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## **Public Access Room (PAR)**

**Your Office** 



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The Public Access Room (<u>your</u> office at the Capitol) – is located in Room 401 of the State Capitol building at the corner of Punchbowl and Beretania in downtown Honolulu.

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## **Public Access Room (PAR)**

- Help, information and training at no charge
- Non-partisan
- Lots of resources!
  - Guidance on process
  - Computers with internet
  - Wireless access & recharge station
  - · Copies of testimony
  - · Helpful handouts
  - · Workshops and tutorials



We are **non-partisan**, dealing exclusively in **process** and never in **policy** considerations. There is never a fee for our services – we're supported by your tax dollars. You can come to PAR to use one of the six public computers or the printer, have a small meeting, get copies of your testimony, or watch a hearing remotely. We have tables for you to work on your laptop (there's free wi-fi throughout the building) or recharge your devices. Or perhaps just sit and relax a while. We can answer your questions and point you to resources. We also offer workshops and tutorials so you can learn more.

Our office is one of the five divisions of the (also non-partisan) Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB), a legislative service agency. More information on PAR can be found on the website: https://LRB.hawaii.gov/par/

## The place to go to:



- ask questions
- type up your testimony
- do online research
- re-group or meet up with others
- watch hearings
- recharge your laptop or phone
- pick up handouts
- take a breather (puuhonua of the bldg)

We're all about the process rather than policy.



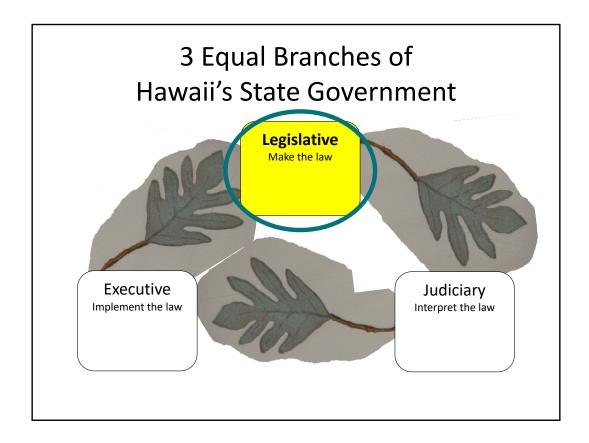
The two people in the center — Virginia Beck and Keanu Young — are in the office year-round. Each year during the legislative session, January through May each year, we hire a few more people to help us with the increased activity. Any of us is happy to help!

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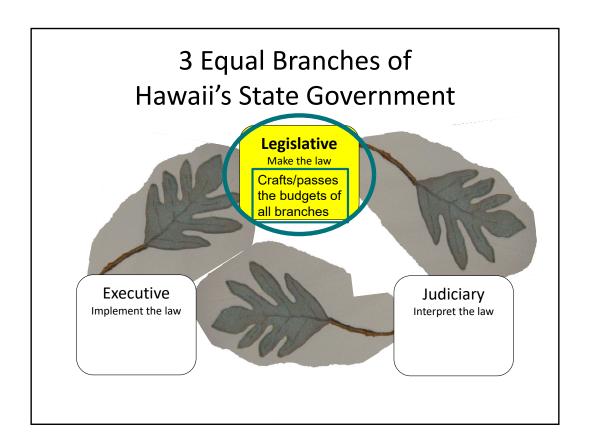
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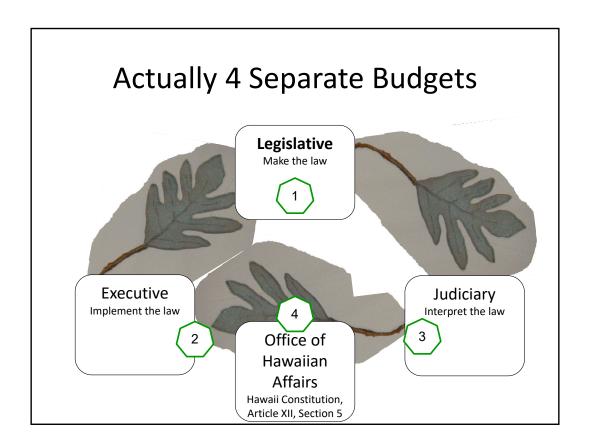


Let's start with the big picture. Our democracy is set up with a balance of power – three different, equal branches of government that help to keep one another in check. Roughly speaking, the Legislative branch *makes* the laws, the Executive branch *implements* those laws, and the Judiciary branch *interprets* the law.

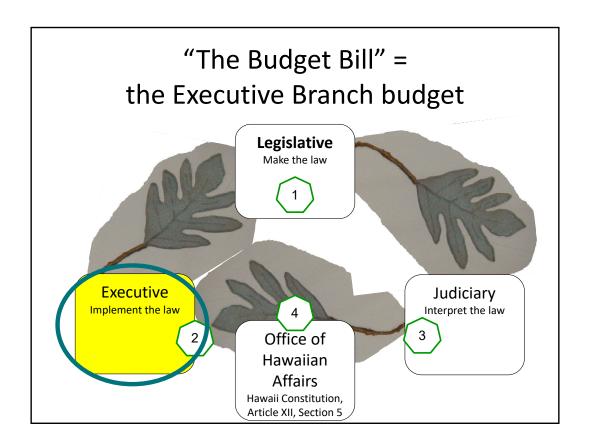
In this workshop, we'll be focused on the Legislative branch, the branch of government concerned with making the laws.



It is the legislative branch that actually passes the budget and spending authorization bills for the State.



There are actually 4 'budget bills' that the Legislature passes each year – covering the Legislative branch (often one of the first bills enacted each Session), the Executive branch, Judiciary, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA).



But when someone talks about "The Budget Bill," they're referring to the bill that establishes the budget for the <u>Executive</u> branch, headed by the Governor and consisting of numerous departments.

# Current Fiscal Biennium is <u>FY 2021-2023</u>: This is the State budget period.

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 = Fiscal Year 2022 a. k. a. FY 2021-2022 or FY22

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 = Fiscal year 2023 a.k.a. FY 2022-2023 or FY23

### Fiscal biennium starts in odd year

The budget bill covers the *fiscal biennium*, a two year period starting on July 1 in an odd-numbered year.

For example, Current Fiscal Biennium is FY 2019-21: This is the State budget period.

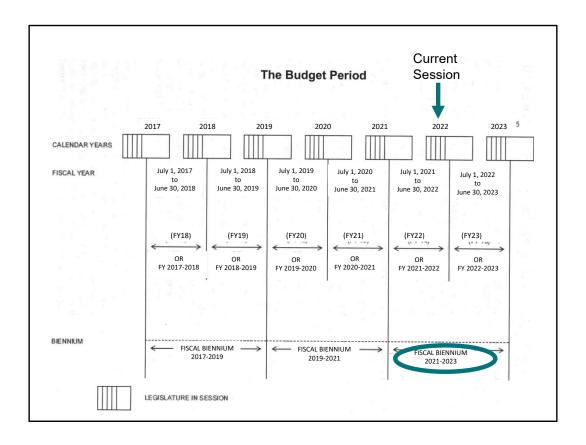
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 = Fiscal Year 2020 a.k.a. FY 2019-2020 or FY20

July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 = Fiscal year 2021 a.k.a. FY 2020-2021 or FY21 The first year of session (2021): pass General Appropriations Act for FY 2021-23

The second year of session (2022):
pass *Supplemental* Appropriations Act
for FY 2021-23
<u>updating the previous year's act</u>

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Both the General Appropriations bill passed in the first year of session and the Supplemental Appropriations bill passed in the second year of session deal with the <u>same</u> two-year fiscal biennium.



