

Following the Executive Budget at Hawaii's State Capitol

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Following the Budget

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- Overview of ‘the Budget’
- The Budget Bill
 - Following other money bills
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“Following the Money” can be a difficult task, and there’s a lot to learn. In this workshop, we’ll start you on the road by offering an overview. Here’s what we’ll cover.

Contact PAR with questions or if you want to dive deeper into a certain area.

QR code goes to PAR’s Budget Process webpage – this page includes links to Budget handout with tools to decipher the budget and PAR budget presentation slides.

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at the
State Capitol



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

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- Help, information and training at **no charge**
- **Non-partisan**
- Lots of resources!
 - Guidance on process
 - Computers with internet
 - Helpful handouts
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 - A place to rest and recharge



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And don’t forget, you can pick up handouts! (Many of them are also available on our website, lrb.hawaii.gov/par)

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/>



Andy Langhurst and Keanu Young (on the left) are in the office year-round. Alyssa and Lacey (both on the right) were hired to help us during the 2025 legislative session. We are all happy to help!

3 Equal Branches of Hawaii's State Government

The Budget Bill = Executive Branch Budget includes various departments of the State.

Legislative
Make the law.
Crafts/passes the budgets of all branches



Executive
Implement the law



Judiciary
Interpret the law



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.

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2025 Budget Bills

- Executive Budget HB300 / SB473
The Budget Bill or the State Budget
- Judiciary HB400 / SB260
- Legislature's Budget HB1440
(includes legislative agencies)
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
HB410 / SB269
(semi-autonomous, Hawaii Constitution,
Article XII, Section 5)

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

The Legislature's Budget makes appropriations for the House and Senate, Auditor's Office, the Legislative Reference Bureau, Office of the Ombudsman, and State Ethics Commission

But when someone talks about "The Budget Bill," they're referring to the bill that establishes the budget for the Executive branch, headed by the Governor and consisting of numerous departments. Historically the House Bill will be the version to move forward.

**Fiscal Biennium is a 2-year period
This is the state budget period.**

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 = **Fiscal Year 2026**
a.k.a. FY 2025-2026 or FY26

July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027 = **Fiscal year 2027**
a.k.a. FY 2026-2027 or FY27

Fiscal biennium starts in the 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 2025-27: This is the State budget period.**

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 = Fiscal Year 2026
a.k.a. FY 2025-2026 or FY26

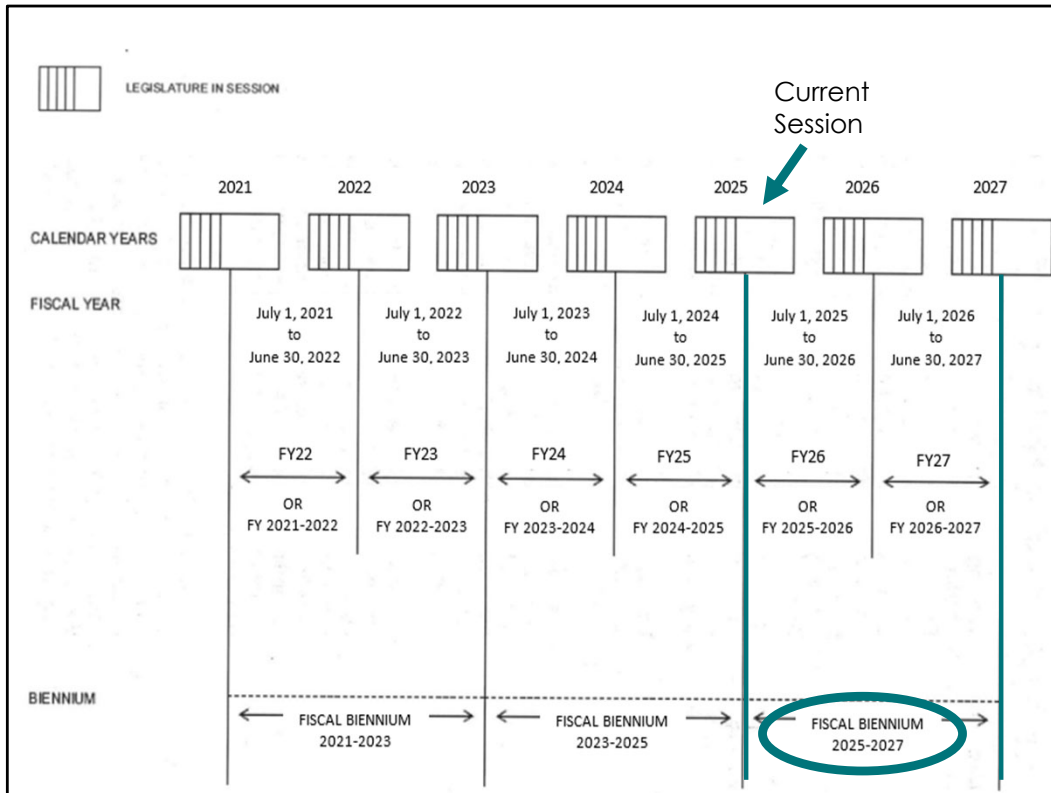
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a.k.a. FY 2026-2027 or FY27

1st year of the biennial session (2025):
passes General Appropriations Act
for FY 2025-27

2nd year of session (2026):
passes **Supplemental** Appropriations Act
for FY 2025-27
updating the previous year's act

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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 same two-year fiscal biennium. The Supplemental Appropriations bill proposes changes to the General Appropriations Act that was passed during the first year of the biennium.



Accordingly, in the 2025 Session, the legislature will pass the budget bill (“General Appropriations Act”) covering Fiscal Biennium 2025-27 (consisting of FY26 and FY27).

Here’s a chart that explains it all – calendar years, session, fiscal years.

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Hawaii State Legislature

Senate

State Senators (25)

4-year terms

House of Representatives

State Representatives (51)

2-year terms

Each chamber organizes itself into:

Leadership positions
Committees

The Hawaii State Legislature is bicameral, which means that it is 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.

Thirty-Third Legislature, 2025-2026 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Leadership and Committees		Thirty-Third Legislature, 2025-2026 SENATE: Leadership and Committee Assignments			
Majority Leader: Sean Quinlan Majority Caucus Leader: Chris Todd Majority Floor Leader: Dave Moriizawa Assistant Floor Leader: Trish La Chica Majority Whip: Amy A. Paraso Majority Whip: Amy A. Paraso Minority Leader: Naina K. Nakamura Vice Speaker: Linda Ichiyama Minority Caucus Leader: Minsiriy L. Minority Floor Leader: Minsiriy L. Assistant Minority Floor Leader: Minsiriy L.		President: Ronald D. Kouchi Vice President: Michelle N. Kidani Majority Leader: Dru Mamo Kamaha Majority Floor Leader: Glenn Wakai Assistant Majority Floor Leader: Lynn DeCorte Majority Policy Leader: Les Ihara, Jr. Assistant Majority Whip: Lorraine R. Inouye Majority Whip: Henry J.C. Aquino Minority Leader: Brenton Awa Minority Floor Leader: Samantha DeCorte Assistant Minority Floor Leader: Kurt Faveilla			
AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS (AGF) Karoni Kahalo (Chair) Matthias Kutsch (Vice Chair) Nicola E. Paraso Amy A. Paraso Sean Quinlan Gene Ward	CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE (CPC) Scott E. Maruyoshi (Chair) Cory M. Chin (Vice Chair) Linda Ichiyama Govegga Hagan Kim Coco Iwamoto Sam Satoru Krong Nicole E. Lowan Lisa Marano Adrian K. Tam Elijah Purick	AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT (AEN) Mike Gabbard (Chair) Herbert M. "Tim" Richards III (Vice Chair) Lynn DeCorte Karl Rhoads Brenton Awa	COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (CPC) Brent Keokohalole (Chair) Carol Fukunaga (Vice Chair) Angus L. K. McKelvey Herbert M. "Tim" Richards III Brenton Awa	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM (EDT) Lynn DeCorte (Chair) Glenn Wakai (Vice Chair) Carol Fukunaga Donna Mercado Kim Brenton Awa	EDUCATION (EDU) Michelle N. Kidani (Chair) Donna Mercado Kim (Vice Chair) Troy N. Hashimoto Dru Mamo Kamaha Samantha DeCorte
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FINANCE (FIN) Kyle T. Yamamoto (Chair) Jenna Takamochi (Vice Chair) Tina Nakada Grandinetti Daniel Holt (CIP Manager) Jenika Hasey Sus L. Keokohalole-Lee Loy Lisa Kingame (CIP Manager) Matthias Kutsch Nicholas F. Lamosao Mike Lee Tyson K. Miyake Dev Nakamura Shirley Ann Templo David Alois III Gene Oda	HEALTH (H) Govegga Hagan Sus L. Keokohalole-Lee Loy Jenika Hasey Cory M. Chin Lisa Marano Jenika Hasey Jenika Hasey David Alois III	HIGHER EDUCATION (HE) Donna Mercado Kim (Chair) Michelle N. Kidani (Vice Chair) Carol Fukunaga Troy N. Hashimoto Kurt Faveilla	HOUSING (HO) Stanley Chang (Chair) Troy N. Hashimoto (Vice Chair) Henry J.C. Aquino Dru Mamo Kamaha Kurt Faveilla	JUDICIARY (JDC) Karl Rhoads (Chair) Mike Gabbard (Vice Chair) Stanley Chang Joy A. San Buenaventura Brenton Awa	LABOR AND TECHNOLOGY (LBT) Henry J.C. Aquino (Chair) Chris Lee (Vice Chair) Les Ihara, Jr. Sharon Y. Moriwaka Kurt Faveilla
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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.

While in discussing the budget we talk a lot about the Senate Ways and Means (WAM) Committee and the House Finance (FIN) Committee, the chairs of the other committees play an important role, too.

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Just a reminder of what a bill goes through...

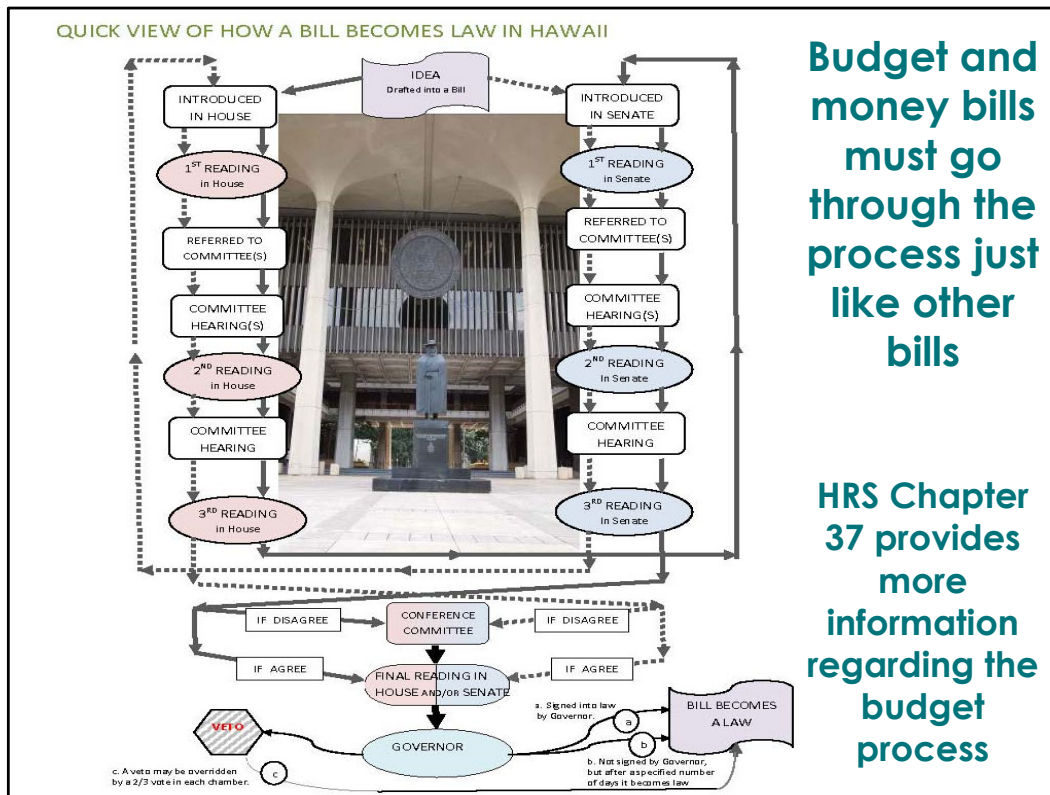
- Successfully pass through all **committees** the House and Senate have referred it to
- and*
- Successfully pass **three readings in both the House and Senate chambers** (where all the members convene)
- and*
- Have both House and Senate agree on **exact wording**
- and*
- Be signed or allowed to come 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 readings (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.

