
- ❖ And the parts of the HRS that refer to smoking will come up. You can then go directly to the HRS section by using the section hyperlinks. Let's click on the first link...



**§712-1258 Tobacco products and electronic smoking devices; persons under twenty-one years of age.**

- (1) It shall be unlawful to sell or furnish a tobacco product in any shape or form or an electronic smoking device to a person under twenty-one years of age.
- (2) All persons engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices shall check the identification of tobacco product or electronic smoking device purchasers to establish the age of the purchaser if the purchaser reasonably appears to be under twenty-seven years of age.
- (3) It shall be an affirmative defense that the seller of a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device to a person under twenty-one years of age in violation of this section had requested, examined, and reasonably relied upon a photographic identification from the person establishing that person's age as at least twenty-one years of age prior to selling the person a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device. The failure of a seller to request and examine photographic identification from a person under twenty-one years of age prior to the sale of a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device to the person shall be construed against the seller and form a conclusive basis for the seller's violation of this section.
- (4) Signs using the statement, "The sale of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices to persons under twenty-one is prohibited", shall be posted on or near any vending machine in letters at least one-half inch high and at or near the point of sale of any other location where tobacco products or electronic smoking devices are sold in letters at least one-half inch high.
- (5) It shall be unlawful for a person under twenty-one years of age to purchase or possess any tobacco product or electronic smoking device, as those terms are defined in subsection (7). This provision does not apply if a person under the age of twenty-one, with parental authorization, is participating in a controlled purchase as part of a law enforcement activity or a study authorized by the department of health under the supervision of law enforcement to determine the level of incidence of tobacco or electronic smoking devices sales to persons under twenty-one years of age.
- (6) Any person who violates subsection (1) or (4), or both, shall be fined \$500 for the first offense. Any subsequent offenses shall subject the person to a fine not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000. Any person under twenty-one years of age who violates subsection (5) shall be fined \$10 for the first offense. Any subsequent offense shall subject the violator to a fine of \$50, no part of which shall be suspended, or the person shall be required to perform not less than forty-eight hours nor more than seventy-two hours of community service during hours when the person is not employed and is not attending school. Any tobacco product or electronic smoking device, as those terms are defined in subsection (7), in the person's possession at the time of violation of subsection (5) shall be seized, summarily forfeited to the State, and destroyed by law enforcement following the conclusion of an administrative or judicial proceeding finding that a violation of subsection (5) has been committed. The procedures set forth in chapter 712A shall not apply to this subsection.
- (7) For the purposes of this section:
- "Electronic smoking device" means any electronic product that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product.
- "Tobacco product" means any product made or derived from tobacco that contains nicotine or other

❖ And here is HRS section 712-1258 (Regarding Electronic Smoking devices.)



❖ Now let's use the same subject to search through the Session Laws.

The screenshot shows the Hawaii Session Laws website search results for the term "smoking". The page displays a list of results, with the first result, "SLH1987\_Act245.pdf", highlighted by a green arrow. The sidebar on the right, titled "Are you looking for", contains filters for categories and years. A green oval highlights this sidebar.

**Are you looking for**

- Electronic Smoking: 77
- Smoking Device: 47
- Smoking Devices: 45
- Cigarette Smoking: 10
- Act Relating to Smoking: 8

**Categories**

- 1976: 1
- 1982: 1
- 1987 Volume 1: 3
- 1988: 3
- 1992: 1
- 1993: 3
- 1994: 1
- 1999: 3
- 2000: 1
- 2001: 1
- 12 more...

- ❖ You can sift through the results. You can even use the subset links on the right side of the page to narrow your search further by subcategory or by date. Then click on the link for the act you want to see (Act 245 SLH 1987 in this example)....

ACT 245                      S.B. NO. 350

A Bill for an Act Relating to Smoking Workplace.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Because smoking is injurious to the health of smokers and others who must breathe secondhand smoke in confined places, the legislature declares that the purpose of this Act is to protect the public health by requiring government offices to adopt office smoking policies; to moderate the preferences of nonsmokers and smokers and, if satisfactory accommodation cannot be reached, to adopt policies reflecting the preference of a simple majority of the employees in each affected area in the office work place. This Act is intended to regulate smoking in workplaces where the government allows employees to smoke, and is not intended to create any right to smoke or to impair or alter the government's prerogative to prohibit smoking in the work place.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"CHAPTER  
SMOKING THE WORK PLACE

§ -1 Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Smoking Work Place Act.

§ -2 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:

"Employee" means any person who is employed more than twenty hours per week by any employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit.

"Employer" means any state or county agency.

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ACT 245

"Enclosed" means closed in by a roof and four walls with openings for ingress and egress. Areas commonly described as public lobbies are not enclosed for the purposes of this chapter.

"Office work place" means any enclosed structure or portion thereof used by governmental entities.

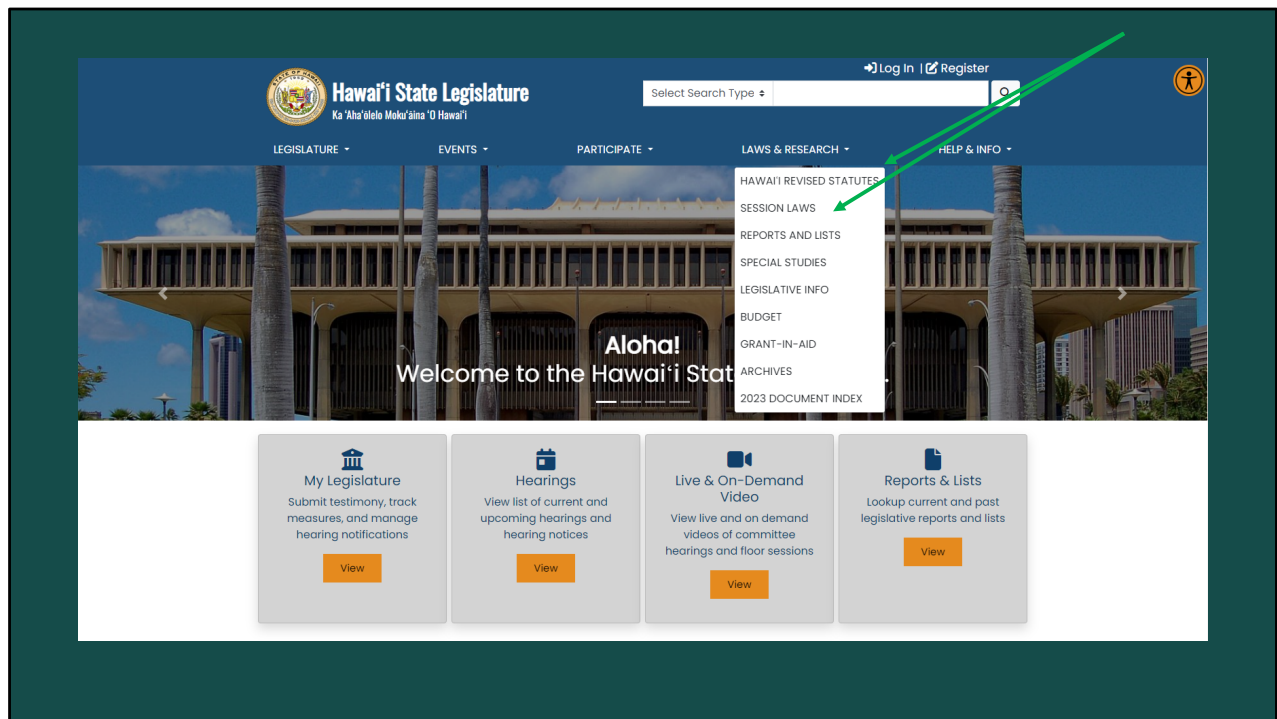
"Simple majority" means any number greater than half of the persons expressing a preference in any specific work area.

"Smoking" or "to smoke" means inhaling and exhaling the fumes of burning tobacco or any other plant material, or burning or carrying any lighted equipment for smoking or any other plant material, or the personal habit commonly known as smoking.