Accordingly, in the 2021 Session, the legislature passed the budget bill ("General Appropriations Act") covering Fiscal Biennium 2021-23 (consisting of FY22 and FY23).

In the 2020 Session, the legislature will consider a budget bill ("Supplemental Appropriations Act") amending the previous year's Act 5 (<a href="https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/GM1106">https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2019/bills/GM1106</a> .PDF) covering Fiscal Biennium 2019-21 (consisting of FY20 and FY21).

Here's a chart that explains it all – calendar years, session, fiscal years – if you have the patience to read through it!

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### **Hawaii State Legislature**

**Senate** 

**House of Representatives** 

**State Senators (25)** 

**State Representatives (51)** 

4-year terms

2-year terms

Each chamber organizes itself into:

Leadership positions

Committees

The Hawaii State Legislature is bicameral, which means that it is actually made up of two different chambers – the Senate is comprised of 25 Senators serving 4-year terms, and the House of Representatives is comprised of 51 Representatives serving 2-year terms.

Roughly speaking, a Senator's district is roughly twice as large as a Representative's district.

We can use the term "legislator" to refer to either a Senator or a Representative.

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Both chambers organize themselves into various **leadership roles** and standing **committees**. Such roles and assignments allocate power and responsibility, and anyone attempting to influence legislation is aided by an understanding of these dynamics. Each chamber establishes **rules** governing their procedures.

Easy to look over (and print) handouts summarizing each chamber's leadership and committee assignments are available on PAR's website (LRB.hawaii.gov/PAR/) on the "Information Sheets" page.

You can find the House and Senate rules by clicking on the "House" or "Senate" bar that appears upper-right on the Legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov).

# Just a reminder of what a bill has to go through...

 Successfully pass through all committees the House and Senate have referred it to

### and

 Successfully pass three readings in both the House and Senate chambers (where all the members convene)

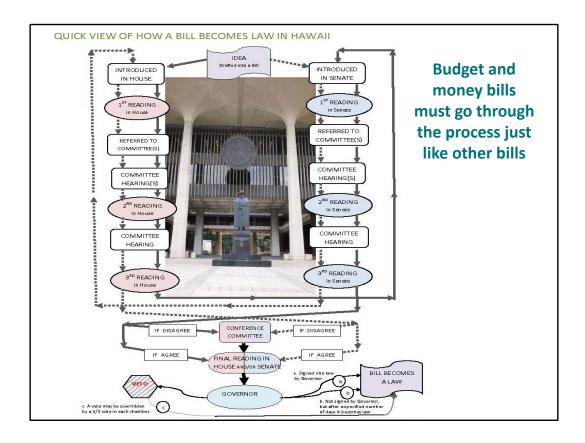
### and

- Have both House and Senate agree on exact wording and
- Be signed or allowed to come into law by Governor, or House and Senate successfully overrides his veto

A bill needs to meet a lot of requirements to become law:

A quick review -- it must:

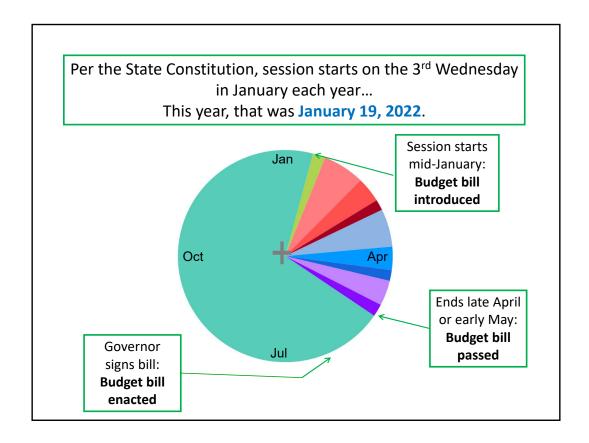
- •Survive all the committees it's referred to (though different versions will probably emerge as the bill moves from one committee to the next).
- Pass 3 <u>readings</u> (votes) on the floor of each chamber.
- Have both chambers agree on a final version.
- •Be signed into law by the Governor, or become law without his signature, or have his veto overturned by 2/3 of all the members of both the House and the Senate.



Budget and money bills have to go through the legislative process just like other bills. By law, the Budget Bill must go to the Governor before other appropriations bills.

HRS Chapter 37 provides a *lot* of information regarding the budget process: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01\_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0037/HRS\_0037-.htm

The provision regarding the General Appropriations Act (or Supplemental Appropriations Bill, in an even numbered year) going to Governor prior to other fiscal bills appears in the Hawaii State Constitution (Article VII, Section 9).



The budget is passed as a bill, and a bill can only be formally introduced (start its way through the pipeline) when the Legislature is in session (though of course it can be written – "drafted" – in advance).

Hawaii has a 'part-time' legislature – they convene in Regular Session on the third Wednesday in January each year, and meet for 60 session days – which takes them to late April or early May.

A lot happens before the 'Budget Bill' is introduced...

### **Council on Revenues**

predicts the future (how much \$ will we have)



A lot happens before the Budget Bill is introduced.

As a starting point, let's use the Council on Revenues projection of how much money the State will have to spend. They make these predictions four times a year. They'll make one in late May. (For more information, please see the Council on Revenues website: http://tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9\_1cor/)

# Council on Revenues General Fund Forecast

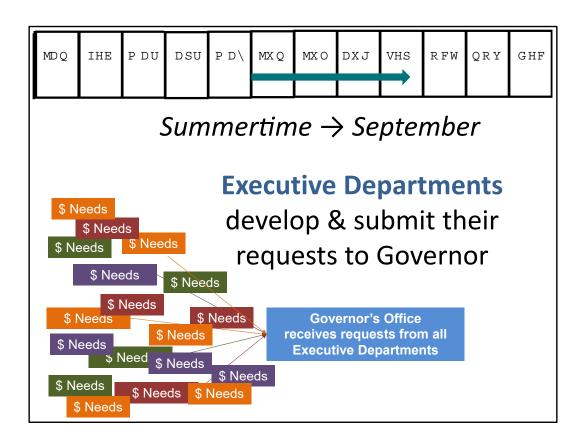
- January 10
- March 15
- June 1
- September 10



Revisions to the estimates are considered in appropriating funds and enacting revenue measures

(For more information, please see the Council on Revenues website: http://tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9\_1cor/)

The changing estimates affects the budget process throughout the year.



The Executive Departments will prepare their requests for funding and submit them to the Governor over the summer.

Some advocates may contact a particular department in an attempt to include certain programs or funding in their budget request.