The Budget bill is typically just referred to the money committee in the House and then the Senate, although they may be getting input or feedback from the other committees



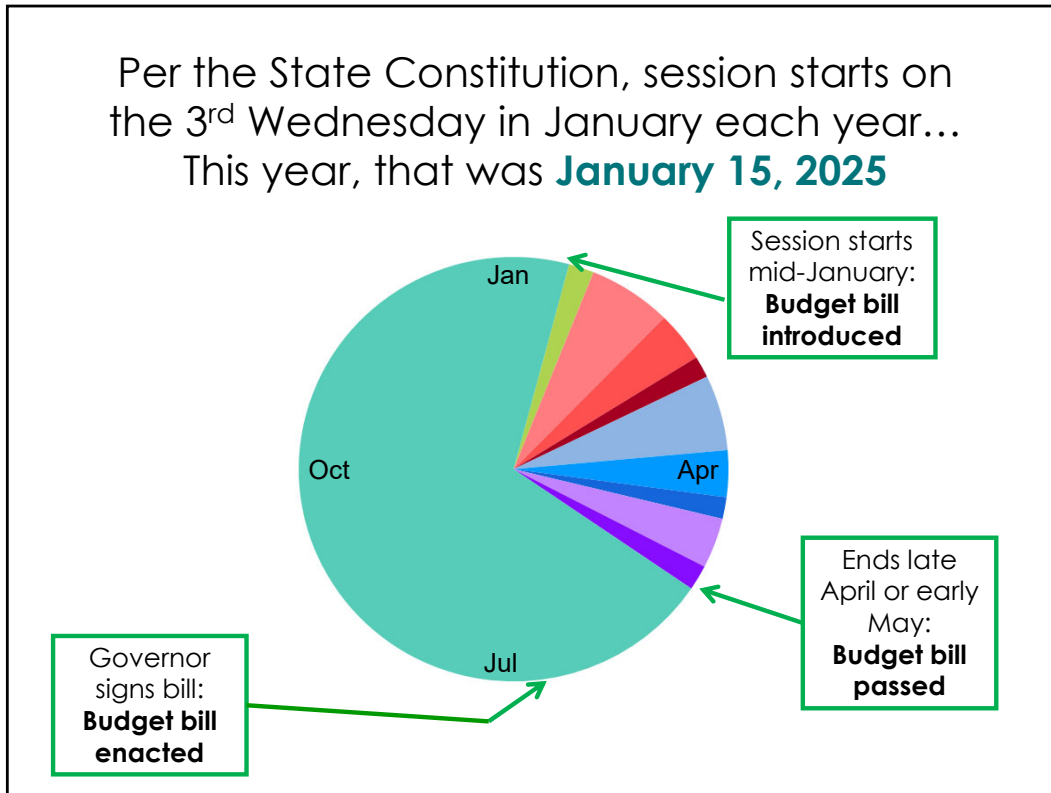
Budget and money bills have to go through the legislative process just like other bills. By law, the Budget Bill must go to the Governor before other appropriations bills.

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).

Per the State Constitution, session starts on the 3rd Wednesday in January each year...
This year, that was **January 15, 2025**



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
(projects 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/)

tax.hawaii.gov/useful/

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Council on Revenues website:
<http://tax.hawaii.gov/useful>

Useful

Federal Income Tax, Free Return Prep and eFile

- Go to www.irs.gov, and search for "free tax preparation".
- Try myfreetaxes.com. The MyFreeTaxes Partnership provides free online state and federal tax preparation for individuals with household income of less than \$66,000 in 2017. This software is part of the Internal Revenue Service's MyFreeTaxes Partnership as a self-service alternative to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Please see Internal Revenue Service information regarding Facilitated Self Assistance.
- E-file through the State's website. Individuals and businesses can file a variety of Hawaii tax returns. There is no fee to file; however, there is a fee to make a payment.

Council on Revenues (COR)

The COR, which is administratively attached to the Department of Taxation, prepares reports on state revenues. These reports, which are prepared for the governor, legislature, and other government officials, are used in the preparation of the state budget, appropriations, and expenditures.

Counties in Hawaii

The State of Hawaii has four counties. Each county administers real property taxes and motor vehicle taxes. Please visit the applicable county website for more information.

tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9_1cor/

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Council on Revenues Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 2:00 P.M.

2025

Council on Revenues 2025 forecasts

Forecasts	Minutes
General Fund Forecast – January 8, 2025	January 8, 2025
General Fund Forecast – January 8, 2025 Attachments (3) – Attachment 1, Attachment 2, and Attachment 3	DOTAX Presentation January 8, 2025

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The website for the Council on Revenues is <http://tax.hawaii.gov/useful> – you can find information on past and any scheduled upcoming meetings and associated documents

Council on Revenues General Fund Forecast

- January
- March
- May
- September

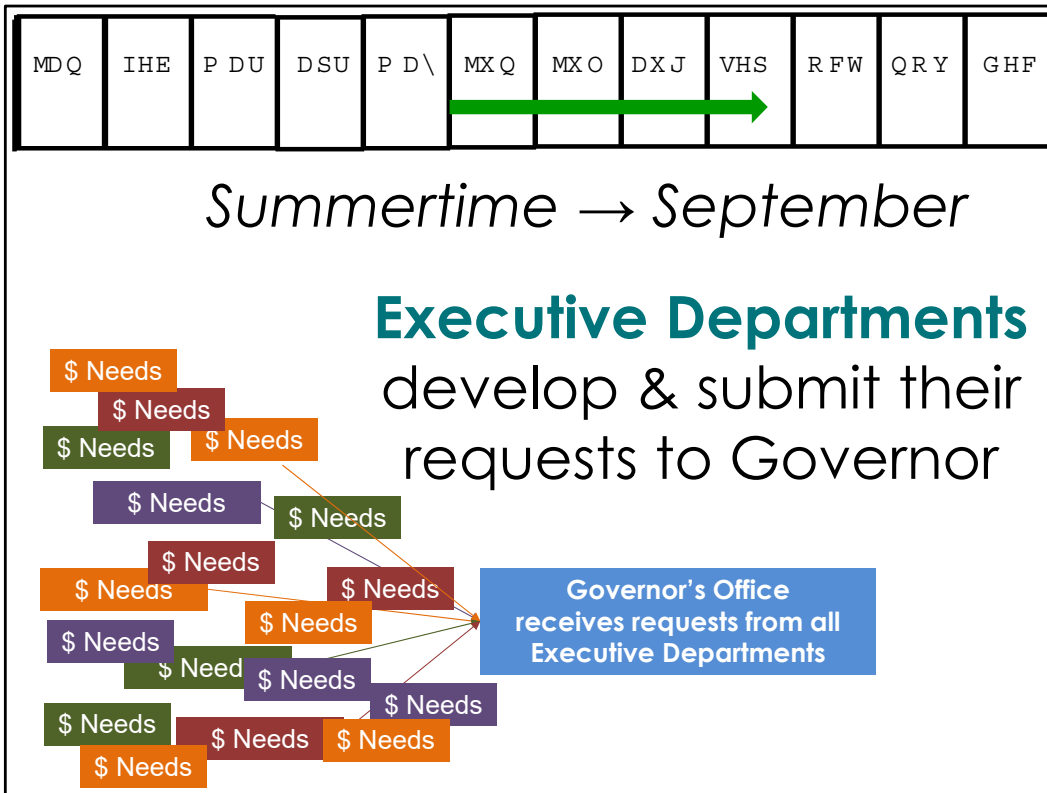


Forecasts change throughout the year... affects total amount to work with

The changing estimates made by the Council on Revenues affects the budget process throughout the year. Let's start with the general fund forecast the Council comes out with in May (reported on June 1).

FYI: The Council on Revenues (COR) is attached to the Department of Taxation for Administrative Purposes and prepares revenue estimates of the state government for each fiscal year of the six-year state program and financial plan. The Council reports its latest revenue forecast to the governor and the legislature on June 1, September 10, January 10, and March 15 of each year.

Find more information here: https://tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9_1cor/



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

Advocates may want to contact a department to ask them to include certain programs or funding in their budget request.

Council on Revenues **General Fund Forecast**


- January
- March
- May
- September



*By September, the forecast
(and the total amount to budget)
may have changed*

September brings another general fund forecast that affects how much money the governor has to work with.

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September → 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).

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC 
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Governor
 submits Budget Bill to Legislature
 in December
 (PFP, or Multi-Year **P**rogram and **F**inancial **P**lan
 and Executive Budget)
*“...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....”*

The Governor must provide the budget and the Program and Financial Plan (PFP) to the legislature not less than 30 days prior to opening day. (HRS §37-71)

Link to HRS 37: https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Vol01_Ch0001-0042F/HRS0037/HRS_0037-.htm

Link to Department of Budget & Finance “About State Budgeting” webpage:
<https://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/about-budget/>

Description of PFP from <https://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/02.-The-Organization-of-the-Program-Plan-and-Executive-Budget-FB25-27-PFP2.7Lt.pdf> page 2”

“The Multi-Year Program and Financial Plan and Executive Budget is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes. It represents a combination of the Executive Budget request (for Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2025-27) and approved Program Plan which describes the financial implications of the requested budget over the planning period (Fiscal Year (FY) 2028 through FY 2031).”

B&F website: budget.hawaii.gov

Treasure Trove of Information

- **Executive 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

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 estimate of current fiscal year, estimate for succeeding biennium.