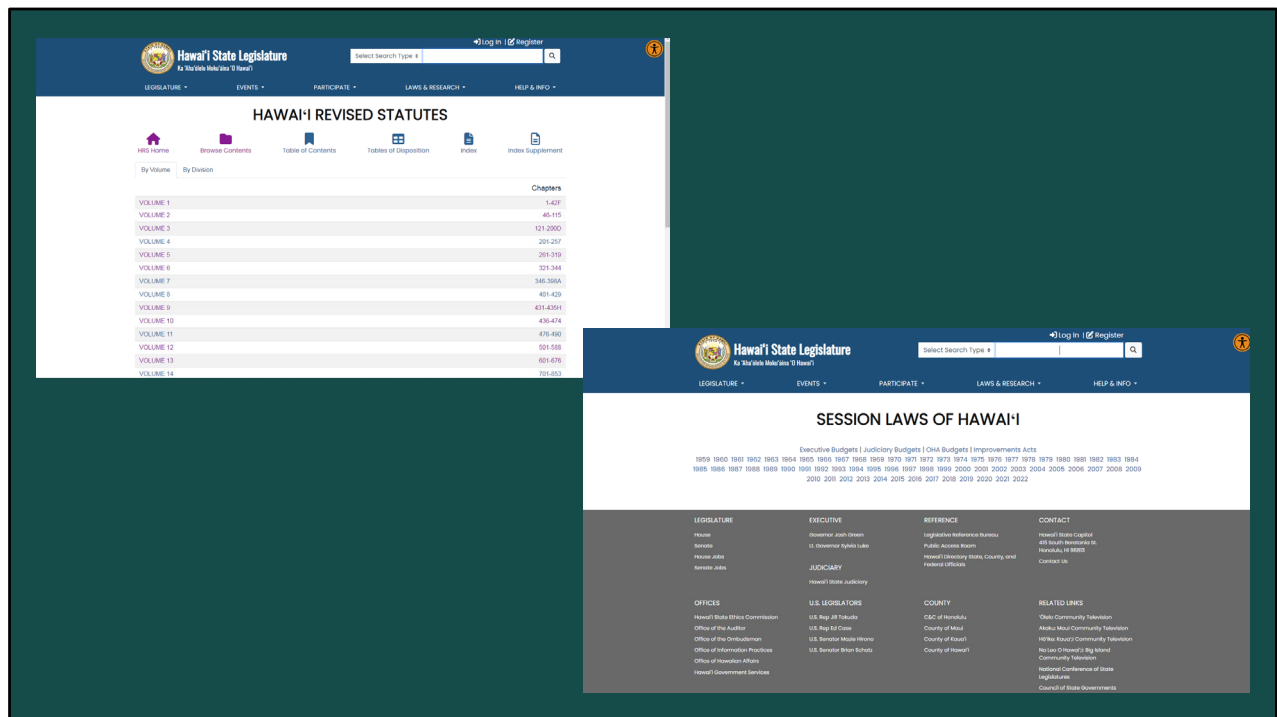
§ -3 Regulation of smoking in the office work place. (a) Each employer in the State shall within three months after the effective date of this chapter adopt, implement, and maintain a written smoking policy which shall contain, at the minimum, the following provisions and requirements:

(1) That if any nonsmoking employee objects to the employer about

❖ Like so.

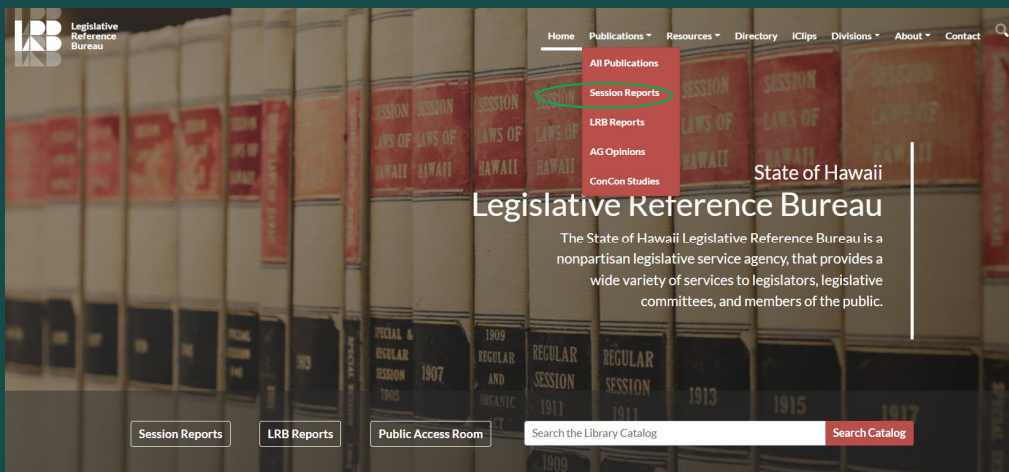


- ❖ We've shown how you can access the HRS and Session Laws using the search box at the top of the homepage, but you can also access the HRS and Session laws from the "Reports and Lists" tab, which is our favorite tab. You can select either Hawaii Revised Statutes or Session Laws.....



- ❖ And go directly to the HRS section or Session Law year. These can be handy places if you know already know what HRS section you want to view or which year the Act you are interested in was created.

## Supplemental Information Relating to Bills Passed lrb.hawaii.gov



- ❖ The Legislative Reference Bureau produces a “Supplemental Information Relating to Bills Passed” report that provides table of laws affected by the bills passed (but not necessarily enacted) during a particular session and is helpful for the current year before the SLH is published and posted. You’ll be able to find this report on the Legislative Reference Bureau’s website off the “Session Reports” tab.
- ❖ This report is especially helpful if you’re trying to see the HRS sections affected by 2023 Acts.

The screenshot shows the IRB Legislative Reference Bureau website. The header includes the IRB logo and navigation links: Home, Publications, Resources, Directory, iClips, Divisions, About, and Contact. The main content area is titled 'Session Reports' and features a dropdown menu set to '2023'. Below this, the '2023 Session Reports' section lists several reports:

- Statistics: [Legislative Statistics as of October 20, 2022](#)
- Special Sessions: [Measures Acted Upon by the Senate First Special Session of 2022](#), [Measures Acted Upon by the Senate Second Special Session of 2022](#), [Measures Acted Upon by the Senate Third Special Session of 2022](#)
- Requests by the Legislature: [Requests by the Legislature to Agencies and Officials of the Federal, State & County Governments and of Quasi-Public & Private Agencies](#)
- Acts: [Bills Enacted by the Legislature Regular Session](#)
- All vetoes passed in 2022: [Bills Vetoed and Acts with Vetoed Items](#)
- Supplemental Information Relating to Bills Passed: [Supplemental Information](#) (circled in green)
- Bills Passed: [Bills Passed by the Legislature Regular Session](#)

❖ You'll click on the "Supplemental Information" report.



2022_SupplementalInfo	
<b>ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES</b>	
Elections, <i>see</i> <b>ELECTIONS</b>	
Enterprise technology services office	HB1885
chief data officer, data task force	SB2144
electronic information technology disability access standards; working group	
Information practices office	
public records	SB3252
staff positions; appropriation	SB3252
Information privacy and security council, member's designee	SB3038 (Act 11)
Procurement office	
cancellation notices; invitation for bids or requests for proposals	SB2387
community rehabilitation programs, Hawaii products list	SB2384
Hawaii products preference	SB2384
procurement automation systems; staff positions; appropriation	SB3040
procurement services consolidation working group; reports; appropriation	SB3369
products list; section amendment notices	SB2384
small business initiative program, small business procurement coordinator; appropriation	HB1974
Procurement policy board, members	SB2383
Records, non-permanent government	
identification and digitization	SB3282
transfer to state records center	SB3282
Stadium authority; board members; transfer to business, economic development, and tourism department	
	SB3334
Staff positions; identification and digitization of government records	SB3282
Technology services consolidation working group; report	SB3284
<b>ACTIONS</b>	
Claims against the State	SB3041
Public expression protection act	SB3329 (Act 96)
State liability; licensed or certified employees	HB886 (Act 44)
<b>ADVERTISING</b>	
Election advertisements; false information of person paying	SB665
<b>AGED PERSONS</b>	
Daniel K. Akaka state veterans home	HB1893
Driver's licenses; expiration dates	SB2679
Health care facilities; enhanced payments, COVID-19	SB3236
Kupuna care and caregiver support services	SB3113
Right of entry on to premises; adult protective services investigations	HB980

❖ And this is what the report looks like. You'll see subject matter and the bills passed that relate to those areas.