# Council on Revenues General Fund Forecast

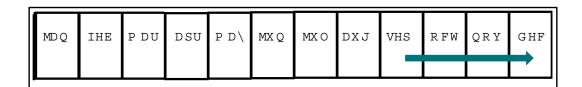
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NOTE: Changing estimates throughout the year may affect the budget bill

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September  $\rightarrow$  December

Department of Budget & Finance (B&F)

works with the **Governor**and the departments to compile
initial budget request

The Governor works with his team in the Department of Budget & Finance (B&F) to compile the initial budget. It is offered to the Legislature in late December (30 days prior to the start of Regular Session).

Note: Another Council on Revenues projection comes out in the fall, which may affect the overall budget numbers.

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### Governor

# submits Budget Bill (and a lot more) to Legislature in December

(PFP, or Multi-Year <u>Program and <u>Financial Plan</u> and Executive Budget)</u>

"...Not fewer than thirty days before the legislature convenes in every odd-numbered year, the governor shall submit to the legislature and to each member thereof the six-year program and financial plan..."

### As stated earlier:

The Governor must provide the budget [formally referred to as the Program and Financial Plan (PFP)] to the legislature not less than 30 days prior to Opening Day. (HRS 37-71)

# **B&F website: budget.hawaii.gov**Treasure Trove of Information

- Budget Summary
- Program and Financial Plan (PFP)
   includes program structure details,
   proposed budget as well as prior
   expenditures, proposed CIP (Capital
   Improvement Projects), info on
   economy, financial plan

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It includes: 1) State program structure; 2) Statements of statewide objectives; 3) Financial requirements for next two fiscal years to carry out recommended programs; 4) Summary of state receipts and revenues, revised estate of current fiscal year, estimate for succeeding biennium.

In general, the "PFP" contains:

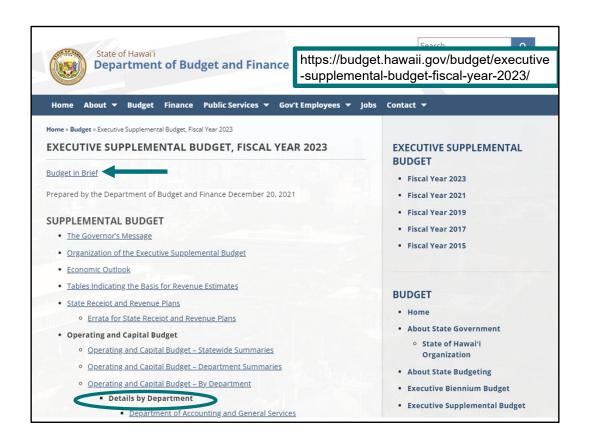
- (1) The state program structure (which we'll discuss more in a minute);
- (2) Statements of statewide & program objectives;
- (3) Program plans on the implementation of the objectives over the next six fiscal years; and
- (4) A financial plan of the fiscal impact of the recommended program over the next six fiscal years. (See section 37-69, HRS)

For more information, please see the Budget & Finance website: http://budget.hawaii.gov/

Budget page: http://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/ Finance page: http://budget.hawaii.gov/finance/







- Operating and Capital Budget
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  - Operating and Capital Budget Department Summaries
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    - Details by Department
      - Department of Accounting and General Services
      - Department of Agriculture
      - Department of the Attorney General
      - Department of Budget and Finance
      - Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism
      - Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
      - Department of Defense
      - Department of Education
      - Office of the Governor
      - Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
      - Department of Health
      - Department of Human Resources Development
      - Department of Human Services
      - Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
      - Department of Land and Natural Resources
      - Office of the Lieutenant Governor
      - Department of Public Safety

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#### Narrative for Supplemental Budget Requests FY 2023

Program ID: HMS 401
Program Structure Level: 06 02 03 05
Program Title: HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS

#### A. Program Objective

To ensure that qualified low-income and disabled individuals and families are provided appropriate health or long-term care services that meet their needs.

#### B. Description of Request

- 1. Request to add \$9,948,756 in general funds to reallocate funds for Home and Community-based Services (HCBS).
- 2. Request to add \$2,449,040 in general funds and \$3,448,465 in federal funds to extend coverage of post-partum benefits.
- 3. Request to add \$3,466,328 in general funds and \$6,728,754 in federal funds to restore and expand of adult dental benefits.

#### C. Reasons for Request

- C. Neasons for Request

  1. Section 891 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides states with a temporary 10-percentage point increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for certain Medicaid expenditures for HCBS from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. States must use this additional funding to supplement and not supplant HCBS spending to enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS through March 31, 2024. This request accounts for the savings accrued from the 10-percentage point FMAP increase on HCBS expenditures during the current fiscal year and preserves the ability to spend these additional funds per federal requirements in the future fiscal years.
- ARPA Section 9812 gives states the option to extend Medicaid post-partum coverage from 2 months post-partum to 12 months post-partum, beginning on April 1, 2022, for a period of 5 years. This request will provide extended coverage of post-partum benefits for women who would not otherwise be eligible for coverage under the low-income adult category after 2 months post-partum.
- 3. This request provides Medicaid-enrolled adults a basic dental benefit, including diagnostic, preventive, and restorative services. Hawaii is 1 of 16 states that provide no dental coverage or emergency dental services only. Providing comprehensive dental benefits to Medicaid-enrolled adults has been shown to reduce costly emergency department visits for dental conditions, result in health care savings for people with chronic conditions, and positively impact an enrollee's ability to successfully interview for a job.

D. Significant Changes to Measures of Effectiveness and Program Size

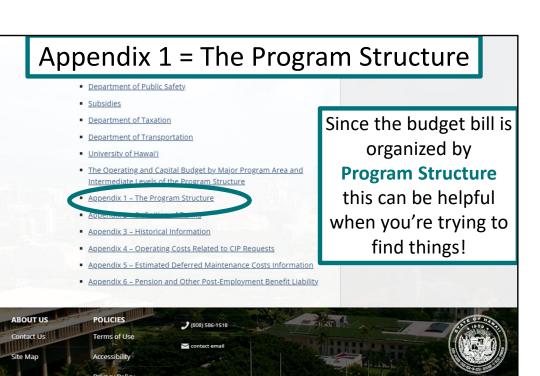
The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous negative effect on Hawaii's local economy, resulting in a significant increase in Medicaid enrollment. In addition, the continuous coverage requirement in the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act prevents the disenrollment of any current Medicaid enrollees, except for a few limited reasons.

Adding 1., 2., 3. amounts = change in funding

Description of what's included in the request

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SPECIAL FUND	1,376,660		1,376,660	1,376,660		1,376,660	2,753,320	2,753,320			
FEDERAL FUNDS	1,803,909,546		1,803,909,546	1,803,909,546	10,177,219	1,814,086,765	3,607,819,092	3,617,996,311			
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	13,474,795		13,474,795	13,474,795		13,474,795	26,949,590	26,949,590			
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# PROGRAMS OF THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 01 Economic Development
- 02 Employment
- 03 Transportation Facilities & Services
- 04 Environmental Protection
- 05 Health
- 06 Social Services
- 07 Formal Education
- 08 Culture & Recreation
- 09 Public Safety
- 10 Individual Rights
- 11 Government-Wide Support

Here's an overview of the program structure, and...

