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**PAR UPDATE: February 5, 2024**



## **2024 Session – Keeping Up With it All!**

*There's a lot going on at the Capitol! The Public Access Room (PAR) offers two Zoom workshops this week. There are plenty of hearings scheduled as deadlines start to hit. Two excellent staffers have joined PAR to help with this session, and we continue to enjoy assisting you as you add your voice to the process.*

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**Public Access Room Workshops.** Join us for one of our Zoom workshops this week. Register below or pass the word!

### **Keeping Up With the Legislature:**

Hearing notices, committee reports, amended drafts, the decking deadline! We'll cover some tips to help keep it all in perspective, improve your advocacy efforts, and make your work this session a little easier.

**Wednesday, February 7, 3:00 p.m.**

[Register here](#)

(<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcuqhQD8tEt08KEN57Cuye9VYAsvHdBDN>)

### **Floor Sessions and Orders of the Day**

An overview of the action that takes place when the House and Senate convene in their chambers.

**Friday, February 9, 1:00 p.m.**

[Register here](#)

(<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErduCpqjlvEtYT56pl0suUCeHUe1gVPBrf>)

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**Hearings.** Wondering what's going on?

- **Find all the current hearings:** Click the view button on the gray "[Hearing Notices](#)" box under the picture on the [Legislature's homepage \(capitol.hawaii.gov\)](#).
- **Watch what's going on:** Click the view button on the "[Live & On-Demand Video](#)" box, also found in the row beneath the picture. Then choose either the House or Senate YouTube channel. (Tip: The "Playlists" tab on the YouTube pages shows you separate playlists for each committee.)
- **Quickly find video of a bill's hearing:** Enter a bill number in the search bar (upper right) on the [Legislature's website](#). On the status page, the YouTube link in the Hearing Notices box will open the hearing video.
- **Past informational briefings:** Use the "[Reports & Lists](#)" page and select the "Hearing Notices" bar. This is helpful when you want to review any of the budget briefings conducted by the money committees last month.
- **Need help signing up for emailed hearing notices or offering testimony?** Visit the "[Engagement 101](#)" page on [PAR's website \(lrb.hawaii.gov/par/\)](#) for instructions and videos. Or reach out to PAR for help – we'll walk you through it!

[Upcoming deadlines:](#) February 7 = House Triple Referral filing; February 8 = Senate Triple Referral filing, February 15 = First Lateral filing; March 1 = First Decking.

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**PAR Session Staff.** We welcome new staff each legislative session. We are so fortunate – this year, both our session hires are PAR veterans!

**Andy Eckhardt** was with us last session and **Courtney Mrowczynski** worked with us in 2020 (that crazy year when session was interrupted by COVID). They may be the friendly voice helping you when you call or one of the smiling faces that greet you when you walk through the door. They're already pros at explaining the legislative process, how to use the website, the meaning of the deadlines, and what resources can be found where. And, like all of us, they learn more every day!

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**L-R: Virginia Beck, Andy Eckhardt, Keanu Young, Courtney Mrowczynski**

Visit our "[Staff](#)" page to learn more about Andy and Courtney.

(Use the drop-down menu on the "About" tab on [PAR's website](#))

**Your Office at the Capitol.** The non-partisan Public Access Room is here to help answer your questions about the legislative process and how to participate. **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) to use a computer, recharge your phone or laptop, or watch hearings remotely. As always, there are also a wealth of handouts you can pick up.

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We' keep looking for ways to improve.

**Let us know if you have an idea for a new resource we can provide!**

**Best of session!**



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