**LAWS AFFECTED BY BILLS PASSED**

*Thirty-First State Legislature  
2022 Regular Session*

Key: *Am* = Amended      *—* = Part or section  
      *N* = New                number to be  
      *R* = Repealed       assigned in  
                                     HRS Supplement

**A. SECTIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES (HRS) AFFECTED**

<i>Section No.</i>	<i>Effect</i>	<i>Bill or Act No.</i>	<i>Section No.</i>	<i>Effect</i>	<i>Bill or Act No.</i>
<b>Volume 1</b>			11-363, 393	Am	HB2416
HIICA §208, 209	Am	SB2623	11-410, 411, 412	Am	SB0665
1-13.5	Am	HB2491	15-13.5	Am	HB2049
3-1, 2	Am	SB2741			(Act 109)
		(Act 014)	23-12	Am	HB2171
5- <i>—</i>	N	SB2059	23-78	Am	HB2049
		(Act 025)			(Act 109)
5-6.5	Am	HB2491	26- <i>—</i>	N	HB2171
6E- <i>—</i>	N	HB2329	26-4	Am	HB2171
6E-11, 11.5, 12	Am	SB1411	26-9	Am	SB3075
8- <i>—</i>	N	HB2475			(Act 072)
		(Act 082)	26-14.6	Am	HB2171
8- <i>—</i>	N	SB2202			SB3077
		(Act 081)			(Act 073)
11- <i>—</i>	N	HB2416	26-16	Am	SB2284
11- <i>—</i>	N	SB2162	26-21, 52, 56	Am	HB2171
		(Act 047)	27- <i>—</i> (4 secs, pt <i>—</i> )	N	SB2482
11-6	Am	HB1472	27-8	Am	HB1568
11-62, 63, 64	Am	HB1471	27-44, 44.2, 44.3	Am	HB1885
			28- <i>—</i>	N	SB2091

❖ You can also see what HRS sections were affected by this year's bills.

## REASSESSING & REGROUPING

Debrief after Session



Sketch out a gameplan



Network




- ❖ One of the first things you'll want to do after Session is to debrief.
- ❖ Based on your debriefing notes, you'll want to sketch out a gameplan for the interim and next session
- ❖ Finally, if you've identified network opportunities, reach out and make connections.

# What did we learn?

- What worked well?
- What didn't work so well?
- What could be done differently in the future?



- ❖ In doing a review of the past session, here are some areas of focus:
  - ✓ What worked? What didn't work?
  - ✓ What could be done differently next year?
  - ✓ What ideas did you have that you just didn't have the resources to follow through on?
  - ✓ What challenges were you not equipped to counter?
  - ✓ What research information do you wish you had?
  - ✓ What advice would you give someone trying to do the same thing next session ?
  - ✓ What do you know now that you wished you had known ?
  - ✓ Did you identify any potential supporters?
  - ✓ Jot it all down


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## SB304 SD2 HD3

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**Measure Title:** RELATING TO VISITOR IMPACT FEES.

**Report Title:** DLNR: Visitor Impact Fee; Report: Appropriations (\$)

**Description:** Effective 7/1/2025, establishes the visitor impact fee program within the department of land and natural resources, through which the department will collect a fee from visitors for a license to visit a state park, forest, hiking trail, or other state natural area. Establishes the visitor impact fee special fund effective 7/1/2023. Requires report to the legislature on strategic plan and timetable for objectives and implementation of the visitor impact fee program. Appropriates funds for the visitor impact fee strategic plan and positions for the visitor impact fee program. Effective 8/30/2020. (HD3)

**Companion:** HB1062

**Package:** None

**Current Referat:** TOU, WAL, FIN

**Introducer(s):** DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, AWA, CHANG, KANUHA, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, LEE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kidani, Richards, Shimabukuro, Wokai

**Sort by Date** **Status Text**

Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Friday 04-29-23

**All Versions of this Measure**

- SB304\_SD2
- SB304\_SDI
- SB304\_HD3
- SB304\_HD2
- SB304\_HDI
- SB304


**Committee Reports**

- SB304\_SDI\_SSCR467\_
- SB304\_SD2\_SSCR773\_
- SB304\_HDI\_HSCR229\_
- SB304\_HD2\_HSCR1958\_
- SB304\_HD3\_HSCR1956\_

**Testimony**

- SB304\_TESTIMONY\_EET-WTL\_02-14-23\_
- SB304\_SDI\_TESTIMONY\_WAM\_02-15-23\_
- SB304\_SDI\_TESTIMONY\_WAM\_02-22-23\_
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**Hearing Notices**



2/14/2023

WTL/EET Committee  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair DeColte, Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Elefante, and Members of the Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism and Committee on Water and Land,

**Position: Support SB304**

The Surfrider Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our ocean, waves, and beaches. Surfrider maintains a network of over 150 chapters and academic clubs nationwide, including 4 chapters in the Hawaiian Islands. The Surfrider Foundation focuses on many aspects of the environment such as coastal protection, plastic pollution, and water quality.

The Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i region, is testifying in **strong support of SB304**, which would establish a visitor green fee program administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

Our beaches, parks, reefs, forests, hiking trails, and other natural resources are paramount to sustaining our way of life and, similarly, our economic engine. These resources are intertwined with our visitor sector, as the tourism economy depends on Hawai'i's iconic natural resources. However, our islands are facing escalating visitor impacts, climate change, and localized threats to our ecosystems. Hawai'i currently only invests \$9 per tourist back in the environment, and less than 1% of the state budget goes towards conservation. We currently face an estimated conservation funding gap of \$360 million per year.

**SB304 would establish an innovative funding stream to support the critical conservation efforts needed to maintain Hawai'i as a healthy, sustainable region for future generations to enjoy, as well as a visitor destination.** A transformational investment in Hawai'i's natural resources through a visitor green fee

- ❖ If you were following a bill that received testimony in support and opposition, you can scan through the testimony to find allies. You can also read testimony from people/groups on the opposite side to better understand their position and try to find some common ground. These are things you can do during the interim to better prepare for next session.

Package:	None
Current Referral:	TOU, WAL, FIN
Introducer(s):	DELA CRUZ, AQUINO, AWA, CHANG, KANUHA, KEITH-AGARAN, KIM, LEE, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, Kidani, Richards, Shimabukuro, Wakai
Sort by Date	Status Text
4/28/2023	H Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Friday 04-28-23 5:00PM in conference room 229.
4/27/2023	S Conference committee meeting scheduled for 04-28-23 10:30AM; Conference Room 229.
4/27/2023	S Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 884).
4/26/2023	H House Conferees Appointed: Quinlan, Ichiyama, Yamashita Co-Chairs; Evslin, Kitagawa, Poe, Poepoe, Pierick.
4/19/2023	H Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 911).
4/19/2023	S Senate Conferees Appointed: Inouye Chair; DeCoite, Lee Co-Chairs.
4/11/2023	H Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 882).
4/11/2023	S Senate disagrees with House amendments.
4/11/2023	S Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 676).
4/6/2023	H Passed Third Reading as amended in HD 3 with Representative(s) Garcia voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Kong voting no (1) and Representative(s) Nishimoto excused (1). Transmitted to Senate.
4/4/2023	H Forty-eight (48) hours notice Thursday, 04-06-23.
4/4/2023	Reported from FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1956) as amended in HD 3.