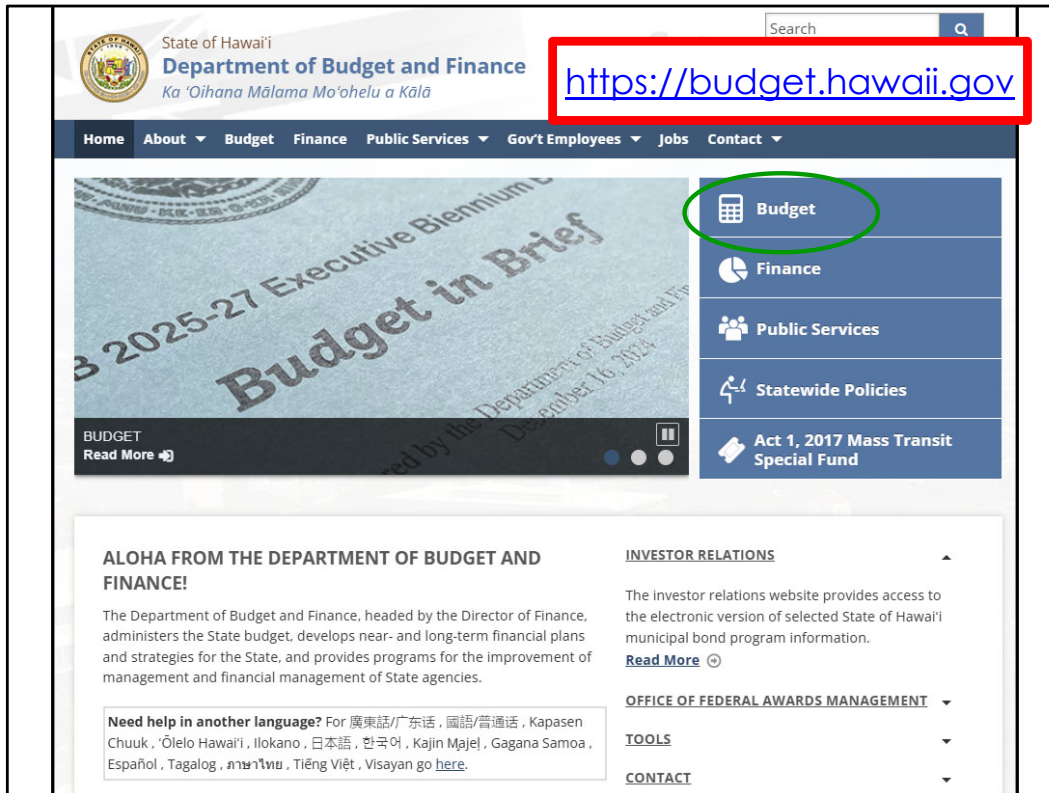
In general, the “PFP” contains:

- (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. (HRS §37-69)

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/>



Here's the Budget & Finance website – budget. Hawaii.gov. Click on “Budget”

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The State of Hawai'i Executive Branch budgets on a biennial basis using the Planning, Programming and Budgeting System (PPBS) adopted in 1970. The biennial budget is submitted to the Legislature in odd numbered years and the supplemental budget is submitted in even numbered years. Under the PPBS, operating and capital improvement requirements are evaluated together over a time frame of six years. The other major budgets of State entities, which are submitted independently to the Legislature, include the Judiciary, Legislature and Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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And it brings you to the Budget page, budget.hawaii.gov/budget. You can read more about the budget here, since it's the first year of the two-year biennium, we'll select Executive Biennium Budget.

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A great summary of the Executive Branch’s request can be found in the “Budget in Brief” document.

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The FB 2025-27 Executive Biennium Budget

Budget in Brief

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As noted, it's delivered in December along with all the figures.

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

★ MAJOR FUNCTIONS

- Implements programs to conserve, protect, develop, and utilize the State's natural and cultural resources.
- Preserves and enhances native and indigenous fish and other aquatic species and their habitats for residents and visitors.
- Promotes the safe and responsible use of Hawaii's natural resources through firm, fair and effective law enforcement.
- Provides accurate, timely and permanent system of registering and recording land title and related documents and maps.
- Manages the conservation, protection, planning, and utilization of the State's water resources for social, economic, and environmental requirements.
- Provides safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities.
- Develops and maintains a comprehensive program of historic preservation to promote the use and conservation of historical and cultural sites.
- Collects and disseminates data relating to natural resources. Partners with public and private agencies to maximize funding leverage.

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS ★

The Department of Land and Natural Resources has programs in the following major program areas:

Economic Development

LNR 141 Water and Land Development
LNR 172 Forestry-Resource Management and Development

Environmental Protection

LNR 401 Ecosystem Protection, Restoration, and Fisheries Management
LNR 402 Native Resources and Fire Protection Program
LNR 404 Water Resources
LNR 405 Conservation and Resources Enforcement
LNR 407 Natural Area Reserves and Watershed Management
LNR 906 LNR-Natural and Physical Environment
LNR 907 Aha Moku Advisory Committee
LNR 908 Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission
LNR 909 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority

Culture and Recreation

LNR 801 Ocean-Based Recreation
LNR 802 Historic Preservation
LNR 804 Forest and Outdoor Recreation
LNR 806 Parks Administration and Operation

Public Safety

LNR 810 Prevention of Natural Disasters

Individual Rights

LNR 111 Conveyances and Recordings

Government Wide Support

LNR 101 Public Lands Management
LNR 102 Legacy Land Conservation Program

It provides charts and figures, but also offers these handy summaries of each department, their responsibilities, and the major program areas that provide the department with funding.

Department of Land and Natural Resources
(Operating Budget)

		Budget Base FY 2026	Budget Base FY 2027	FY 2026	FY 2027
Funding Sources:	Perm Positions	754.25	754.25	773.75	773.75
	Temp Positions	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
General Funds	\$	101,907,335	101,907,335	123,668,617	116,689,135
	Perm Positions	289.00	289.00	291.00	291.00
	Temp Positions	5.25	5.25	3.25	3.25
Special Funds	\$	129,258,431	129,258,431	138,323,717	138,323,717
	Perm Positions	47.75	47.75	48.25	48.25
	Temp Positions	1.75	1.75	2.75	2.75
Federal Funds	\$	16,970,244	16,970,244	17,590,874	17,615,874
	Perm Positions	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
	Temp Positions	8.50	8.50	7.50	7.50
Other Federal Funds	\$	68,036,415	68,036,415	38,064,861	18,190,621
	Perm Positions	-	-	-	-
	Temp Positions	-	-	-	-
Trust Funds	\$	305,954	305,954	305,954	305,954
	Perm Positions	-	-	-	-
	Temp Positions	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Interdepartmental Transfers	\$	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686,056
	Perm Positions	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
	Temp Positions	-	-	-	-
Revolving Funds	\$	946,000	946,000	946,000	946,000
		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,122.00	1,122.00
		49.00	49.00	47.00	47.00
Total Requirements		319,110,435	319,110,435	320,586,079	293,757,357

Major Adjustments in the Executive Budget Request: (general funds unless noted)

1. Adds \$4,000,000 in FY 26 for fire pre-suppression, readiness, response, and post-fire restoration and rehabilitation activities.
2. Adds \$3,000,000 in FY 26 for West Maui fire prevention: Ukumehame wetland and stream, Maui.
3. Adds \$5,000,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for forest and resource management improvements.
4. Adds \$4,750,000 in FY 26 and FY 27 for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council and Hawai'i Ant Lab.
5. Adds \$1,200,000 in FY 26 and \$1,100,000 in FY 27 for hydrologic data, analysis, and investigation projects for the Commission on Water Resource Management.
6. Adds \$1,448,167 in FY 26 and \$1,455,497 in FY 27 to expand the Department of Land and Natural Resources' consolidated website for permits, licenses, and applications.
7. Adds 22.00 permanent positions and \$1,425,696 in FY 26 and FY 27 for fire and emergency response activities, statewide.
8. Adds \$5,000,000 in special funds in FY 26 and FY 27 to establish an expenditure ceiling for the Dam and Appurtenance Improvement or Removal Grant Program Special Fund.

It provides a summary of each department's request for funding.

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Appendix 1 = The Program Structure

Since the budget bill is organized by **Program Structure** this can be helpful when you're trying to sense of things!

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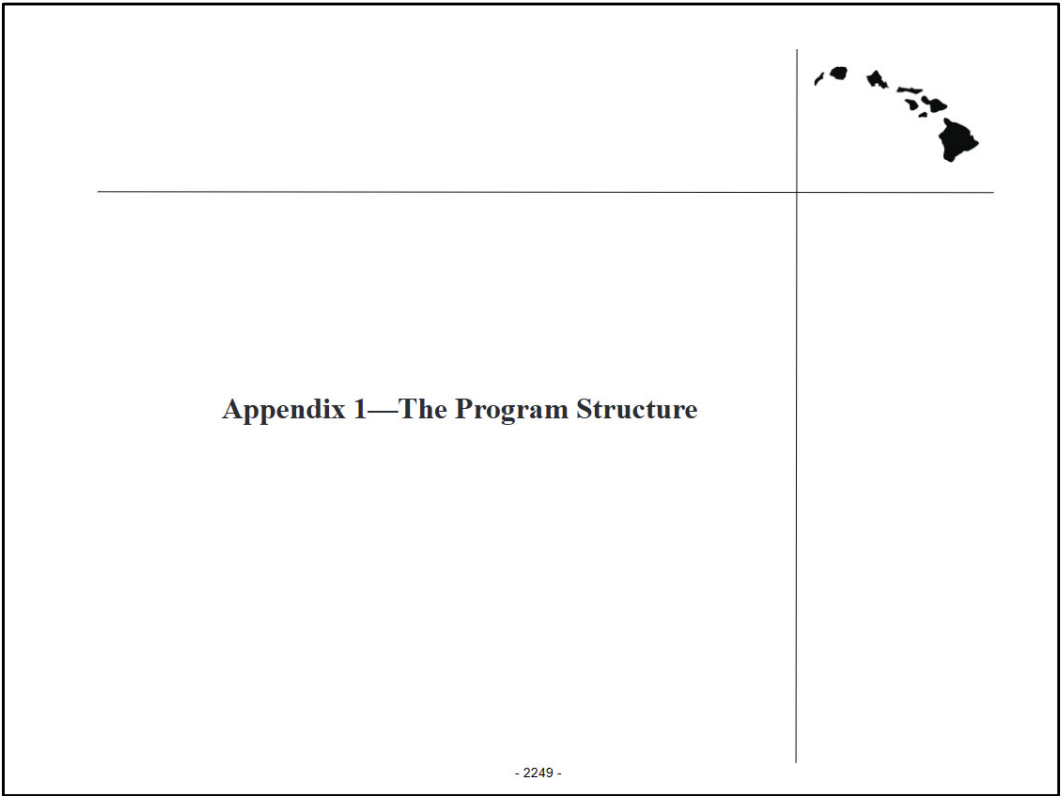
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We can look at the program structure that is the backbone of the budget document. Click on Appendix 1.



It opens a report...

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The program structure is a hierarchical, objective-oriented organization of programs and was designed to categorize meaningfully all State programs in accordance with the objectives and sub-objectives which they serve.

Some of the information in this document is presented in the order of the program structure. Therefore, an understanding of the structure is necessary in order to locate a specific section of the document.

Program Structure Numbers

There are 11 major State program areas that represent the 11 primary objectives of State Government. Each is assigned a "Level I program," and each is assigned a number as follows:

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

Within each of these 11 major programs is a hierarchy of subordinate programs grouped into levels under which resource allocation decisions can be made. This hierarchy may mean a breakdown to four or five levels with each level of this hierarchy is also identified by a number. Hence, a Level II program may carry the number 01 03, and a Level III program may carry the number 01 03 01. As a result, every program in the structure can be identified by a unique combination of two-digit numbers.