Here's what it looks like							
	STATE OF HAWAII PROGRAM STRUCTURE						
PROGRAM STRUCTURE NUMBER	PROGRAM LEVEL I II IV V VI	PROGRAM ID NO					
06 01 05 01	IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS	HMS 501					
06 01 05 03	HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (HYCF)	HMS 503					
06 01 06 06 01 07	SERVICES TO VETERANS ADULT PROTECTIVE AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES	DEF 112 HMS 601					
06 07 07	ASSURED STANDARD OF LIVING	HIVIS 601					
06 02 01	MONETARY ASSISTANCE FOR GENERAL NEEDS						
06 02 01 02	AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED PAYMENTS	HMS 202					
06 02 01 03	GENERAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS	HMS 204					
06 02 01 04	FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS	HMS 206					
06 02 01 06	CASH SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES - SELF-SUFFICIENCY	HMS 211					
06 02 02	HOUSING ASSISTANCE						
06 02 02 01	RENTAL HOUSING SERVICES	HMS 220					
06 02 02 06 06 02 02 13	HPHA ADMINISTRATION RENTAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES	HMS 229 HMS 222					
06 02 02 13	HOMELESS SERVICES	HMS 224					
06 02 03	HEALTH CARE	HWS 224					
06 02 03 04	COMMUNITY-BASED RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT	HMS 605					
06 02 03 05	HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS	HMS 401					
06 02 04	GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ASSURED STD OF LIVING						
06 02 04 01	CASE MANAGEMENT FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY	HMS 236					
06 02 04 02	DISABILITY DETERMINATION	HMS 238					
06 02 04 03 06 02 05	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING	ATG 500 HMS 237					
06 02 05	HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS	HM5 237					
06 03 01	PLANNING & DEV FOR HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS	HHL 602					
06 03 02	ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATING SUPPORT	HHL 625					
06 04	OVERALL PRGM SUPPT FOR AGING, DIS & LTC SERV	71112 020					
06 04 02	EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING	HTH 904					
06 04 03	DISABILITY & COMMUNICATIONS ACCESS BOARD	HTH 520					
06 04 04	GENERAL SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE PAYMENTS	HMS 902					
06 04 05	GEN SUPPORT FOR SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES	HMS 903					
06 04 06 06 04 07	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - DHS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL SERVICES	HMS 904					
06 04 07	FORMAL EDUCATION	HMS 901					
07 01	LOWER EDUCATION						
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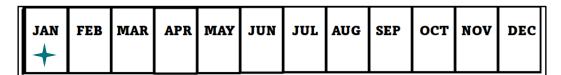
Here's what the program structure looks like... you'll see in the right-hand column that the department in charge of the programs vary.

Within each of the 11 major programs is a hierarchical structure of sub-programs.

Each lowest level sub-program in the structure has a "program ID" number. This number is used to indicate the State executive department which administers or operates the program ID.

The number consists of three letters and three digits. The letter identify the department, and the digits identify the program. For example: BED105 is the program ID for the Creative Industries Division of DBEDT.

Appropriations are made to the program IDs.



# **Early January**

Legislature's money committees ask Executive Departments to brief them on their budget requests

Money committees =
Senate Ways and Means (WAM)
House Finance (FIN)
Often ask subject matter committee to join

The money committees invite the Executive Departments to brief them on their budget requests. The informational briefings usually take place in January. If you sign up for the WAM and FIN hearing notices, you'll be sure not to miss them.

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Materials presented at the informational briefings may provide a great level of detail

(usually posted to the hearing notice – find them using the 'Reports and Lists' page)

Since all the proceedings are now livestreamed and archived on the House and Senate YouTube pages, you can watch them live or after the fact. Additionally, sometimes the department's briefing materials are available via a link on the informational briefing notice or on the committee page. This can be helpful when researching fund requests.

Find past hearing notices on the "Reports and Lists" page – use the "Hearing Notices" bar. Find committee pages under the "Legislature" tab.

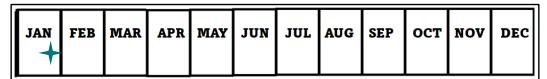


## **WAM and FIN Staff**



- Keep track of <u>all</u> appropriations bills... big picture, small details, all funds (long hours!)
- Must consider financial plans (6-yr plan) and expenditure ceilings
- Operating expenditures (recurring, operating costs)
- Capital expenditures (nonrecurring, CIPs)

The committee staffs work hard and long hours! If you need to contact them, please treat them with respect and patience. They keep their eye on the minute details as well as the big picture of all the appropriation bills and financial plans.



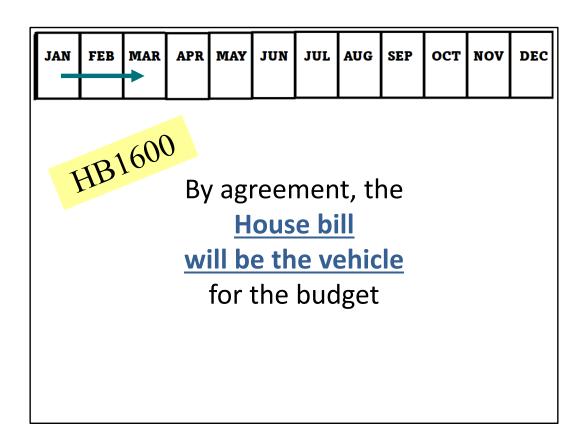
3<sup>rd</sup> Wed in January: Legislative Session starts

- House Speaker & Senate President
  both introduce bills for the
  Executive budget; marked "by
  request" and coded as part of
  Governor's package of legislation
- Other bills with appropriations are also introduced

In Hawaii, only legislators can introduce bills. As a result, the Governor's package of legislation (including the Budget Bill) is introduced by the House Speaker and the Senate President "by request" and is coded so that it is evident that it's being introduced as part of the Governor's package. By mutual agreement, they will use the House version of the bill to move the budget forward.

NOTE: To view the 'Governor's Package' of legislation (which includes other bills put forward by the Governor and his departments), visit the "Reports and Lists" page and click on the "Measures by Package" bar.

NOTE: To view other appropriations bills, again visit the "Reports and Lists" page and click on the "Appropriations" bar.



The chambers agree that the House bill will be used to craft the Executive Budget. This means that the House will be first to consider the bill, make any changes to it, and then deliver it to the Senate for their consideration and changes. Final changes will be worked out in conference near the end of session.