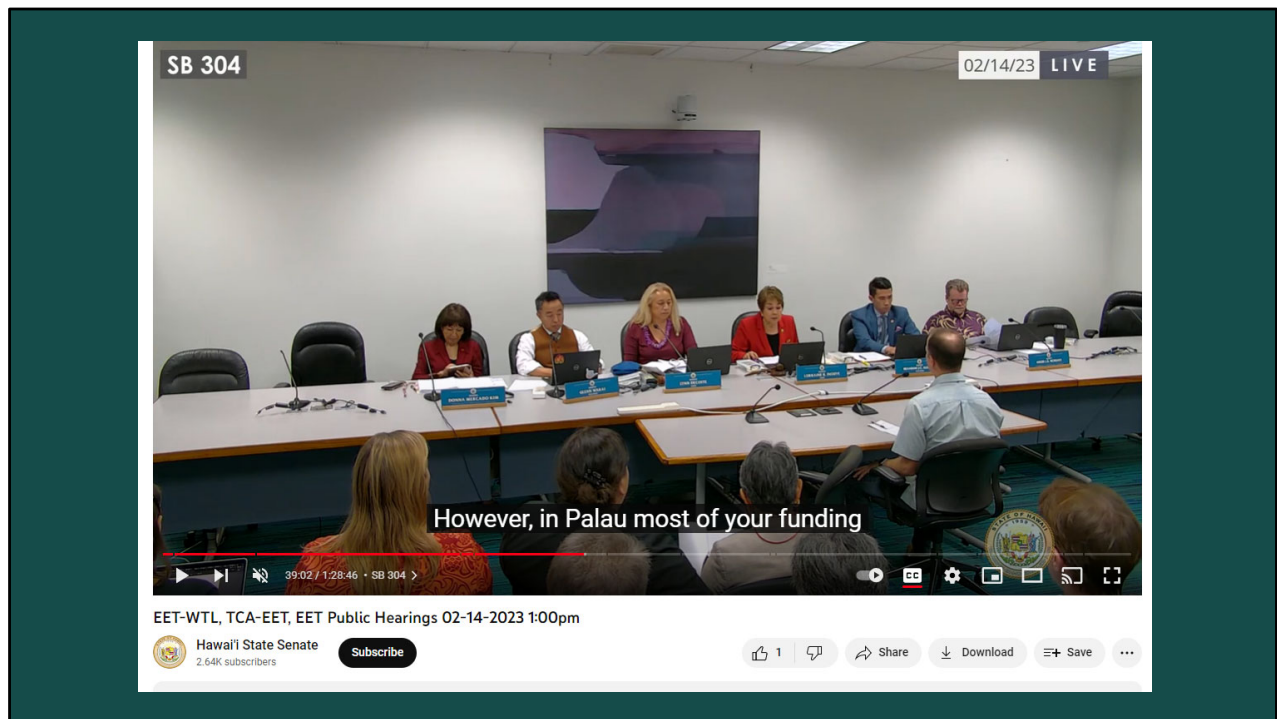
**Testimony**

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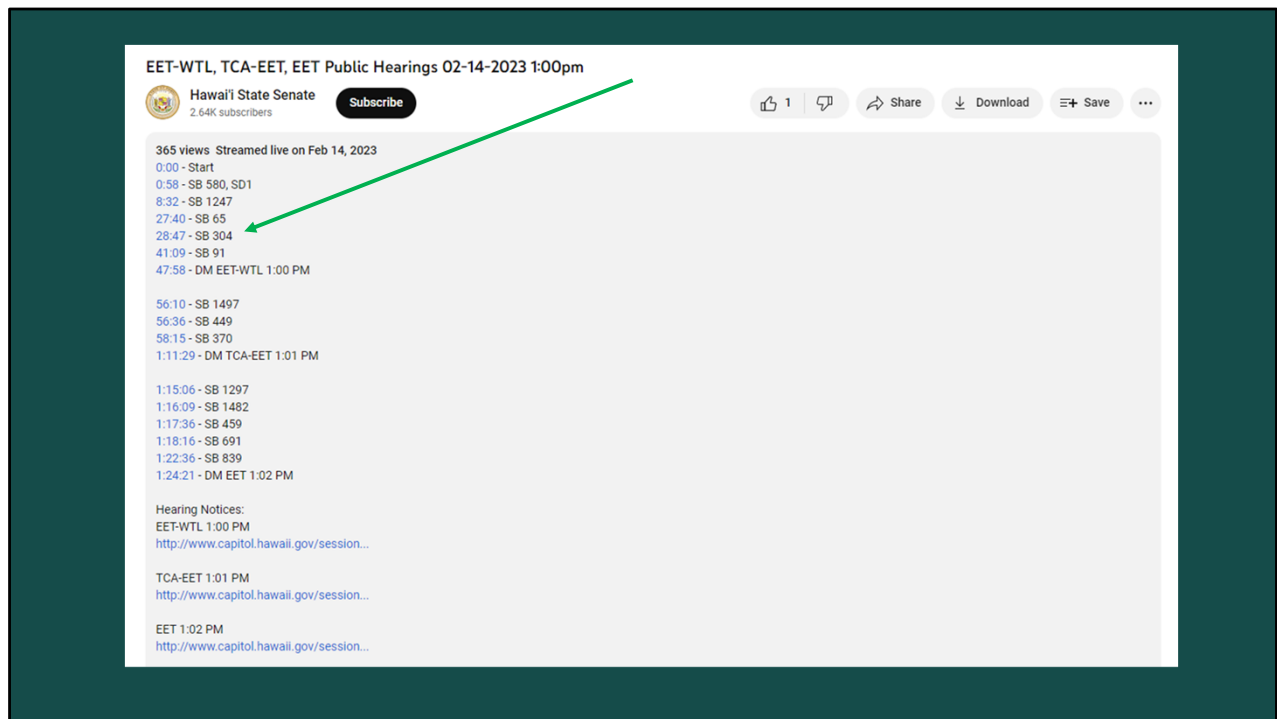
**Hearing Notices**

WTL/EET	2/14/23 1:00P CR 229 & Videoconference	<a href="#">View</a>
WAM	2/22/23 9:30A CR 211 & Videoconference	<a href="#">View</a>
TOU	3/14/23 10:00A 423 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	<a href="#">View</a>
WAL	3/22/23 9:30A 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	<a href="#">View</a>
FIN	3/29/23 3:00P 308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	<a href="#">View</a>
CONF	4/28/23 10:30A CR 229	<a href="#">View</a>

- ❖ It may be beneficial to watch the discussion on the bill in Committee. You can use the YouTube link under the “Hearing Notices.” That’ll take you to the hearing.



- ❖ Then just move the cursor of the video to the portion of the recording when your bill is being discussed.



- ❖ For Senate committee videos, they link to start times for discussion on each bill on the agenda, which is very helpful.



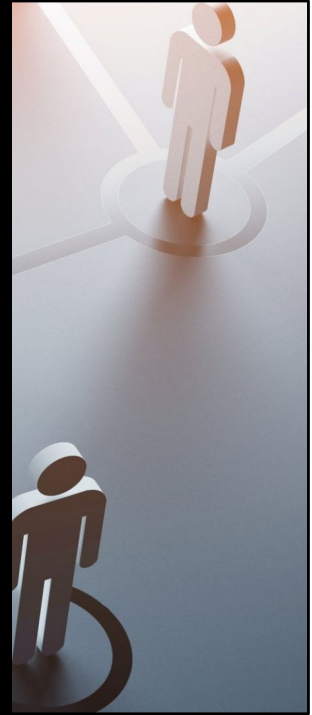


## Sketching out a gameplan

- ❖ Take what you learned and sketch a gameplan to continue your advocacy into the interim and plan for next session.
- ❖ Set up meetings during the interim with the legislators who sit on relevant committees in order to communicate your ideas to them. Provide them with as much information as possible to help support your position and ask for feedback and advice.
- ❖ Conduct research on your issue. Look through similar legislation that was introduced in the past. Read through the testimony and find out who supported and opposed the issue.
- ❖ Map out a tentative timeline showing key “to do” items – and schedule a follow-up review to evaluate how things are progressing.
- ❖ What new ideas can you bring into the fold?
- ❖ And remember, use PAR during the interim — the computers, convenient workspace, informational handouts and helpful staff are all here to assist you.