For example, the program entitled "Agriculture" is identified by the number 01 03, where 01 stands for the Level I program, Economic Development, and 03 stands for the Agriculture program at Level II. Similarly, the program entitled "Financial Assistance for Agriculture," a third level program, is identified by the number 01 03 01, where 01

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

STATE OF HAWAII PROGRAM STRUCTURE

PROGRAM STRUCTURE NUMBER	PROGRAM LEVEL I II III IV V VI	PROGRAM ID NO
01	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
01 01	BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	
01 01 01	STRATEGIC MARKETING AND SUPPORT	BED 100
01 01 02	OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	BED 101
01 01 03	CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DIVISION	BED 105
01 01 04	FOREIGN TRADE ZONE	BED 107
01 01 05	GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	BED 142
01 01 06	DIGITAL EQUITY OFFICE	BED 141
01 02	TOURISM	
01 02 01	HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY-ADMIN & GOVERNANCE	BED 113
01 02 02	HTA - BRANDING AND MARKETING	BED 114
01 02 03	HTA - SPORTS AND SIGNATURE EVENTS	BED 115
01 02 04	HTA - DESTINATION STEWARDSHIP & COMMUNITY	BED 116
01 02 05	HTA - REGENERATIVE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT	BED 117
01 02 06	HTA - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	BED 118
01 03	AGRICULTURE	
01 03 01	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE	AGR 101
01 03 02	PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT & MGMT ASSISTANCE FOR	
01 03 02 01	PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL	AGR 122
01 03 02 02	ANIMAL PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL	
01 03 02 02 01	RABIES QUARANTINE	AGR 131
01 03 02 02 02	ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL	AGR 132
01 03 03	PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING	
01 03 03 01	FORESTRY - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	LNR 172
01 03 03 02	QUALITY AND PRICE ASSURANCE	AGR 151
01 03 03 03	AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING	AGR 171
01 03 04	GENERAL SUPPORT FOR AGR	
01 03 04 01	AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	AGR 141
01 03 04 02	AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH	AGR 161
01 03 04 03	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR AGRICULTURE	AGR 192
01 03 04 04	AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH	BED 170
01 04	FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE	
01 04 02	FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (HISTORICAL)	LNR 153
01 04 03	AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT	AGR 153
01 05	TECHNOLOGY AND ENERGY	
01 05 01	HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE	BED 120
01 05 02	HAWAII TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	BED 143

Many different departments involved with Economic Development

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.

If we want to look at a Program ID more closely...

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE NUMBER	PROGRAM LEVEL						PROGRAM ID NO
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	
03 01 13						LIHUE AIRPORT	TRN 161
03 01 14						PORT ALLEN AIRPORT	TRN 163
03 01 15						AIRPORTS ADMINISTRATION	TRN 195
03 02						WATER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	
03 02 01						HONOLULU HARBOR	TRN 301
03 02 02						KALAELOA BARBERS POINT HARBOR	TRN 303
03 02 04						HILO HARBOR	TRN 311
03 02 05						KAWAIHAE HARBOR	TRN 313
03 02 06						KAHULUI HARBOR	TRN 331
03 02 07						KAUNAKAKAI HARBOR	TRN 341
03 02 08						NAWILIWILI HARBOR	TRN 361
03 02 09						PORT ALLEN HARBOR	TRN 363
03 02 10						KAUMALAPAU HARBOR	TRN 351
03 02 11						HARBORS ADMINISTRATION	TRN 395
03 02 12						HANA HARBOR	TRN 333
03 03						LAND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES	
03 03 01						OAHU HIGHWAYS	TRN 501
03 03 02						HAWAII HIGHWAYS	TRN 511
03 03 03						MAUI HIGHWAYS	TRN 531
03 03 06						KAUAI HIGHWAYS	TRN 561
03 03 07						HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION	TRN 595
03 03 08						HIGHWAYS SAFETY	TRN 597
03 04						GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	TRN 995
03 05						ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	TRN 695
04						ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	
04 01						POLLUTION CONTROL	
04 01 01						ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	HTH 840
04 01 02						PESTICIDES	AGR 846
04 02						PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT	
04 02 01						ECOSYSTEM PRCTCN, RSTRN & FISHERIES MGMT	LNR 401
04 02 02						NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM	LNR 402
04 02 04						WATER RESOURCES	LNR 404
04 02 05						CONSERVATION & RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT	LNR 405
04 02 06						NATURAL AREA RESERVES & WATERSHED MGMT	LNR 407
04 03						GENERAL SUPPORT FOR NAT PHYS ENVIRONMENT	
04 03 02						LNR - NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	LNR 906
04 03 03						ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	HTH 849

Let's look at one of the program IDs. LNR 402 is the "Native Resources and Fire Protection Program" housed in the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

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		OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								REPORT: P61-A
PROGRAM ID:	LNR402									
PROGRAM STRUCTURE NO:	040202									
PROGRAM TITLE:	NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM									
		DOLLARS				IN THOUSANDS				
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	FY 2027-28	FY 2028-29	FY 2029-30	FY 2030-31		
OPERATING COST	72.50*	72.50*	94.00*	94.00*	94.0*	94.0*	94.0*	94.0*	94.0*	
PERSONAL SERVICES	8.00**	8.00**	8.00**	8.00**	8.0**	8.0**	8.0**	8.0**	8.0**	
OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES	4,428,166	7,227,576	8,649,933	8,649,933	8,649	8,649	8,649	8,649	8,649	
EQUIPMENT	12,519,989	25,347,789	32,065,154	23,376,706	23,377	23,377	23,377	23,377	23,377	
MOTOR VEHICLES	1,174,967	32,500	32,500	32,500	33	33	33	33	33	
	582,139	24,500	24,500	24,500	24	24	24	24	24	
TOTAL OPERATING COST	18,705,261	32,632,365	40,772,087	32,083,639	32,083	32,083	32,083	32,083	32,083	
BY MEANS OF FINANCING	51.50*	51.50*	73.00*	73.00*	73.0*	73.0*	73.0*	73.0*	73.0*	
GENERAL FUND	15,647,330	17,556,140	30,728,497	23,728,497	23,728	23,728	23,728	23,728	23,728	
	18.50*	18.50*	18.50*	18.50*	18.5*	18.5*	18.5*	18.5*	18.5*	
FEDERAL FUNDS	2,490,522	2,739,440	3,679,077	3,679,077	3,679	3,679	3,679	3,679	3,679	
	2.50*	2.50*	2.50*	2.50*	2.5*	2.5*	2.5*	2.5*	2.5*	
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	567,409	10,544,254	4,571,982	2,883,534	2,884	2,884	2,884	2,884	2,884	
	1.00**	1.00**	1.00**	1.00**	1.0**	1.0**	1.0**	1.0**	1.0**	
TRUST FUNDS		106,475	106,475	106,475	106	106	106	106	106	
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS	7.00**	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686	1,686	1,686	1,686	1,686	
	7.00**	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686,056	1,686	1,686	1,686	1,686	1,686	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COSTS										
PLANS	501,000	2,000	1,000							
DESIGN	2,000	3,000	1,000							
CONSTRUCTION	534,000	6,161,000	1,747,000							
EQUIPMENT	4,298,000		1,000							
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	5,335,000	6,166,000	1,750,000							

Then, search for "LNR 402" (to search a website, most browsers have a search function that pops up when you use <Ctrl><F> if the document has many pages, it may need time to fully load before the search will work).

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Program Plan Narrative

Description of what's included in the request

LNR402: NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

A. Statement of Program Objectives

Manage resources to protect, maintain, and enhance the biological integrity of native ecosystems. Reduce the impacts of wildfires on native ecosystems and watersheds. Reduce the impacts of invasive species on native resources. Protect, maintain, enhance native species populations, and recover threatened and endangered species. Promote outreach and foster partnerships to improve public understanding, responsibility, and participation. Conduct monitoring and evaluation to guide the development of recovery and management plans and ensure cost-effective adaptive management of implementation actions and tasks.

B. Description of Request and Compliance with Section 37-68(1)(A)(B)

Operating Budget:

1. Federal Fund Ceiling Adjustment (\$823,171/\$823,171 N) (-\$5,855,806/- \$7,544,254 P).
2. Request for continuous funding for 22 positions currently funded by the Major Disaster Fund (MDF) for fire and emergency response, statewide (\$1,425,696/\$1,425,696 A).
3. Add recurring funds to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council for expanded work on priority pests and maintaining emergency response capacity for new pest incursions (\$4,250,000/\$4,250,000 A).
4. Add funds to support statewide invasive ant research and control to be carried out by the Hawaii Ant Lab (HAL) (\$500,000/\$500,000 A).
5. Change MOF for Position #122002, Planner V, SR 24 from MOF P to N (Salary: \$71,016; Fringe Benefits: \$45,450) (-\$116,466/- \$116,466 P) (\$116,466/\$116,466 N).
6. Deletion of long-term vacant position, .50 full-time equivalent (- \$23,502/- \$23,502 A).

Stream, Maui

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget:

1. Pohakea Fire Prevention and Suppression, Maui (FY 26 - \$1,750,000 C).

Operating Request:

1. To add funds for anticipated federal grant awards from various federal agencies.
2. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) is primary responder for wildland fires occurring across one million acres of forested watershed (25% of the land area in the State), and co-responds with federal and county agencies for an additional 30%. Increased staffing is needed to increase capacity for DOFAW to manage for resilient forest landscapes to prevent fires from occurring or mitigate their impact; restore areas damaged after fires occur; reverse decades of degradation from fire and ungulates; plan and manage grants statewide for fire prevention; utilize heavy equipment to install and maintain firebreaks, manage fuel loads, and assist in fire and emergency response; educate the public on how they can prevent wildfires; and support a fuels management crew on Maui.
3. Funding for the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). The HISC is an inter-departmental collaboration comprised of the Departments of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Agriculture (DOA), Health (DOH), Transportation (DOT), Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), and the University of Hawaii (UH). The HISC was established in 2003 for the particular purpose of providing policy-level direction, coordination, and planning among State departments, federal agencies, and international and local initiatives for the control and eradication of harmful invasive species infestations throughout the State and for preventing the introduction of other invasive species that may be potentially harmful. The HISC fulfills its mandate by issuing resolutions, providing plans, and strategically disbursing funds to enhance invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and research. The HISC is

The next page will outline the program, what's being requested, and why.

1. Change in funding: adding N funds, reducing P funds for for both FY25 & FY26

2. Change in funding: position funding using A funds for FY25 & FY26

3. Change in funding: A funds for FY25 & FY26

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PROGRAM ID: LNR-402		(IN DOLLARS)				
PROGRAM STRUCTURE NO: 040202		NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM				
PROGRAM TITLE:		FY 2024		FY 2025		
PROGRAM COSTS	CURRENT APPRN	ADJUSTMENT	RECOMMEND APPRN	CURRENT APPRN	ADJUSTMENT	RECOMMEND APPRN
OPERATING	72.50*	*	72.50*	72.50*	*	72.50*
	8.00**	**	8.00**	8.00**	**	8.00**
PERSONAL SERVICES	7,054,004		7,054,004	7,227,576		7,227,576
OTH CURRENT EXPENSES	20,791,562		20,791,562	16,251,002	17,021,787	33,272,789
EQUIPMENT	32,500		32,500	32,500	10,000,000	10,032,500
MOTOR VEHICLES	24,500		24,500	24,500		24,500
TOTAL OPERATING COST	27,902,566		27,902,566	23,535,578	27,021,787	50,557,365
BY MEANS OF FINANCING	51.50*	*	51.50*	51.50*	*	51.50*
	**	**	**	**	**	**
GENERAL FUND	17,382,568		17,382,568	17,556,140	17,925,000	35,481,140
	18.50*	*	18.50*	18.50*	*	18.50*
	**	**	**	**	**	**
FEDERAL FUNDS	4,047,467		4,047,467	2,586,907	152,533	2,739,440
	2.50*	*	2.50*	2.50*	*	2.50*
	1.00**	**	1.00**	1.00**	**	1.00**
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS	4,680,000		4,680,000	1,600,000	8,944,254	10,544,254
					*	*
					**	**
					*	106,475
					**	7.00**
						1,686,056

In the second year of the two-year cycle, amounts are adjusted as the legislature reviews the supplemental budget bill (the budget bill for the second year)
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In the second year of the biennium (2024 or 2026, for example): the first page of the program ID shows the Operating Costs – both in categories and by means of financing. It spells out how much of an adjustment is being requested by the Department to meet the program’s aims.