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#### **Budget Decipher Sheet** Don't be intimidated! Learn to "read" the budget. **Handy Budget Decipher Sheet** 3 Crucial Pieces of Information to Help You De-code the Budget This information is taken from last year's budget bill (2015's HB500), under Section 2, "Definitions." Departments aren't referred to using their regular acronyms. Instead, the budget uses distinct 3-letter IDs to (1) refer to organization programs (with identifying program numbers) and expending agencies. We've listed them here. (For example, if you're looking for funding in DBEDT, you'll want to search for "BED.") Department (Commonly Used Acronym) Program & E Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Department of Agriculture (DOA) Department of the Attorney General (AG) Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT).... Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) Program & Expending Agency ID Before you jump into lookin developed and ar ATG Quite a few entities are invol-.CCA the Legislature. (Separate bull Department of Defense (DOD) Department of Education (DOE) Office of the Governor Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)...... DEF .EDN .GOV as well as the Office of Hawai The Council on Revenues Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)... Department of Health (DOH).... Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) Department of Human Services (DHS)... Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)... Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Office of the Lieutenant Governor (LG)... Department of Public Safety (DPS)... Department of Tavaiin (DOTAX) times each fiscal year, whi The Governor, through th the initial version of the "li and Speaker of the House form and send it to the Go LTG PSD bill as a whole. IMPORTANT: and can determine when a Department of Taxation (DOTAX) Department of Transportation (DOT) ..... After the Legislature recei

The decipher sheet found on PAR's 'Information Sheets' page can help you understand how to 'read' the budget. In addition to an easy reference list to help you identify expending agencies,

MOF = Means of Financing. The letter that follows each appropriation figure has significance – it indicates the source of funding. Here's the list for decoding:  A general funds B special funds C general obligation bond fund D general obligation bond fund with debt service cost to be paid from special funds E revenue bond funds J federal aid interstate funds K federal aid primary funds C y and federal aid primary funds C y and federal aid interstate funds C y and federal aid ruban funds C y and federal aid urban funds C y and federal aid
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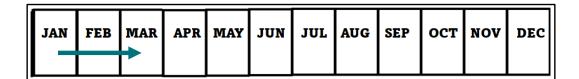
Information regarding the Means of Financing (MOF) – next to the line item figures in the budgets, you'll see a letter which indicates where the money will be coming from.

# **Position Ceiling**

Above certain line items you'll find numbers followed by asterisks\*.

These \* indicate the maximum number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) that may be funded by the dollar amount and funding source noted immediately below it. (Note: \*\* or # indicates temporary FTEs)

You may also see figures indicating the number of positions being funded.

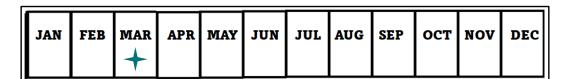


The budget bill starts in House...

- FIN assigns program areas to subject matter committees for their recommendations/priorities
- Subject matter chairs submit recommendations to FIN 1600

So, back to the Budget Bill. While a bill will be introduced by both the Senate President and House Speaker, by agreement the House bill will be used as the vehicle for the budget. The House bill will be referred to the FIN committee.

Behind the scenes: The FIN committee assigns budget areas to the subject matter committees for their recommendations and priorities. While the public doesn't see the part of the process where the subject matter committees submit their priorities to the money committees, it is an important part of the process. Part of your advocacy effort may include asking the chair of the subject matter committee to make your funding issue a priority.



House makes changes...

HB1600 HD1

- FIN has a hearing
- FIN presents amended bill (HD1) and submits to House Clerk's office by the Budget Decking deadline
- HD1 may incorporate some separate appropriations bills

The FIN committee will schedule a public hearing. You can submit testimony, just like you would for any other bill.

If your request concerns a particular program area, it is helpful to include specifics and the correct citation.

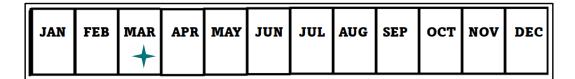
It is not uncommon for a separate appropriation bill being considered by FIN to be held or deferred, and the allocation incorporated into the larger Budget Bill.

FIN will pass the budget in an amended version – it will be given the suffix of HD1 ("House Draft 1"). They need to submit this revised bill to the House Clerk's office by the Budget Decking deadline.

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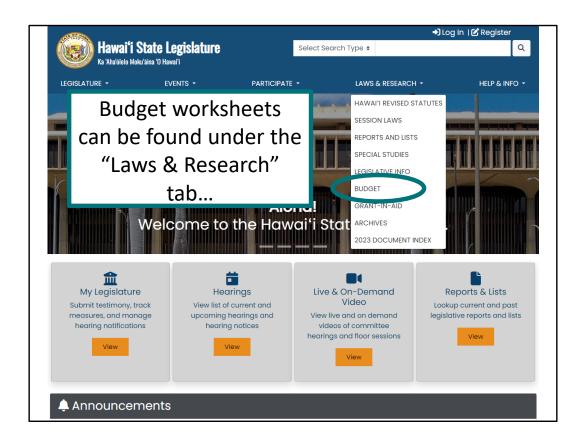
The legislative calendar is agreed upon by the Senate President and House Speaker — it's usually issued in late December or early January.



House passes and crosses to Senate...

- House holds third reading and passes bill (HD1) by the Budget Crossover deadline
- Bill crosses over to the Senate, passes first reading, gets referred to WAM

After the House has held a Third Reading (vote) on the HD1 version of the bill, it crosses over to the Senate for their consideration. The Senate will refer the bill to its money committee, Ways and Means (WAM).

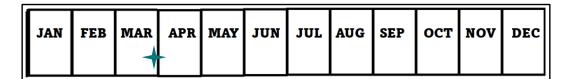


After the bill is amended, budget worksheets will be made available outlining the changes made from the original version of the bill. This is where you'll be able to see details regarding the changes.

Worksheets can be found on the "Budget" page, found under the "Laws & Research" tab.

# Compares HD1 to Governor's Request

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WAM has the budget bill...

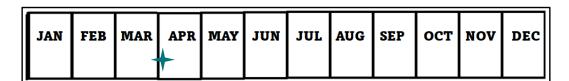
HB1600 HD1

- Senate subject matter committees
   have been assigned budget areas;
   provide their priorities to WAM
- WAM schedules a hearing

After the bill is voted on in the House chamber the requisite 3<sup>rd</sup> time, it crosses over to the Senate. The Senate will refer the bill to the Ways and Means committee (WAM).

Again the subject matter committees (this time the Senate committees) will be consulted and asked to provide their priorities to the money committee (this time, WAM). You can ask the subject matter committee chair to support your request as a priority.

WAM will schedule a public hearing, and just as you did before the House FIN committee, you can offer testimony – this time on the HD1 version of the bill.



Senate makes changes...

HB1600 HD1 SD1

- WAM prepares amended bill (SD1)
   and submit to Clerk's office by decking deadline
- SD1 may incorporate some separate appropriations bills

WAM will publish an amended version of the bill – SD1 ("Senate Draft 1"). Again, changes will be outlined in the budget worksheets.

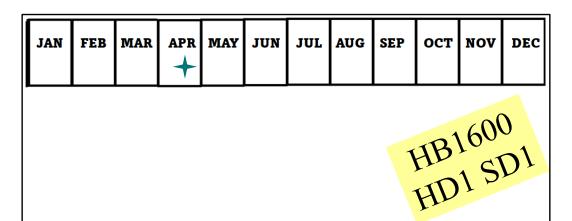


 Senate holds third reading and passes bill (SD1) by Second Crossover deadline

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Here's a snapshot of the budget worksheet for the SD1 version passed by the Senate.



- Bill crosses back over to House
- House disagrees with changes
- Budget conferees named for both House and Senate (often all the members of the money committees)

The bill now enters the conference process – the House formally disagrees with the Senate's changes and conferees are named by both chambers. The conference committees will produce a CD1 version of the bill that can be voted on by both chambers and then presented to the governor.

# **Following the Budget**

- Public Access Room (PAR)
- Overview of 'the Budget'
- The Budget Bill
  - > Following other money bills
  - Grants in Aid (GIA)
- Legislature's website <a href="mailto:capitol.hawaii.gov">capitol.hawaii.gov</a>

There are other bills that appropriate funds.