# Networking



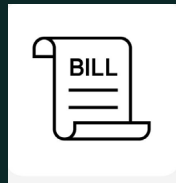
- ❖ Networking with others will help you better manage and focus your advocacy efforts:
  - ✓ Identify key advocacy groups or individuals who you would like to involve in your efforts
  - ✓ Identify key legislators that can help
  - ✓ Find allies to help divide up the research and outreach tasks.
  - ✓ Use social media to get the word out

## WORKING WITH LEGISLATORS

Stay connected



Request a bill



- ❖ Staying connected with your legislators during the interim to shore up support for an issue or discuss any concern is a good idea. Building relationships goes a long way towards helping you become a successful advocate.
- ❖ If you have an idea for a bill, you can work with your legislators during the interim to get a bill drafted.

## Working with Legislators during the Interim

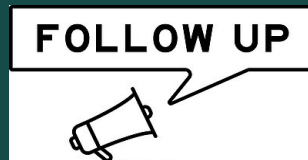
Meeting with your legislators



Communicating via email, phone, or letter



Following up



- ❖ Meet with legislators during the interim. They are more available to meet in the interim as they don't have to deal with the rigors of session. Election years are a bit trickier though as your legislator may not be running for reelection or they want to wait until after the elections to meet with you. Meeting with them in person is a good way to build a relationship. And don't forget the importance of staff.
- ❖ Here's a few tips when meeting with legislators in-person:
  - ✓ Prepare an outline of what you want to talk about. Bring along any supplemental information to help make your case.
  - ✓ Be on time, courteous and positive.
  - ✓ Be clear and factual when discussing your issue or ideas with them
  - ✓ Know what you want and expect
  - ✓ Be ready to answer questions or provide more information if it's requested. If you don't know, say so, and agree to follow up
  - ✓ Don't spend the whole time talking, allow enough time for the legislator to provide feedback
- ❖ If you were supporting a bill that didn't make it, you can talk to your legislators and ask for their advice. You can talk to your legislators about anything that the state has influence over, including district issues and policy issues. Here are some tips when communicating with your legislators via email or letter:
  - ✓ Identify yourself as a constituent
  - ✓ Explain why you are writing (concern, problem or opportunity), be specific
  - ✓ Keep your communication short and simple
  - ✓ Be respectful and thank the legislator and their staff. Legislative office hear complaints all the time, let

them know they're appreciated.

- ✓ If writing a letter write legibly and include your contact information so they can get back to you.
- ❖ When making a call:
  - ✓ Let the staffer know why you're calling.
  - ✓ In leaving a message or voicemail, speak slowly and clearly.
  - ✓ Repeat your name and phone number at the end of the call and let them know you'd appreciate a follow-up.
  - ✓ If you want to speak to the Senator or Representative directly, make the ask

## Requesting a Bill

### Summing Up Your Proposal

When should I approach legislators about my bill idea?

Who to approach?

Following up?

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE, 2022  
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1503

#### A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MINIMUM WAGE.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that one job should be  
2 enough to meet a person's basic needs. According to the  
3 department of business, economic development, and tourism, a  
4 single adult required an income of \$35,143 to achieve self-  
5 sufficiency in Hawaii in 2018, while a single parent with one  
6 preschool-age child required an income of \$59,428. Yet, at the  
7 existing statewide minimum wage rate of \$10.10 per hour, a full-  
8 time minimum wage employee earns only \$21,008 annually.  
9 Moreover, the National Low Income Housing Coalition's Out of  
10 Reach 2021 report estimates that a minimum wage worker would  
11 have to work one hundred fourteen hours per week to afford a  
12 one-bedroom rental home at local fair market rent in Hawaii.  
13 The legislature further finds that increasing the State's  
14 minimum wage will help Hawaii's economy by giving low-wage  
15 workers greater purchasing power. According to the department

Requesting a bill be introduced can be a fundamental part of your advocacy efforts. Your ideas (and the ideas of others) are key in helping to shape state law. While it may seem like a daunting task, it is not as difficult as it may seem. You do not have to be an attorney to get a bill introduced. You just have to have a firm understanding of the problem you are trying to address or opportunity you are trying to create

### Summing Up Your Proposal

- ❖ Before you take your idea to a legislator, there are a couple of things to consider:
  - What policy are you trying to create or change?
  - What result(s) do you hope to achieve with your bill?
  - Does your proposal need to be a law or is it an issue/opportunity that can be addressed via a memo to a state agency or achieved via the rulemaking process?
  - Consider jurisdictional issues: Is this a state, federal, or county issue? If it is not a state issue, consider contacting your congressional delegation or your county council members
  - Is there legislation from another state that could serve as a model?

### When should I talk legislators about my bill idea?

Late May through October is a good time to approach legislators about your bill ideas as things tend to be a bit slower at the Capitol during this time. Getting your proposal in early allows adequate time for a legislator to meet with you to discuss your idea and send your proposal off for drafting. The drafting agencies are busy fulfilling drafting requests in December and early January, so you will want to stay ahead of the rush. While bills can be drafted at any time, they can only be introduced during the bill introduction cutoff period which usually starts on opening day (which is always the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in January) and ends a week later.

**Who to approach?** Your own Senator or Representative, • Chairs/members of committees, • Legislators who have supported the issue (or a similar issue) in the past

**Following up:** If you are working with a legislator on a bill draft, make sure you follow up with them. Work with them on the draft and ask for their commitment to introduce the legislation. Even if they commit to introducing the bill, Thank them during the bill introduction period as a subtle way to remind them of their commitment.

## Important Dates

Early October- Departments submit budget requests to DB&F for review

Sometime in December– GIA Applications released

Late December/Early January–Release of 2024 Session Calendar

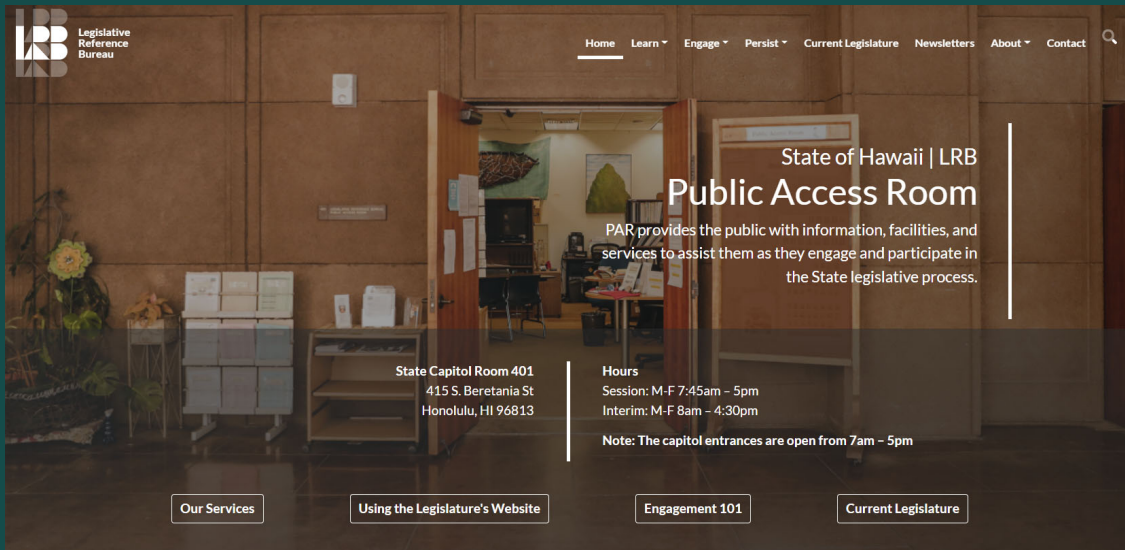
January 17<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day 2024 Session