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

Money committees =
Senate Ways and Means (WAM)
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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

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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 (usually WAM briefings) or on the committee page. This can be helpful when researching fund requests.

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Find committee pages under the “Legislature” tab. Look at FIN or WAM pages. In the Measures Scheduled for Hearing box – click Show All

For past years – click on Archives under Laws & Research > Archives. Select Hearing Notices on the left side of the page. Do a control+f for “info” and look for hearing notices with January dates

Or call PAR to ask for help!

Senate WAM and House FIN Staff

Keep track of all 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** (non-recurring, CIPs)

The money 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.

CIP = Capital Improvement Projects

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3rd 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” option on the left side menu.

Council on Revenues **General Fund Forecast**

- January
- March
- May
- September



*By January, the forecast
(and the total amount to
budget) may have changed*

Another COR general fund forecast is reported in January.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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By agreement, the
House bill
will be the vehicle
for the budget

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.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

A BILL FOR

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

PART I.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

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PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

ITEM NO.	PROG. ID	PROGRAM	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS			
				FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024	M O	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025	M O F
A.		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
1.	BED100	STRATEGIC MARKETING AND SUPPORT					
		OPERATING		10.00*		10.00*	
		BED		1.00#		1.00#	
		BED		9,076,255A		1.00#	
		OPERATING		1,822,845M		2,571,940A	
		BED		700,000P		1,823,451M	
		BED				700,000P	
3.	BED105	CREATIVE INDUSTRIES DIVISION		500,000A			
		OPERATING					A
4.	BED107	FOREIGN TRADE ZONE		14.00*		14.00*	
		BED		1.00#		1.00#	
		BED		1,736,865A		1.00#	
		OPERATING		780,000B		1,774,007A	
		INVESTMENT CAPITAL				780,000B	
5.	BED142	GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		16.00*		16.00*	
		BED		2,612,545B		2,671,090B	
		BED		2,500,000C			C
		OPERATING					
6.	BED113	TOURISM		26.00*		26.00*	
		OPERATING		4.00#		4.00#	
		BED		2,994,083A		3,082,898A	
7.	AGR101	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURE		64,000,000A			A
		OPERATING					
8.	AGR122	PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL		9.00*		9.00*	
		AGR		838,883A		864,438A	
		AGR		5,500,000M		5,500,000M	
		OPERATING					
		AGR		68.00*		68.00*	
		AGR		8,625,407A		6,246,207A	
		AGR		46.00*		46.00*	
		AGR		8,711,874B			
		AGR		512,962T		8,915,291M	
		AGR		212,000*			

In the Budget Bill, you'll find page after page of numbers and acronyms!

The budget bill can be a bit daunting – page after page of numbers and acronyms...



Budget Decipher Sheet

Don't be intimidated! Learn to "read" the budget.

Handy Budget Decipher Sheet

4 Crucial Pieces of Information to Help You De-code the Budget
This information is taken from the 2025 State Budget bill, HB300 (Section 2)

(1) Expending Agency. Departments aren't referred to using their regular acronyms. **Instead, the budget uses distinct 3-letter IDs to refer to organization programs (with identifying program numbers) and expending agencies.** We've listed them here. (For example, if you're looking for funding for the DOE, you'll want to search for "EDN".)

Department (Commonly Used Acronym)	Program & Expending Agency ID
Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)	AGS
Department of Agriculture (DOA)	AGR
Department of the Attorney General (AG)	ATG
Department of Budget and Finance (B&F)	BUF
Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT)	BED
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA)	CCA
Department of Defense (DOD)	DEF
Department of Education (DOE)	EDN
Office of the Governor	GOV
Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL)	HHL

It's Money time!

(WHEN DIVING INTO THE BUDGET)

Before you jump into looking at the Executive budget or the budget developed and amended. At the risk of over-simplification:

Crafting the Budget

Quite a few entities are involved in crafting the Executive budget for the Legislature. (Separate budgets are enacted for the Judiciary, as well as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The Judiciary and Legislature.)

- The **Council on Revenues** prepares revenue estimates (multiple times each fiscal year, which helps in forecasting how much revenue is expected).
- The **Governor**, through the Department of **Budget & Finance**, prepares the initial version of the "budget bill." That bill is introduced to the House of Representatives and Speaker of the House of Representatives. (Near the end of the fiscal year, the bill is introduced to the Senate and the Governor for enactment. The Governor can determine when and if allocated funds will be released.)
- After the **Legislature** receives the Governor's draft budget bill, it is enacted into law.

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.


Find it on PAR's website: under the "Learn" tab, use the drop-down menu and select "Overview of the Legislative Process" (<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/overview-of-the-legislative-process/>). Then, click on "The Budget Process" (<https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/overview-of-the-legislative-process/the-budget-process/>) and find the .pdf for "Deciphering the Budget"

QR code points to: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/overview-of-the-legislative-process/the-budget-process/>

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:

Ageneral funds	Kfederal aid primary funds	Scounty funds
Bspecial funds	Lfederal aid secondary funds	Ttrust funds
Cgeneral obligation bond funds	Mfederal aid urban funds	Uinterdepartmental transfers
Dgeneral obligation bond funds*	Nfederal funds	VAmerican Rescue Plan funds
Erevenue bond funds	Pother federal funds	Wrevolving funds
Jfederal aid interstate funds	Rprivate contributions	Xother funds

*(debt service cost paid from special funds)



This is all taken from the budget bill itself. 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.

These are the current source of funding list for 2025:

- 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
- L: Federal aid secondary funds
- M: Federal aid urban funds
- N: Federal funds
- P: Other federal funds
- R: Private contributions
- S: County funds
- T: Trust funds
- U: Interdepartmental transfers
- V: American Rescue Plan funds
- W: Revolving funds
- X: Other funds

QR code points to PAR's Budget Process webpage: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/overview-of-the-legislative-process/the-budget-process/>

Position Ceiling (Staffing)

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. Staffing is measured by FTEs (full-time equivalents), and the number followed with an asterisk refers to the dollar amount below it.

Depending on the draft, temporary positions are noted with a double asterisk (**) or pound sign (#).

LNR 402 is the Program ID
we looked at earlier on the
Budget & Finance website...

The budget bill translates all that material that was presented on the Budget & Finance website into a bill specifying funding for each program ID. Let's look at LNR 402.

STATE OF HAWAII							PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS		A1(1)
ITEM NO	PROGRAM	PROGRAM ID	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		MOF	
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	MOF	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	MOF		
3.	OPERATING		LNR	5,526,913	A	5,526,913	A		
				3.00	*	3.00	*		
				1.25	**	1.25	**		
			LNR	4,289,058	B	4,289,058	B		
				1.00	*	1.00	*		
				1.75	**	1.75	**		
			LNR	4,864,500	N	4,889,500	N		
				2.00	*	2.00	*		
				6.50	**	6.50	**		
			LNR	12,537,534	P	283,534	P		
			LNR	400,000	C		C		
	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL								
4.	NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM								
			LNR402						
				73.00	*	73.00	*		
	OPERATING		LNR	30,728,497	A	23,728,497	A		
				18.50	**	18.50	**		
				1.00	**	1.00	**		
			LNR	3,679,077	N	3,679,077	N		
				2.50	*	2.50	*		
			LNR	4,571,982	P	2,883,534	P		
			LNR	106,475	T	106,475	T		
				7.00	**	7.00	**		
			LNR	1,686,056	U	1,686,056	U		
			LNR	1,750,000	C		C		
	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL								
5.	WATER RESOURCES								
			LNR404						
				28.00	*	28.00	*		
	OPERATING		LNR	4,827,109	A	4,727,109	A		
				5.00	*	5.00	*		
			LNR	1,283,123	B	1,283,123	B		
			LNR	2,000,000	C	2,000,000	C		
	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL								
6.	CONSERVATION & RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT								
			LNR405						
				177.25	*	177.25	*		
	OPERATING		LNR	14,919,514	A	14,919,514	A		
			LNR	2,421,447	B	2,421,447	B		

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Again, we can search the document (using <Ctrl><F>) for LNR402 or "fire" (be sure to note whether there's a space in there or dash in the program id).

For big documents, you might need to give it a chance to fully load before the search will work.

STATE OF HAWAII						PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS		A1(1)
ITEM NO	PROGRAM	PROGRAM ID	EXPENDING AGENCY	APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		MOF
				FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	MOF	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	MOF	
3.	OPERATING		LNR	5,526,913	A	5,526,913	A	
				3.00	*	3.00	*	
				1.25	**	1.25	**	
			LNR	4,289,058	B	4,289,058	B	
				1.00	*	1.00	*	
				1.75	**	1.75	**	
			LNR	4,864,500	N	4,889,500	N	
				2.00	*	2.00	*	
				6.50	**	6.50	**	
			LNR	12,537,534	P	283,534	P	
			LNR	400,000	C		C	
4.	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM							
		LNR402						
	OPERATING			73.00	*	73.00	*	
				30,728,497	A	23,728,497	A	
				18.50	*	18.50	*	
				1.00	**	1.00	**	
				3,679,077	N	3,679,077	N	
				2.50	*	2.50	*	
				4,571,982	P	2,883,534	P	
				106,475	T	106,475	T	
				7.00	**	7.00	**	
				1,686,056	U	1,686,056	U	
				1,750,000	C		C	
5.	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL WATER RESOURCES							
	OPERATING			28.00	*	28.00	*	
				4,827,109	A	4,727,109	A	
				5.00	*	5.00	*	
			LNR	1,283,123	B	1,283,123	B	
			LNR	2,000,000	C	2,000,000	C	
6.	INVESTMENT: CAPITAL CONSERVATION & RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT							
		LNR405						
	OPERATING			177.25	*	177.25	*	
			LNR	14,919,514	A	14,919,514	A	
			LNR	2,421,447	B	2,421,447	B	

* = full time equivalent positions

A = general funds

N = federal funds

P = other federal funds

T = trust funds

U = interdepartmental transfer

C = general obligation bond funds

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NATIVE RESOURCES AND FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM			<u>2023-24</u>		<u>2024-25</u>
	LNR402		51.50 *		51.50 *
OPERATING		LNR	17,382,568 A		[17,556,140 A]
	A = general funds	LNR	18.50 *		<u>35,481,140 A</u>
		LNR	4,047,467 N		[2,586,997 N]
	N = federal funds	LNR	2.50 *		<u>2,739,440 N</u>
		LNR	1.00 **		[1,600,000 P]
	P = other federal funds	LNR	4,680,000 P		<u>10,544,254 P</u>
		LNR	106,475 T		106,475 T
	T = trust funds	LNR			

A = 2023-24: No change; 2024-25: Increase from \$17,556,140 to \$35,481,140
N = 2023-24: No change; 2024-25: Increase from \$12,586,007 to \$2,739,440
P = 2023-24: No change; 2024-25: Increase from \$1,600,000 to \$10,544,254
T = 2023-24: No change; 2024-25: No change

Note: number of positions authorized shows no change either year

In the **second year of the two-year cycle**, amounts are adjusted as the legislature reviews the supplemental budget bill (the budget bill for the second year) – this is an example

Here’s a close up of the numbers. As you can see, all three of the funds that showed increases are reflected here. The old figures (what was allocated in the 2023 year’s budget bill) are crossed out, and the new figures appear on the next line, underlined. If there had been a change in the number of positions being funded, we would see similar changes for the numbers designated with an asterisk (or double asterisks).