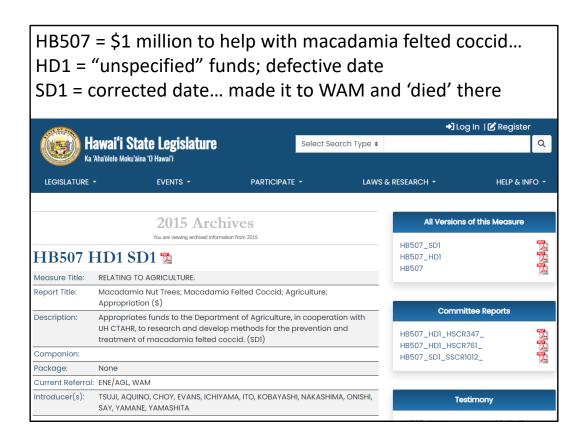
# **Other Appropriations Bills**

- Despite initially being drafted with a dollar amount, the bill may move forward with blank \$ amounts in funding sections.
- Bill itself may die... but funding is incorporated into the budget bill.

A note on other appropriation bills:

Despite starting the session with a specific request for X number of dollars, most appropriation bills will quickly be stripped of their dollar amounts and proceed with blanks. Don't be surprised by that. The particulars need to wait until the end of session when the final dollar allocations have been decided.

Also, as the budget bill changes, it may absorb the other appropriation bills. So, it is not unusual for your appropriation bill to die, and yet the appropriation itself to survive – it's just been absorbed by the larger budget bill.



Here's an example from 2015.

HB507 was an appropriation bill separate from the larger 'budget bill.' It was initially drafted asking for \$1 million to help with the macadamia felted coccid. It was referred to AGR, FIN. AGR passed the bill with changes – they took out the specific \$ amount and added a "defective" effective date. FIN passed the bill without changes.

It crossed to the Senate and was referred to ENE/AGL, WAM. The joint ENE/AGL amended the bill, correcting the date. It moved on to WAM, but never came out. The bill 'died' in WAM.

<u>But</u>, money was put in the budget bill to help with the macadamia felted coccid. The appropriation lived on!



How to find out if it was incorporated into the budget bill?

It's not always clear what's happened. How do you find out if the appropriation is dead along with the bill, or if the appropriation was incorporated into the larger budget bill?

- **Committee report** sometimes highlights particular changes
- **Budget worksheets** published after the revised bill draft is issued: show changes made to prior version, and includes more detail than the bill

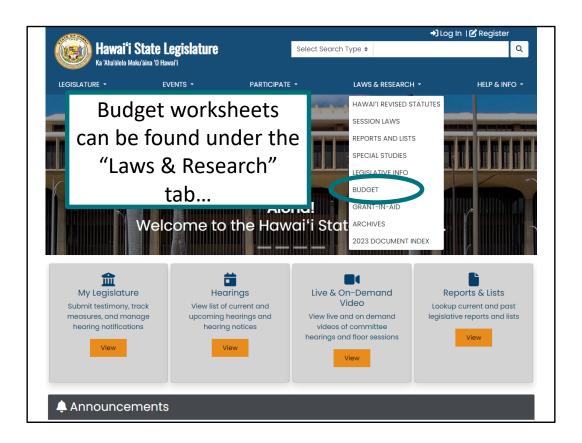
2015 Budget Worksheets

- HB500 GM Worksheets
- HB500 HD1
- HB500 HD1 SD1
- HB500 Comparison Worksheets Agree
- HB500 Comparison Worksheets Disagree
- · HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1 Worksheets
- · HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1 CIP Spreadsheet
- · HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1 Department Totals

The budget worksheets are your best bet. The committee report that the money committee issues along with the revised draft may mention the program area you're interested in, but the worksheets offer you a recap of all the changes made in the latest draft.

- Sometimes the level of detail published is just not sufficient!
- Contact FIN or WAM staff for additional program detail – feel free to call PAR for initial guidance

That said, sometimes even the level of detail offered in the worksheets is still not sufficient. In those instances, it is certainly appropriate to contact the staff of FIN or WAM. The money committees keep track of everything! But they're also incredibly busy – be courteous.



Again, here's where the budget worksheets can be found.

#### Back to our example... looking at the budget worksheet

# WAM: in HB500 HD1 SD1 added \$250,000 FY2016 and \$250,000 FY2017 from general funds

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Back to our example, here's a snippet from the SD1 version of the budget worksheet. It shows that the Senate WAM added \$250k for FY 2016 and \$250k for FY 2017, and the money will come from general funds (as noted by the "A" to the right of the figures) for the macadamia felted coccid. (Note the Program ID = AGR122, Plant Pest and Disease Control.)

We found this by going into the budget worksheet and searching for "macadamia"... we could have looked for "coccid" or another unique term.

NOTE: We know that "A" refers to General Funds because it is noted at the beginning of the General Appropriations bill, and it is also noted on PAR's handy budget decipher sheet.

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Just to follow through on this example, in the *final* version of the budget (CD1), the funding was cut to \$250k for FY2016 only (no funds for 2017) and it is from special funds (as noted by the "B" to the right of the dollar amount). This version of the budget worksheet reflects changes from the originally introduced bill, which did not include a request for the macadamia felted coccid.

Looking at the bills	s the level o	f detail is jus	st not there
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If we were looking at the budget bills themselves, we wouldn't be able to see the specific allocation.

Just to see the level of detail – here are snippets from the text of the SD1 and CD1 drafts of the bill. It shows the program area, AGR122. The totals allocated for general funds (A) and special funds (B) reflect the changes between the versions.

The level of detail here is much less than we saw in the budget worksheets.

The detail could be found only on the **budget worksheet** (or in the case of CD1, the committee report)

The budget worksheets are a great source of information!

# Floor Votes (Readings) on Bills

1<sup>st</sup> reading = at outset; everything passes

2<sup>nd</sup> reading = sometimes debate on House floor, rarely on Senate

**3rd reading** = possible debate in either chamber

**Conference Committee** 

Final reading = possible debate in both

Just a note – all bills need to have at least 3 readings or votes on the floor of each chamber. Debate may take place on the floor or beforehand, "in caucus" where members of the same political party discuss the upcoming session and pending legislation.

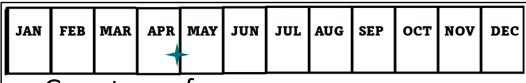
The Budget Bill is an important piece of legislation – it is usually commented on at length by the money committee chair and may prompt comment from legislators.

Before we get to the Final reading of the bill, we'll have to go to Conference to come to an agreement –



...Since the House has passed one version of the Budget Bill, and the Senate has passed another, the Conference Committees appointed by House and Senate leadership will have to iron out the differences and come to an agreement on the final version of the bill to be presented to their chambers.

The conferees need to come to agreement by the final decking deadline. For the budget and other appropriations bills, you'll see that there's a "Final Decking (**Fiscal Bills**)" deadline.



Goes to conference...

- on which they've come to HD1 SD1 agreement

  Large room
- Large room, many people gathered
- CD1 version by decking deadline (affects CD1 of other appropriation bills)

In addition to the budget bill, many other appropriation bills will need the fiscal okay from the money committees before their CD1 versions can be voted on.