January 24<sup>th</sup> –Possible bill introduction cutoff

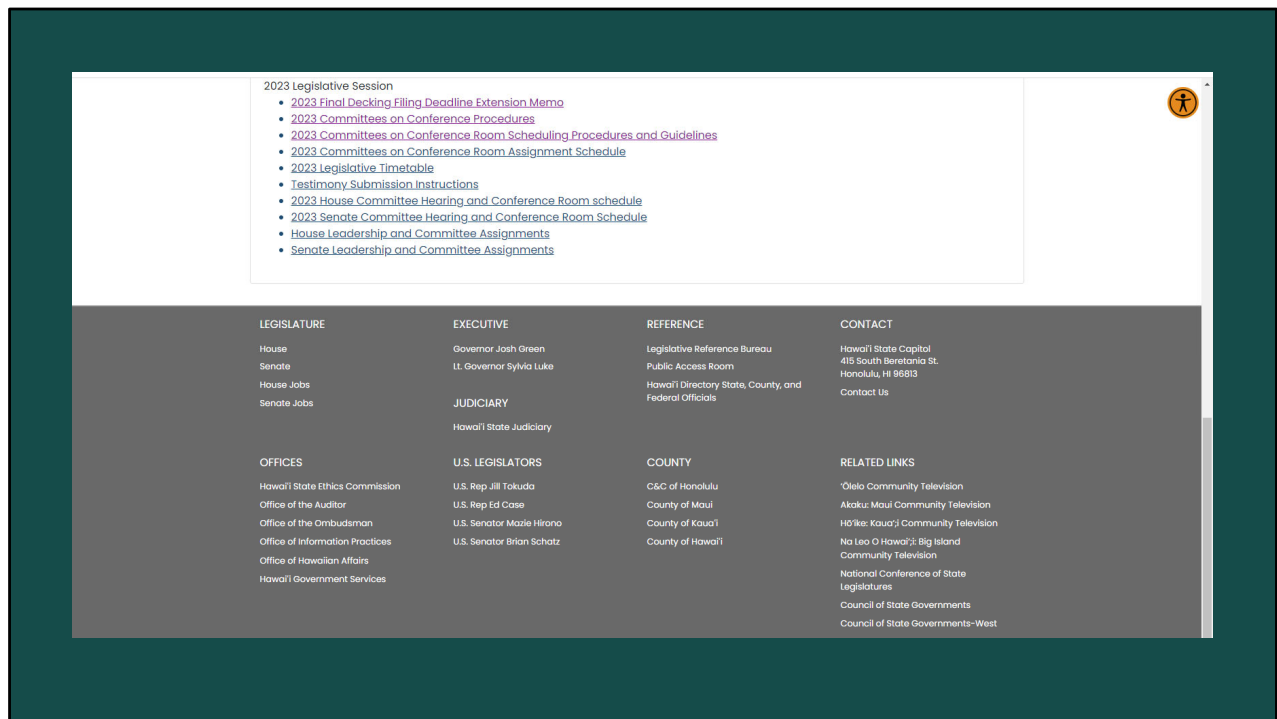
- ❖ Here are some of the dates to be mindful of (outside of the election dates)
- 1. Early October- Departments submit budget requests to DB&F for review
- 2. Sometime in December– GIA Applications released. Information on GIA's or Grant-in-Aids are available on the Legislature's website off the "Legislative Information" tab. Information may also be found on the "Recent Update box on the homepage of the Legislature's website.
- 3. The Session calendar should be released sometime in the latter part of December or early January. As you know, the session calendar will list the deadlines.
- 4. January 18<sup>th</sup>- the most important date to remember as that is the first day of the 2023 session.
- 5. Bill introduction cutoff will probably come on or around January 25.



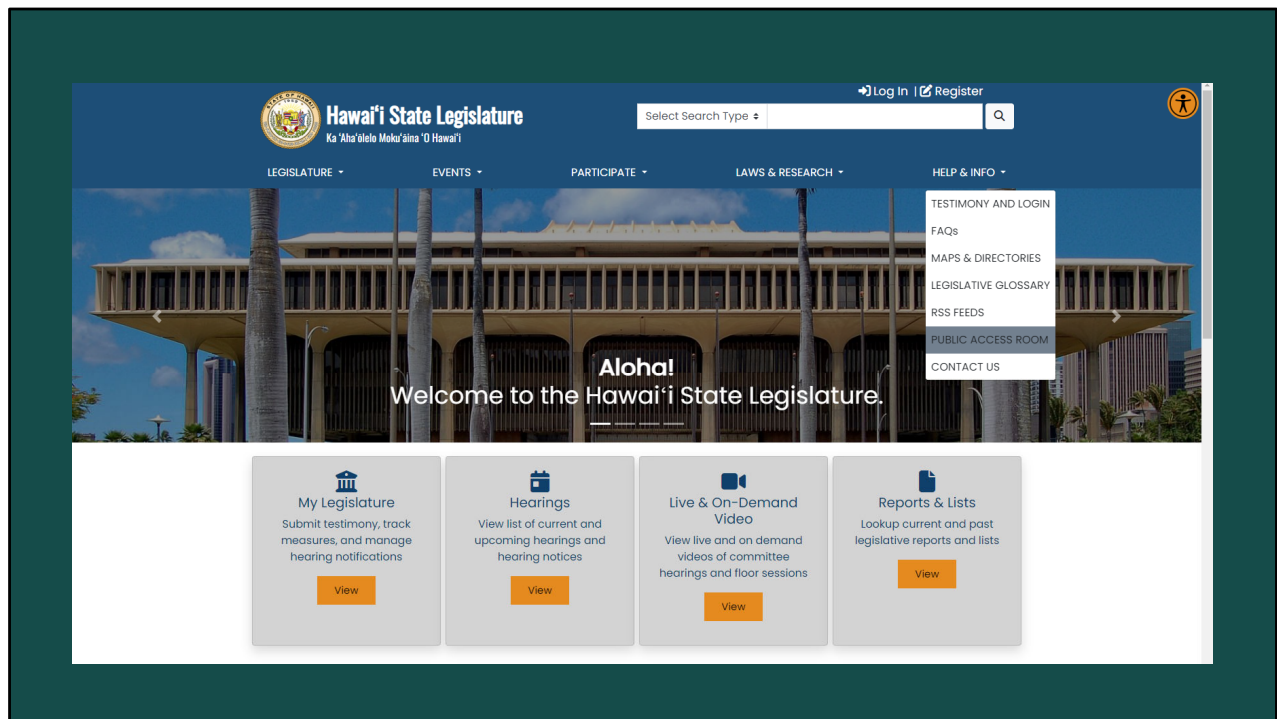
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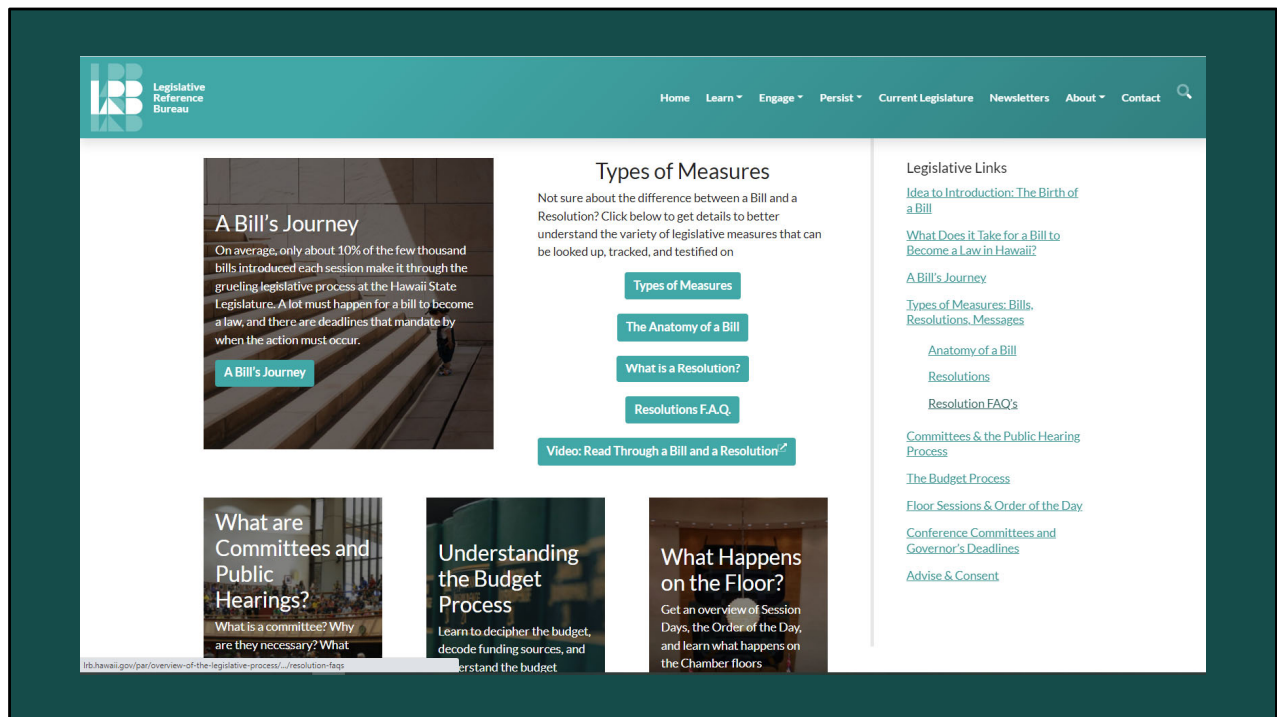
- ❖ Our website (lrb.hawaii.gov/par) has a wealth of information. Looking at everything we have available on our website is a good way to spend some of your time during the interim.