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The budget bill starts in **House**

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

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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. This year, it's bill number is HB1800. After introduction and First Reading, the 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.

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House makes changes...

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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. The bill then needs to pass a Second Reading on the floor, and be scheduled for Third Reading.

Session Calendar

2025 SESSION CALENDAR

Note: 60 session days (days when members convene in their respective chambers), the session day count appears in a box on the lower-right, like this. ▶▶▶ # bills ■ resolutions ■ budget See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY						
		14	15 Opening Day	16	17 Non-Admin. Bill Package & Grants/ Subsidies Cutoff	18
19	20 HOLIDAY Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 State-of-the-State Address & Admin. Bill Package Cutoff	22 Recess #1	23 Bill Intro Cutoff	24 Recess #2	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
FEBRUARY						
2	3	4	5 First Triple Referral Filing (House Bills)	6 First Triple Referral Filing (Senate Bills)	7	
9	10	11	12	13 First Lateral Filing (Bills)	14 First Lateral (Bills)	
16	17 HOLIDAY Presidents' Day	18	19	20 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	21	
23	24	25	26 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Ends	27	28 First Decking (Bills)	
MARCH						
2	3 Recess #3	4	5 Recess #4	6 First Crossover (Bills)	7 Subst. Resolution Cutoff	8
9	10 Budget Decking	11	12 Budget Crossover	13 Second Triple Referral Filing	14	15
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Includes
Deadline for
Decking the
Budget

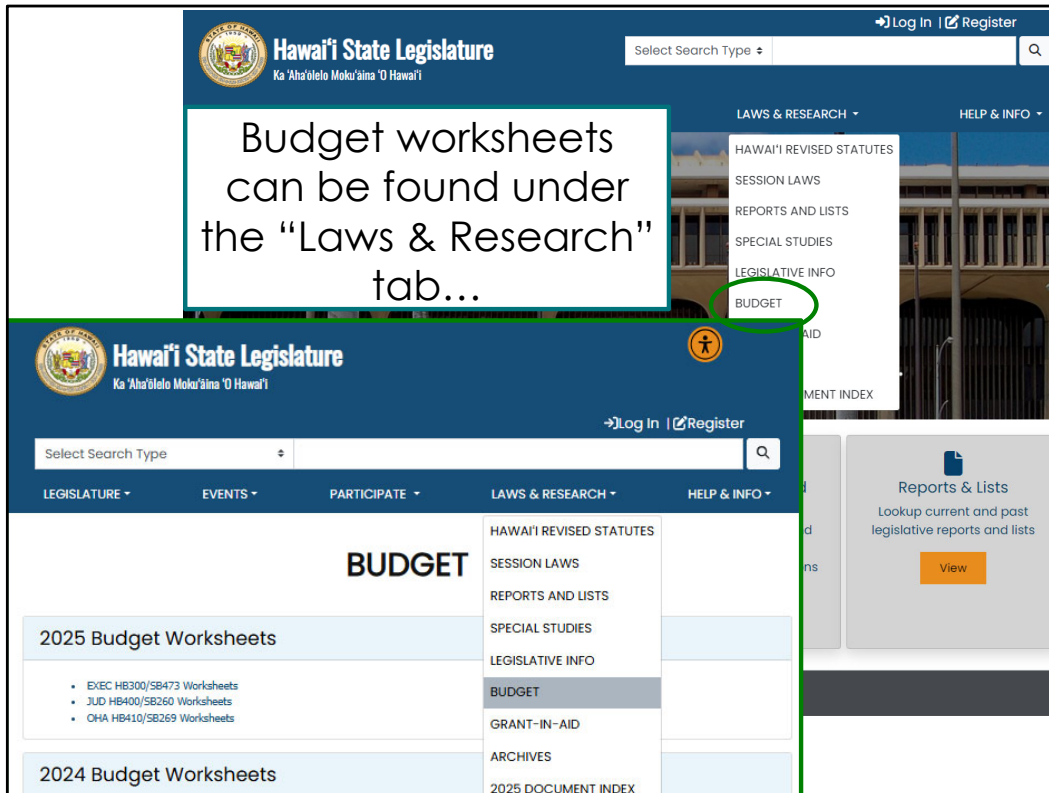
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The deadline for the budget bill to be decked by the FIN committee is March 10, and the House needs to hold the Third Reading on the bill by March 12.

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- **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 **Ways and Means (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 have it pass First Reading and will refer the bill to its money committee, Ways and Means (WAM).



Budget worksheets can be found under the "Laws & Research" tab...

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.

Page 263, GOV-100, Sequence 40-001 --- House does not concur
(disagrees with appropriations)



HB1081 – Relating to the Office of Wellness and Resilience
https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB1081_.PDF

Previous Slide example

Video of 3/6/25 FIN hearing for HB300

2025 Budget Worksheets (pre HD1) p263, GOV100 sequence 40-001

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/budget.aspx>

P263 of 654 pages Seq.No 40-001 references "See HRD 200, Seq.No. 40-001" which is on p341 of 654 pages

Department of Budget and Finance, Executive Biennium Budget 2025-2027

<https://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/executive-biennium-budget-fiscal-budget-2025-2027/>

Office of the Governor document, p13 of 13 of PDF provides program plan narrative to move Office of Wellness and Resilience

HB300 (pre HD1)

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB300_.pdf

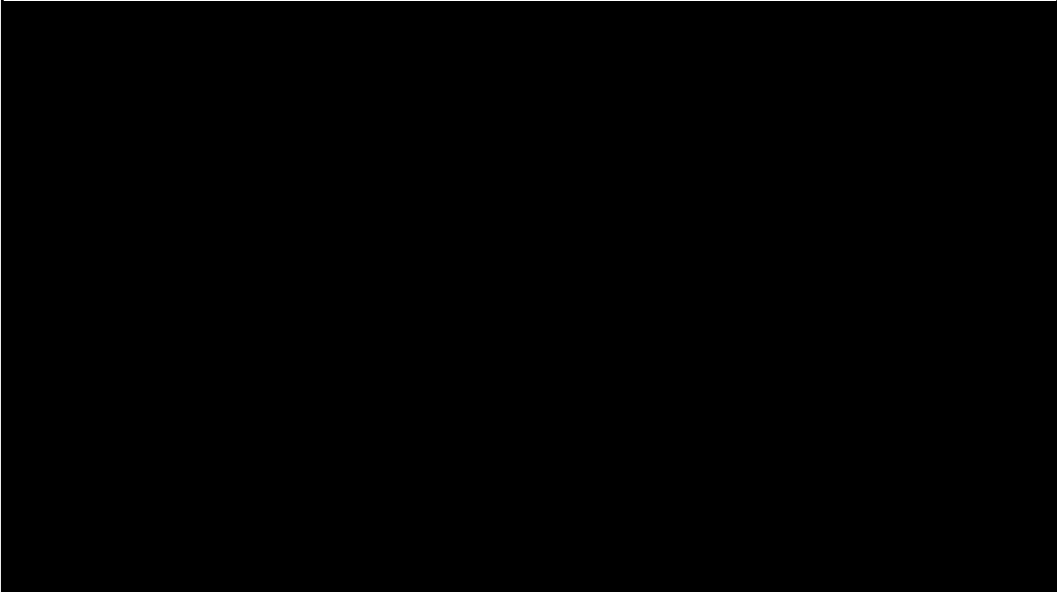
P55 of 154 shows program ID, Expending Agency, FY25-26 & FY26-27 appropriations requests and Means of Financing (MOF) for overall GOV100 – doesn't break out by sequence/specific request to move Office of W&R or the specific dollars/positions involved

Control+F or Command+F to search document text for GOV100 or 40-001 (although sequence number could be used under multiple program IDs – so look closely)

EXEC HB300/SB473 (not HD1 at this point)

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2025/worksheets/202-02-25_EXEC_G_Worksheets.pdf

Governor's Message, HHL625, sequence 218-001 – modified to \$1.00



Governor's Message 4 (GM4) transmitted proposed changes to the Executive Biennium Budget (dated 2/18/25)

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=GM&billnumber=4&year=2025

Previous Slide example
Video of 3/6/25 FIN hearing for HB300

GM4 dated 2/18/25

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/GM4_.pdf

searched HHL 625 p3 of 9 pages – asking for \$2,000,000 in general funds for 'personal services'

2025 Budget Worksheets (pre HD1)

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/budget.aspx>

P267 of 654 pages for HHL625; sequence 218-001 not included (likely included when HD1 worksheets are released)

Department of Budget and Finance, Executive Biennium Budget 2025-2027 pages

<https://budget.hawaii.gov/budget/executive-biennium-budget-fiscal-budget-2025-2027/>

Department of Hawaiian Homelands document, p22 of 25 of PDF provides program plan narrative when this document was prepared in December, no new appropriation request was included at that time (hence the GM)

P20 of 25 shows FY2023-2024 through FY2026-2027, does not seem to include \$2M change

HB300 (pre HD1)

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/sessions/session2025/bills/HB300_.pdf

P36 of 154 shows program ID, Expending Agency, FY25-26 & FY26-27 appropriations requests and Means of Financing (MOF) for HHL625 – doesn't break out by sequence/specific for additional \$2M (hence the GM)

Control+F or Command+F to search document text for HHL625 or sequence '218-001' (although sequence numbers could be used by multiple program IDs – so look closely)

GM4 (2025) Bill Summary Page:

https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=GM&billnumber=4&year=2025

Compares HD1 to Governor's Request

Detail Type: H

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SYSTEM
BUDGET WORKSHEET

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Example HB200 HD1
Worksheet, 2021 session

Program ID: HMS501 IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS
Structure #: 060105010000
Subject Committee: HHH HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES, & HOMELESSNESS

SEQ #	EXPLANATION	FY 2022			FY 2023		
		Perm	Temp	Amt	Perm	Temp	Amt
10-001	EXECUTIVE REQUEST: TRADE-OFF FUNDS FROM OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES TO PERSONAL SERVICES FOR IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS (HMS501/YA). HOUSE CONCURS. DETAIL OF GOVERNOR'S REQUEST: YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS (-122,268) SEE HMS501 SEQ. NO. 10-002.			(122,268) A			(122,268) A
10-002	EXECUTIVE REQUEST: TRADE-OFF FUNDS FROM OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES TO PERSONAL SERVICES FOR IN-COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAMS (HMS501/YA). HOUSE DOES NOT CONCUR. BREAKOUT AS FOLLOWS: PERSONAL SERVICES FOR (1) PERM GENERAL PROFESSIONAL V SR24 (#118812; 88,248) DETAIL OF GOVERNOR'S REQUEST: PERSONAL SERVICES FOR (1) PERM PRE AUDIT CLERK 1 SR11 (#47413; 34,020) PERSONAL SERVICES FOR (1) PERM GENERAL PROFESSIONAL V SR24 (#118812; 88,248) SEE HMS501 SEQ. NO. 10-001.			88,248 A			88,248 A

The budget worksheets highlight the differences between the initial bill and the HD1 version.