# What's the deadline for the conference committee to come to a decision?

Decking for Non-Fiscal Bills

Thursday, April 28

Decking for Fiscal Bills

Friday, April 29

Any conference draft or decision on final form must be delivered to the House and/or Senate Chief Clerk by then (placed on the clerks' "decks" or desks).

All money bills will have to have the okay from the FIN and WAM chairs. The deadlines for coming out of conference are posted on the Legislative Calendar.

Advocacy at this stage requires contacting anyone who may have influence – the conferees, your own legislators, the subject matter chairs, etc. – and getting others to do the same.

# What's the deadline for the conference committee to come to a decision?

They may set deadlines more specifically... such as:

6:00 p.m. = conclude negotiations

9:00 p.m. = committee report available

for review and signature

11:30 p.m. = file committee report and bill

draft with Chief Clerk

Additionally, conference procedures are agreed upon by House and Senate leadership which provide more specifics – including the time to conclude negotiations, present the report, and file the report and bill with the Clerk.

# A Note re: Fiscal (\$) Bills

## Bills with fiscal implications must get approval by money chairs (FIN and WAM)

This means that even if you've got loads of support from the other conferees, the fate of your bill – and whether it comes out of conference – may not be known until the evening of the Final Decking deadline for fiscal bills.

Again, all bills with fiscal implications will need to get the approval of the money chairs. What this means? You may not know the fate of your bill until the deadline – its fate is tied into the fate of the other fiscal matters being considered.

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Now let's look at Grants in Aid...

## **Grant-in-Aid (GIA) \$**

- If the Legislature is offering GIA money, the application will appear on the website ("Legislative Information")
- Deadline traditionally in January
- Will be for upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023)
- HRS Chapter 42F for more information

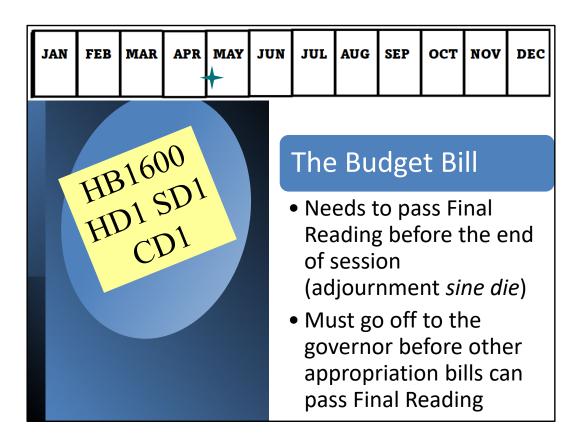
Before we conclude, a quick note about Grant-in-Aid (GIA) money – we bring it up here because if you apply for GIA funds you won't know whether your application has been successful until the end of session. (Note: Applications for GIA will appear on the Legislature's website – usually by early January. They'll be located under the "Laws & Research" tab, where you find the Budget Worksheets. Traditionally, the deadline is midlate January.)

## **Grant-in-Aid \$**

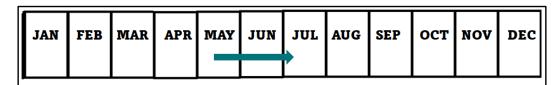
- Often a member of FIN and WAM are assigned to focus on GIAs
- Can view previous years' applications and awards online
- Informational briefing held so applicants can appear and offer highlights of their request
- Won't know result until the end of process (conference draft of budget)

Looking at past years' applications and awards may be helpful.

It may also help to reach HRS Chapter 42F: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01\_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0042F/HRS\_0042F-.htm



Back to the budget bill. After the budget bill survives conference, it will have to succeed in its final readings (votes) in both chambers before the end of session.



#### Governor

- Use your administration contacts
- Ask supporters to communicate (can use form on Gov's website)
- Governor can line-item veto budget bill

http://governor.hawaii.gov

It's important to remember that even if the funding you're advocating for passes the legislature, the Governor has power over its fate. The Governor can veto bills and can line item veto the Budget Bill (veto particular line items only).

You can lobby the Governor as well as the administrative department that is charged with expending funds in your program area.

There are deadlines by which the Governor must sign a bill into law, allow it to become law without signature, or veto it. Additionally, if a veto is being considered, he must advise the Legislature by a certain date. There is a mechanism by which the Legislature can override a veto. Details: Constitution of Hawaii, Article III, Section 16,

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01\_Ch0001-0042F/05-Const/CONST\_0003-0016.htm

# Budget Bill – Overview

- Summer/September: Departments make requests to Governor
- 1 month before Session: Governor provides Budget Request to Legislature
- Early January: Money committees hold briefings with departments

#### To recap:

The budget process starts on the tail of the previous year's budget being enacted.

The departments are instructed to formalize their requests for funds to the Governor, who will work with his Budget & Finance department to craft the budget that he presents to the Legislature.

The legislature begins briefings with the departments to more fully understand the requests and to question previous allocations/expenditures, and the budget bill is formally introduced at the start of session.

# Budget Bill - Overview

- January: Budget Bill formally introduced at start of session
- Session: FIN and WAM hold public hearings, make amendments, come to agreement (subject matter chairs advise)
- Budget Bill passed by Legislature
- Budget Bill enacted by Governor



Process starts again

And now we can get into the Budget Bill itself. It will be introduced, there will be hearings at which you can testify, and it needs to be passed by the Legislature and enacted by the Governor. And then the cycle starts all over again.

In following the budget bill... you can offer testimony at the hearings; you can lobby the chairs of subject matter committees; and you can follow changes using the budget worksheets. But remember you can always call and ask for help – despite improvements, the process can be a bit opaque when it comes to tracking particulars!

## Is it really over...?

- Focus on implementation!
- If there's \$, doesn't mean it will be expended
- Thanks to those who have helped
- Debrief valuable info for future

And even after its over, is it really? Remember that the Governor holds the 'power of the purse strings' – just because the spending has been <u>authorized</u> doesn't mean that it will be spent or released.

# At the Capitol... You never know who's going to prove helpful!

- Staff may be key!
- Legislators' roles may change over the years
- Listen and learn
- Relationships
- Don't burn bridges

A reminder... staff members may be key to your success, so treat them with respect and aloha. Also, legislators' roles may change over the years – don't completely discount someone 'out of power,' tomorrow the tables may have turned. In any case, you don't want to burn bridges. Develop relationships – that's really the key to getting things done at the Capitol. Listen and learn from all your experiences.

# If you've got a good relationship with a legislator... ask for advice!

- additional background that leads to stances/positions
- better understanding of how to approach specific legislators
- advice re: more/less pressure needed
- where to focus energy
- perspectives on bigger picture of what's going on

Especially when it comes down to the nitty-gritty, and you're not sure how your bill or issue can survive, if you've got a good relationship with a legislator, ask for advice! It probably goes without saying that you'll want to respect their time and not overdo it, but a legislator's perspective may be invaluable.