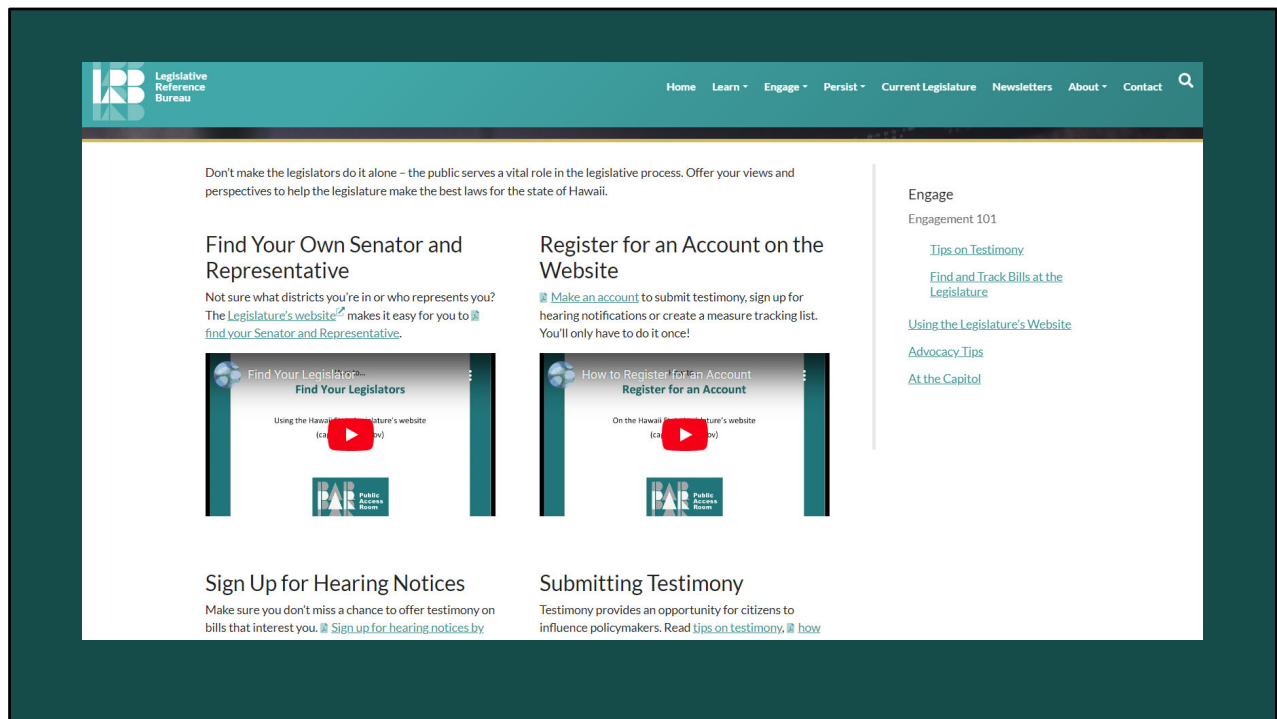
- ❖ You can also get to both the Legislative Reference Bureau’s website and the Public Access Room’s website via the links on the bottom of the home page on the Legislature’s website.



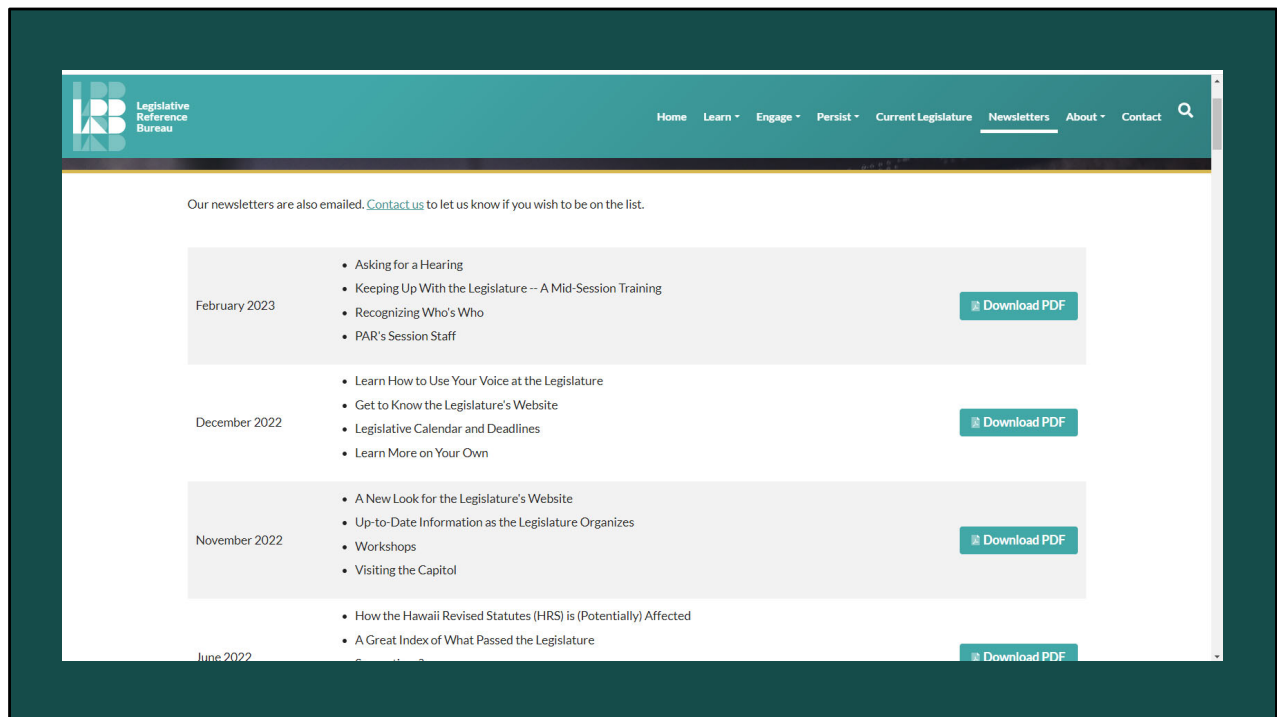
❖ And, via the Help & Info menu, just select “Public Access Room.”