Example picture from Exec HB200 HD1 Worksheets, 2021 session

Council on Revenues General Fund Forecast

- January
- March
- May
- September

*March 12, 2025
2:00pm
https://tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9_1cor/*



*The March forecast
may have changed the total amount
available to be budgeted*

In addition to receiving the revised budget bill, the Senate will also have the March forecast provided by the Council on Revenues.

For 2025: the COR March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3/12/25 at 2pm
https://tax.hawaii.gov/useful/a9_1cor/

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WAM has the budget bill... **HB300 HD1**

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

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 and what, if anything, you’d like WAM to change.

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HB300
HD1 SD1

Senate makes changes

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

WAM passes the bill and publishes an amended version – SD1 (“Senate Draft 1”) by the decking deadline. The Senate will hold Second Reading and schedule the bill for Third Reading.

Again, changes in SD1 will be outlined in the budget worksheets after the fact. There’s no set time frame on when the budget worksheets appear.

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HB300
HD1 SD1

- **Senate holds Third Reading** and passes bill (SD1) by Second Crossover deadline

After the bill is voted on in the Senate chamber the required 3rd time.

Compares SD1 to Governor's Request

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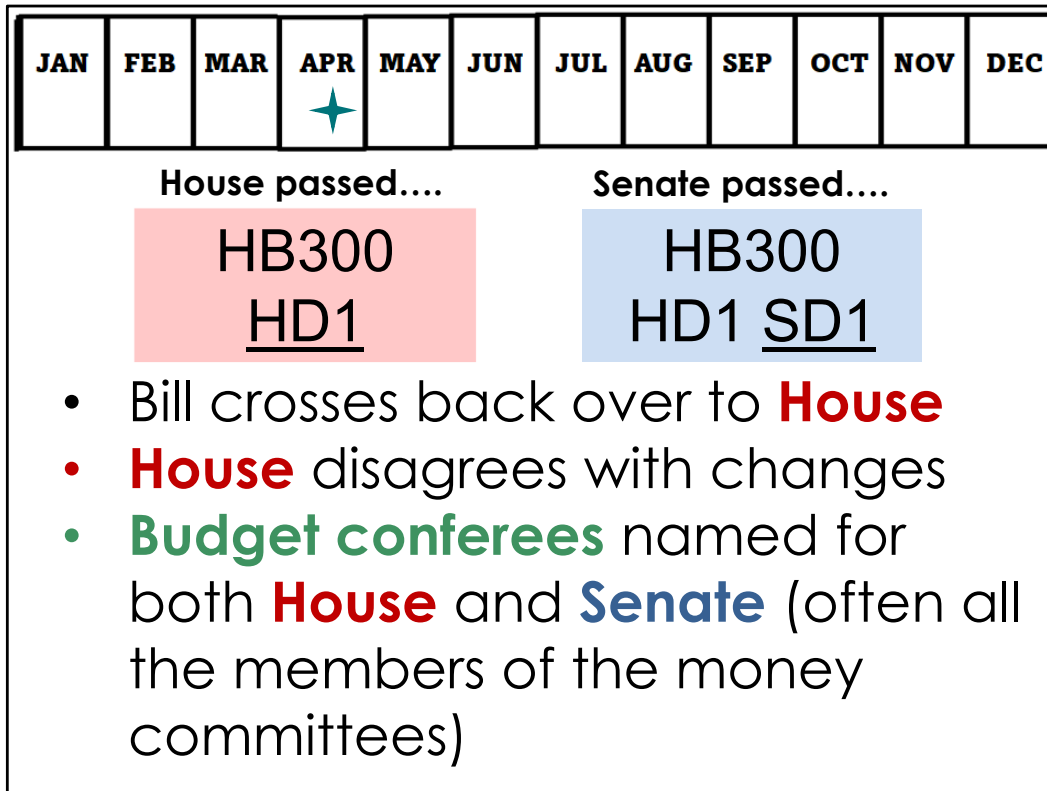
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Here's a snapshot of the budget worksheet for an SD1 version passed by the Senate. It compares the SD1 version to the governor's initial request.

Example picture from Exec HB200 SD1 Worksheets 2021 session



Once the bill has passed its Third Reading in the Senate, it crosses back over to the House. The House immediately disagrees with the changes, moving the bill to the conference process.

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. They need to come up with the CD1 version by the Final Budget Decking deadline, April 22.

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 - **Following other money bills**
 - Grants in Aid (GIA)
- Legislature's website capitol.hawaii.gov

Before we get into the conference process, let's take a moment to talk about 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 can be incorporated into the budget bill.

Despite starting the session with a specific request for X number of dollars, most individual 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 budget and final dollar allocations have been decided.

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

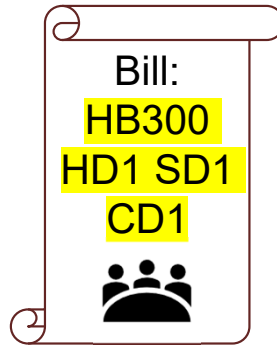
A Note re: **Fiscal (\$) Bills**

**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.

House and Senate leadership can appoint members to **Conference Committees** to find agreement on a bill that has different House and Senate versions
(ex: HB300 HD1 SD1)



Conference committees try to reach agreement on final version of the bill

If 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 Budget Decking deadline. (For other appropriations bills, you'll see that there's a "Final Decking (**Fiscal Bills**)" deadline.)

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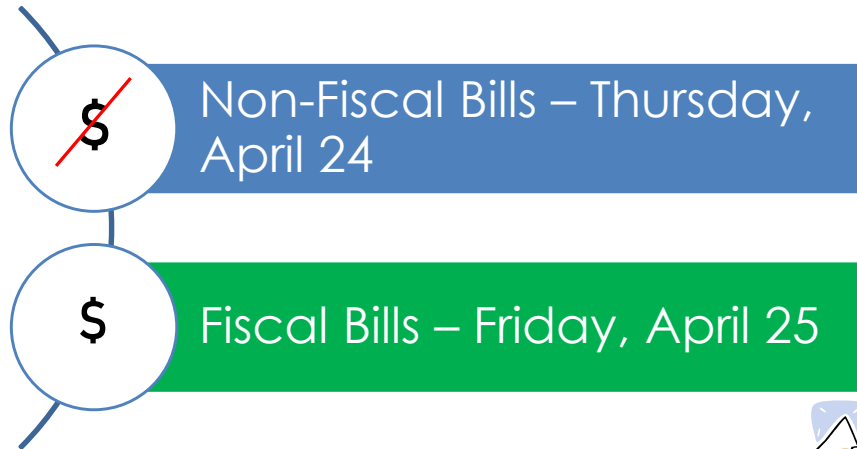
Goes to conference...

HB300 HD1
SD1 CD1

- **May be done piece by piece** announcing areas on which they've come to agreement
- **CD1 version of the budget** decked first since 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 committees to come to a decision?



Final version (CD1) & committee report must be delivered to Chief Clerks' offices



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 session 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.

Here are the deadlines for bills to come out of conference and be delivered to the Chief Clerks' offices:

In 2024, there was an additional decking deadline for HB1800 (the budget bill): Monday, April 22

For 2025 there are just the following deadlines related to conference:

Non-Fiscal Bills (those not referred to FIN or WAM): Thursday, April 25

Fiscal Bills (those that were referred to FIN or WAM): Friday, April 26

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.

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Now let's take a quick look at Grants in Aid...

Grant-in-Aid (GIA) \$

- If the Legislature is offering **GIA money**, the application will appear on the website (“Grant-in-Aid” page found under “Laws & Research”)
- **Application Deadline traditionally in January**
- Applications for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)
- **HRS Chapter 42F** for more information

If the Legislature is offering GIA money, the application will appear on the website (“Grant-in-Aid” page found under “Laws & Research” tab). It’s usually posted sometime in December, and the deadline to submit the application is traditionally in January. The application will be for funds to be used in the upcoming fiscal year (FY265: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). For more information, take a look at HRS Chapter 42F.

Legislature’s Grant in Aid webpage:

<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session/gia.aspx>

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. Redacted copies of the applications, as well as a list of the amounts awarded for both Operating and CIP funds, will be posted on the "Grant-in-Aid" page found under the "Laws & Research" tab.

It is common for WAM and FIN to host a joint informational briefing, often in March (2025 was mid-Feb), where all applicants are invited to provide a brief oral summary of their organization and its needs. While not required, many applicants do come to the capitol or join in over Zoom. The hearing notice will provide information on what to expect.

If you apply for GIA funds, you won't know whether your application has been successful until the end of session when all the money bills get sorted out.

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The Budget Bill

- Needs to pass Final Reading before the end of session (adjournment *sine die*)
- Must go off to the governor before other appropriation bills can pass Final Reading

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. There is a requirement for the budget bill to be sent to the governor before any other appropriation bills can pass Final Reading. (Sometimes you see bills moved to the end of the agenda, or a recess called during the day's proceedings, while they wait for the other chamber to pass the budget bill and to give the clerks time to transmit it to the governor.)

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Governor

- Use your administration contacts
- Ask supporters to communicate (can use form on Gov's website)
- **Keep in mind: 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 (that is, he can veto particular line items and leave others alone).

You can lobby the Governor as well as the administrative department that is charged with expending funds in your program area. The governor's website (governor.hawaii.gov) provides a contact form where you can communicate your views.

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

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- 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.

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.

WAM and FIN begin briefings with the departments to more fully understand the requests and to question previous allocations/expenditures.

Budget Bill - Overview

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- 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

The budget bill is formally introduced at the start of session by the House Speaker (and Senate President) “by request”. The House version of the bill will be the vehicle for the budget.

It will go through the House, then the Senate, and pass the legislature. (Along the way it will be heard in both FIN and WAM, pass three readings in each chamber, and pass a final reading in each chamber after the CD1 has been agreed to in conference.)

The bill will then be enacted by the Governor. (There may be line-item vetoes to contend with.)

And then the cycle starts all over again.

In following the budget bill... you can offer testimony at the hearings, lobby the chairs of subject matter committees, advocate to the money committees and anyone else.

While you can follow changes using the budget worksheets, remember that you can always call PAR (808/587-0478) and ask for help. Despite improvements, the process can be a bit opaque when it comes to tracking particulars!

After session

- Focus on implementation!
- If there's \$, doesn't mean it will be expended
- Thank 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 authorized doesn't mean that it will be spent or released.

If you got what you'd hoped for, take time to thank those who have helped. Even if you haven't gotten the results you were hoping for, debriefing with allies or reviewing what happened can be extremely helpful. You may be back next year!

**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
- Build 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 or staffer, 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.

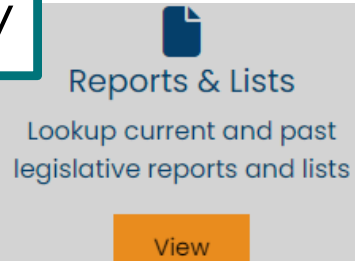
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Finally, a few comments on some helpful spots on the Legislature's website,
<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

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Can use this feature for 2013 session to current year

Click on the “Appropriations” bar, it’s the second bar on the left.
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You'll find links to reports of all the appropriations bills, or ones with just particular fund sources, or for one or both chambers' bills.