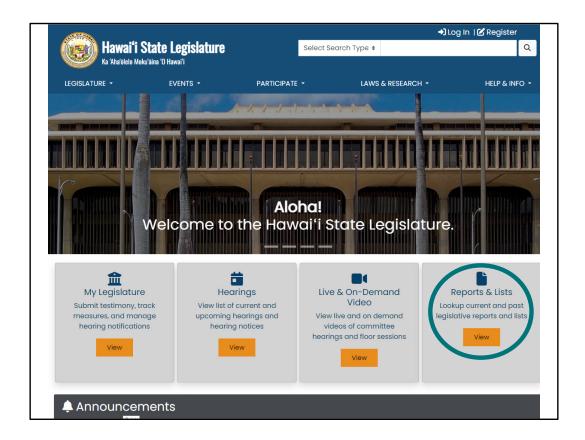
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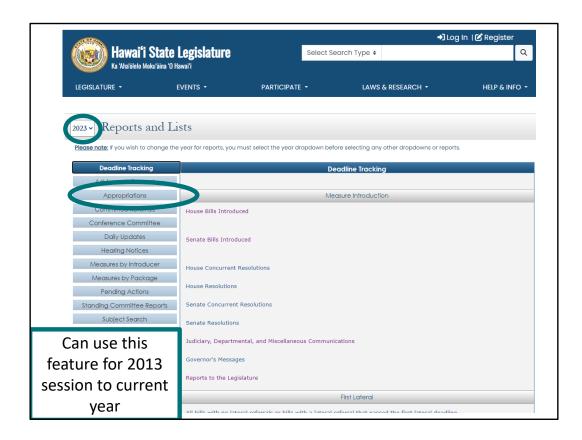
Finally, a few comments on the Legislature's website, https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/



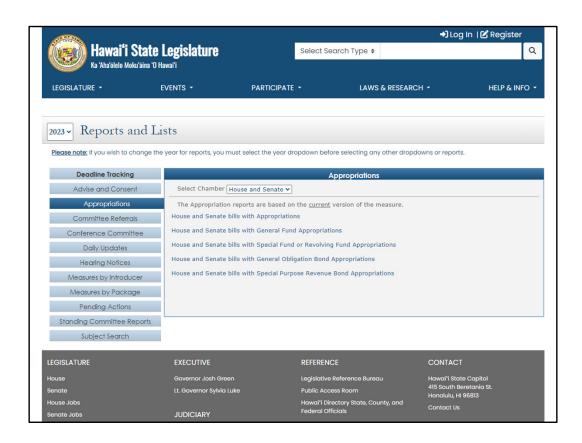
It's easy to find appropriations bills online.



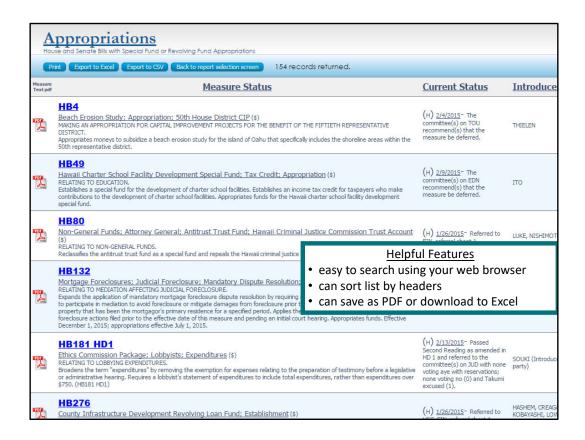
Use the Reports and Lists button on the home page. (You can also get to the Reports and Lists page through the "Laws & Research" tab and its pull-down menu.



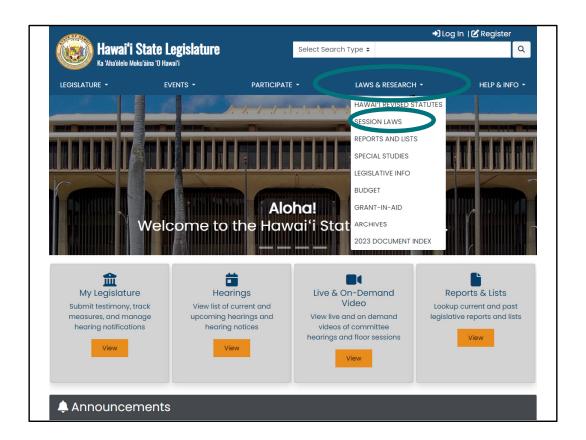
Click on the "Appropriations" bar on the Reports and Lists page for sessions back to 2013.



You'll find links to reports of all the appropriations bills, or ones with just particular fund sources.



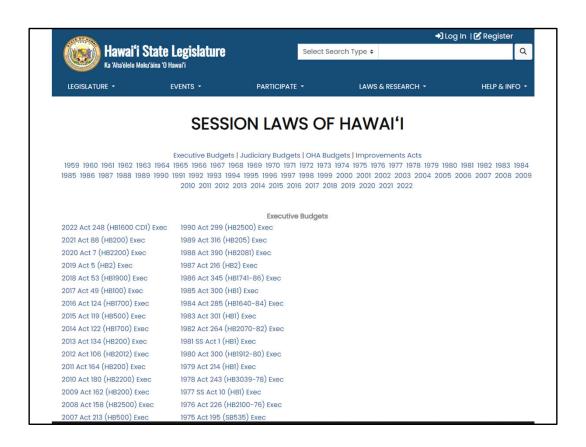
Remember, you can always search the report by using your browser's 'search' feature (often it is <ctrl><f>).



For prior years, you can go to the Session Laws to find the Executive budget. Select "Session Laws" from the drop-down menu under the "Laws & Research" tab.



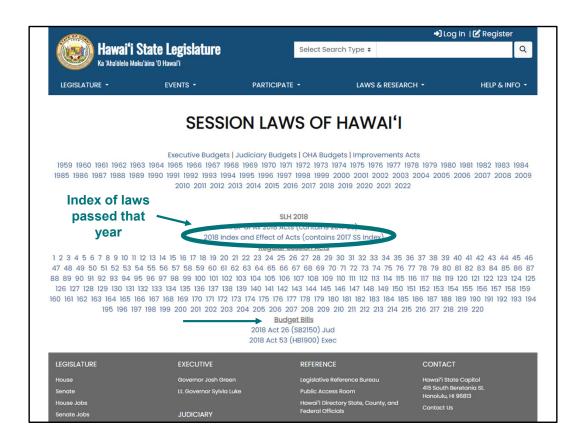
Then, you can either select "Executive Budgets" to see the budget for each year...



And then you can select the year you're interested in.



Alternately, you can select a year...



Then find the budget bills listed. (This shows 2018, which is the second year of the 2017-2018 biennium. The OHA budget was enacted in 2017 and no supplemental OHA budget was enacted in 2018.) You can also use the index link at the top of the 2018 listing – use the index and look up 'appropriations.'

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Online, or If you're looking at the hard copies, open the Index and look under "Appropriations" to find what you're looking for. And, you can always contact the Public Access Room and we can help you find what you need.

## PAR can Help!

- PAR website offers handy lists, videos and learning materials (<u>Irb.hawaii.gov/par/</u>)
- Get on our email list for notices and newsletters
- Call or email us often, we can save you time and energy by pointing you in the right direction

That was a lot of information. We can't stress this enough. Don't hesitate to call or email PAR for assistance!





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