

# January 2024



## 2024 Session and Getting Started

The Regular Session of the Hawaii State Legislature kicks off on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Here's some information we hope you'll find helpful.

- **Opening Day**. Since this is the second year of the legislative biennium, while you may be hearing a speech or two there won't be any entertainment on the floor of either the House or the Senate. They'll get their business done and then recess for the day. Traditionally, many legislators hold public receptions in their offices after the conclusion of session. Your Public Access Room (PAR) will be serving "Almost Famous Punch," so please stop by Room 401 if you're thirsty. (And pick up some handouts while you're at it.) A reminder: enhanced security procedures in the building require you to present identification and to pass through a metal detector.
- **Updated Legislative Information**. As you may be aware, there have been a few changes in the House and Senate and the committees have been updated accordingly. Remember that there's a helpful page on PAR's website ([lrb.hawaii.gov/par](http://lrb.hawaii.gov/par)) available under the "[Current Legislature](#)" tab. You'll find everything from sheets with all the leadership and committee assignments to the "[Which Deadlines Apply to My Bill?](#)" chart to help you make sense of bill deadlines.
- **2024 Bills**. Some of the 2024 bills are already on the Legislature's website ([capitol.hawaii.gov](http://capitol.hawaii.gov)). You can find the bills that have been pre-filed for introduction by visiting the Legislature's "[Reports and Lists](#)" page and clicking on "[House Bills with Action Taken in 2024 Only](#)" or "[Senate Bills with Action Taken in 2024 Only](#)." It's handy to keep in mind that the bills being introduced this year start with the bill number HB1515 in the House



- **PAR Workshops.** There are three Zoom workshops coming up this week. Please register for one or pass the word to someone who could benefit from it.
  - Get to Know the Legislature's Website: [Tuesday, January 16, 12 noon Register here](#)
  - Legislative Calendar and Deadlines: [Thursday, January 18, 3 p.m. Register here](#)
  - Use Your Voice at the Legislature: [Thursday, January 18, 6 p.m. Register here](#)
- **Your Resource at the Capitol.** The Public Access Room is here to help answer any questions you may have regarding the legislative process. Please call 808/587-0478 or email [par@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:par@capitol.hawaii.gov) us! You can also come by the office (Room 401) and while you're here you can hop on one of the computers, recharge your phone or laptop, or watch hearings remotely. As always, we've got a wealth of handouts that can help you as you work to influence things at the legislature.

Best of session!.



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