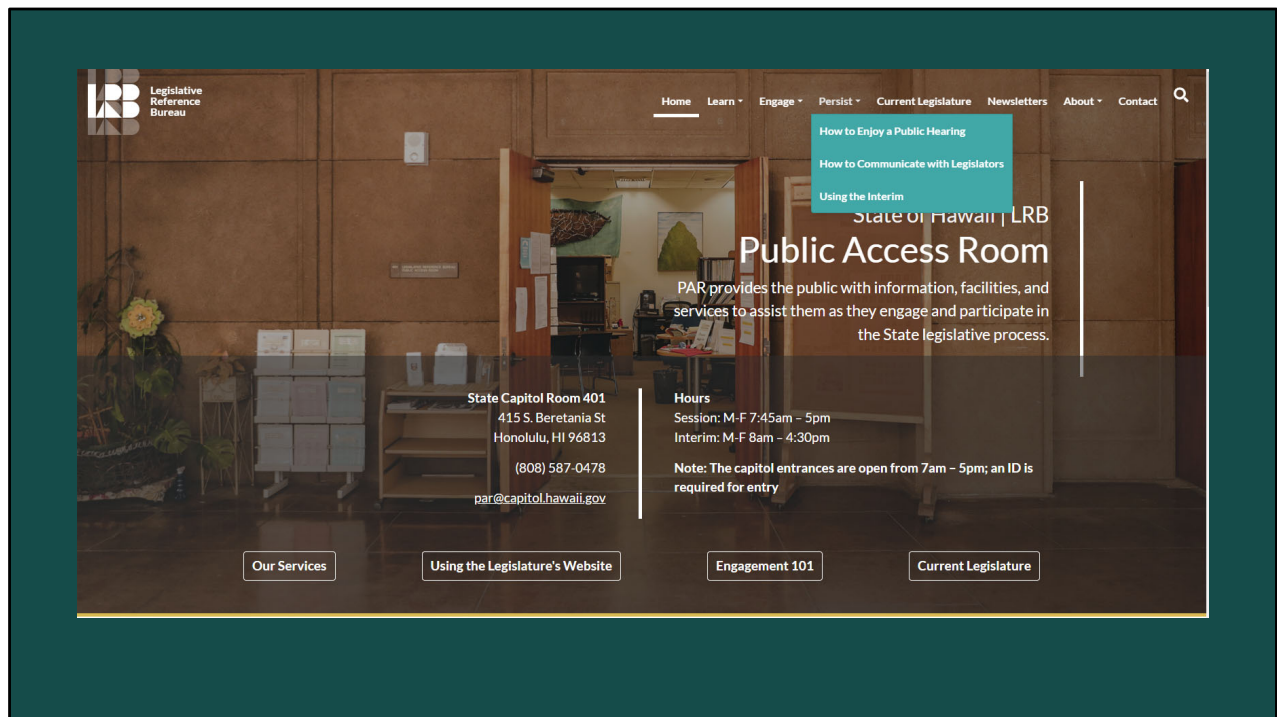
- ❖ Some of the information on the learn tab can be very informative, even for people who have experience with the legislative process. And it provides a good foundation for people who are not familiar with the process.



- ❖ The “Engagement 101” page walks people through the interactive features of the legislature’s website. This page can be especially helpful for new users.



- ❖ Our “*Newsletters*” page is also extremely useful. We discuss a lot of different things, and it’s information that can be time-applicable.



- ❖ The persist page on our website has some helpful information on Interim prep.

# How to Communicate with Legislators

## Tips for Success

### Your Government, Your Voice

In a representative democracy, power is vested in the people. This power is exercised when the people elect officials to serve as their voices in government, and then communicate their views to those elected. At the Legislative branch, we elect State Senators and Representatives who deal with a wide range of issues.

The people of Hawaii have many different needs and perspectives, and it's challenging for the legislators to make decisions that will be acceptable to all of us. But it's important for them to hear from their constituents! Formal testimony during the public hearing process is one avenue. But if you have an idea for a bill, concerns about an issue in your district, or an opinion on a matter pending before the Legislature, don't hesitate to contact legislators directly and let them know your views. They want and need to hear from you.



#### Persist

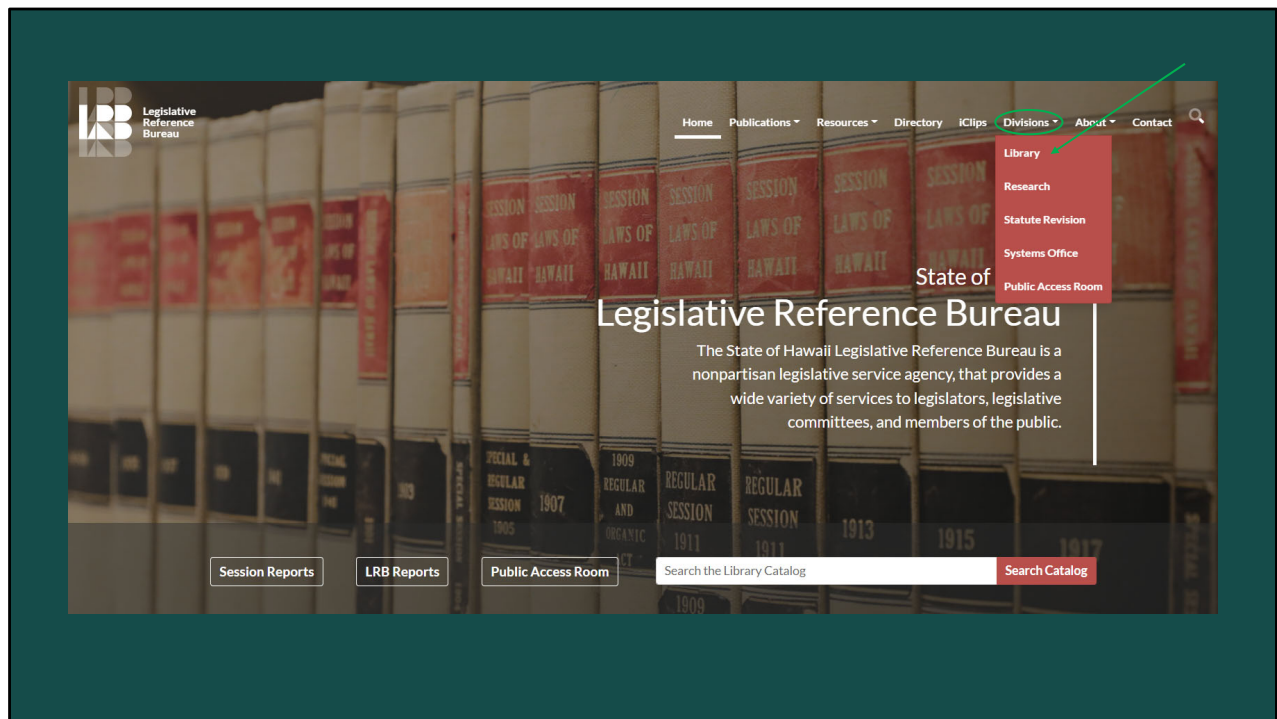
[How to Enjoy a Public Hearing](#)

[How to Communicate with Legislators](#)


[Using the Interim](#)

- ❖ And tips on communicating with legislators. The trick is do figure out what works best for the legislators you want to talk to.







- ❖ The Legislative Reference Bureau Library is a good resource for conducting research. They also have a friendly staff. You can get to their website off the main LRB website- [lrb.hawaii.gov](http://lrb.hawaii.gov), clicking on the “Divisions” heading, then selecting “Library” from the dropdown menu. This will take you to the LRB library’s website:



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