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<p>HB132 Mortgage Foreclosures; Judicial Foreclosure; Mandatory Dispute Resolution RELATING TO MEDIATION AFFECTING JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE. Expands the application of mandatory mortgage foreclosure dispute resolution by requiring a mortgagee to participate in mediation to avoid foreclosure or mitigate damages from foreclosure property that has been the mortgagor's primary residence for a specified period. Applies to foreclosure actions filed prior to the effective date of this measure and pending an initial court hearing. Appropriates funds. Effective December 1, 2015; appropriations effective July 1, 2015.</p>			
<p>HB181 HD1 Ethics Commission Package; Lobbyists; Expenditures (\$) RELATING TO LOBBYING EXPENDITURES. Broadens the term "expenditures" by removing the exemption for expenses relating to the preparation of testimony before a legislative or administrative hearing. Requires a lobbyist's statement of expenditures to include total expenditures, rather than expenditures over \$750. (HB181 HD1)</p>		(H) 2/13/2015- Passed Second Reading as amended in HD 1 and referred to the committee(s) on JUD with none voting aye with reservations; none voting no (0) and Takumi excused (1).	SOUKI (Introduced party)
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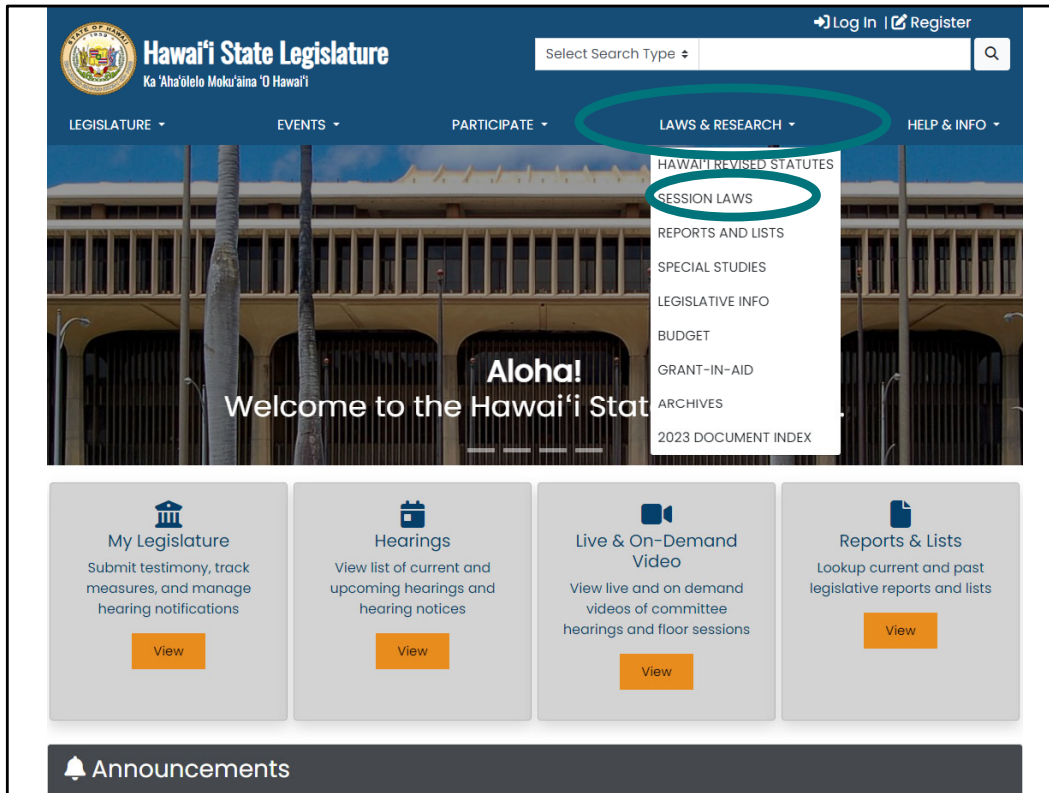
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Double click on the Current Status column to sort so that bills that are still moving are at the top and bills that are dead (for example, bills with the last action taken in January and if it's now March)

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To find the budget acts and allocations made in prior years, you can go to the “Session Laws” page found under the “Laws & Research” tab.

The screenshot shows the official website of the Hawai'i State Legislature. At the top left is the state seal and the text "Hawai'i State Legislature" and "Ka 'Aha'ōlelo Moku'āina 'Ō Hawai'i". On the top right, there are icons for a document and a person, along with "Log In" and "Register" links. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder "Select Search Type" and a magnifying glass icon. A navigation menu includes "LEGISLATURE", "EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE", "LAWS & RESEARCH", and "HELP & INFO". The main heading is "SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I". Below this heading, there are four categories: "Executive Budgets", "Judiciary Budgets", "OHA Budgets", and "Improvements Acts". The "Executive Budgets" link is circled in red. Below these categories is a list of years from 1959 to 2024, with 1964 also circled in red.

Then, you can either select “Executive Budgets” to see a list of the budgets passed each year...

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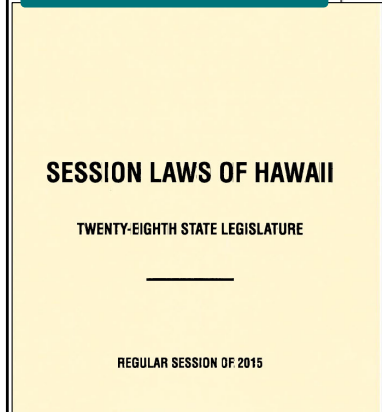
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Then find the budget bills listed below all the act numbers. (This shows 2024, which is the second year of the 2023-2024 biennium. The OHA budget was enacted in 2017 and no supplemental OHA budget was enacted in 2018.)

You can also use the 'Index & Effects of Acts' link at the top of the 2024 listing – use the index and look up 'appropriations.'

<p>Index in Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) can help you find appropriations made in prior years</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">ACT</p> <p>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES <i>see INTOXICATING LIQUORS</i></p> <p>ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Board of directors; members 130</p> <p>ANIMALS Livestock and poultry; biosecurity project loans 155 Ope'ape'a (Hawaiian hoary bat); state land mammal 13</p> <p>APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>Accounting and general services property leases; inventory 177 state foundation on culture and the arts 180</p> <p>Agriculture Hawaii farm to school program; farm to school coordinator 218 Hawaii good agricultural practices program 153 Peekauai ditch irrigation system ("Menehune ditch") 154 pesticide subsidy program manager 152</p> <p>Attorney general; emergency appropriation 50 Auditor; state-county functions working group 134 Audit services; delegation of responsibility and transfer of funds 119; §111</p> <p>Bonds, <i>see BONDS</i></p> <p>Budget capital improvement projects; operational and deferred maintenance costs ... 150 federal funds; expenditure 148 general appropriations act of 2015 (state budget) 119 judiciary appropriations act of 2015 138 office of Hawaiian affairs appropriations act of 2015 170 supplemental appropriations act of 2014 (state budget); amendments 3</p> <p>Budget and finance debt affordability study; state debt management policy 149 efficiency measures pilot project 67 municipal lease payments under financing agreements 119 §125 population and workload trend adjustments 119 §110 protocol account for promoting and improving state bond ratings and sales 119 §119</p>
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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 (you can also use control+f to find the page with "appropriations" listed). You can always contact the Public Access Room and we'll be happy to help you find what you need.

PAR can Help!

- **PAR website** offers handy lists, videos and learning materials (lrb.hawaii.gov/par/)
- 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!

Remember, we've got a website with a lot of information (lrb.hawaii.gov/par/) and you sign up to receive emails/newsletters from us (including about upcoming workshops!)
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Additional Content

Not on March 2025 recording,
but sharing an example of an
individual bill with an
appropriation that died, looking
to see if it was incorporated into
the final executive budget bill.

HB507 = \$1 million to help with macadamia felted coccid... HD1 = “unspecified” funds; defective date SD1 = corrected date... made it to WAM and ‘died’ there

The screenshot shows the Hawaii State Legislature website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Log In and Register. The main header includes the Hawaii State Legislature logo and the text "Ka 'Aha'olelo Moku'āina 'O Hawai'i". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with options: LEGISLATURE, EVENTS, PARTICIPATE, LAWS & RESEARCH, and HELP & INFO. The main content area is titled "2015 Archives" and indicates that the user is viewing archived information from 2015. The specific bill being viewed is "HB507 HD1 SD1". The bill's details are as follows:

Measure Title:	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE.
Report Title:	Macadamia Nut Trees; Macadamia Felted Coccid; Agriculture; Appropriation (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds to the Department of Agriculture, in cooperation with UH CTAHR, to research and develop methods for the prevention and treatment of macadamia felted coccid. (SD1)
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	ENE/AGL, WAM
Introducer(s):	TSUJI, AQUINO, CHOY, EVANS, ICHiyAMA, ITO, KOBAYASHI, NAKASHIMA, ONISHI, SAY, YAMANE, YAMASHITA

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "All Versions of this Measure" and "Committee Reports". The "All Versions of this Measure" section lists HB507_SD1, HB507_HD1, and HB507. The "Committee Reports" section lists HB507_HD1_HSCR347_, HB507_HD1_HSCR761_, and HB507_SD1_SSCR1012_. There is also a "Testimony" section at the bottom right.

Here’s an example from 2015 of a bill with a specific appropriation but the bill died.

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 went through its Third Reading in the House, and then crossed to the Senate. There it 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.

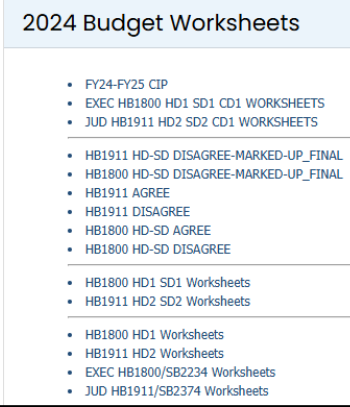
But... money was put in the budget bill to help with the macadamia felted coccid. The appropriation lived on!



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** may highlight some changes
- **Budget worksheet** published after the revised bill draft is issued: shows changes made, and includes more detail than the bill



The screenshot shows a page titled "2024 Budget Worksheets" with a list of documents. The list includes:

- FY24-FY25 CIP
- EXEC HB1800 HD1 SD1 CD1 WORKSHEETS
- JUD HB1911 HD2 SD2 CD1 WORKSHEETS
- HB1911 HD-SD DISAGREE-MARKED-UP_FINAL
- HB1800 HD-SD DISAGREE-MARKED-UP_FINAL
- HB1911 AGREE
- HB1911 DISAGREE
- HB1800 HD-SD AGREE
- HB1800 HD-SD DISAGREE
- HB1800 HD1 SD1 Worksheets
- HB1911 HD2 SD2 Worksheets
- HB1800 HD1 Worksheets
- HB1911 HD2 Worksheets
- EXEC HB1800/SB2234 Worksheets
- JUD HB1911/SB2374 Worksheets

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 usually it’s the worksheets that offer you a recap of the changes made in the latest draft. Look at the bill status page for the individual bill that died, to see committee reports for that bill. (Committee reports will only exist for bills that were heard by, and passed by a committee)

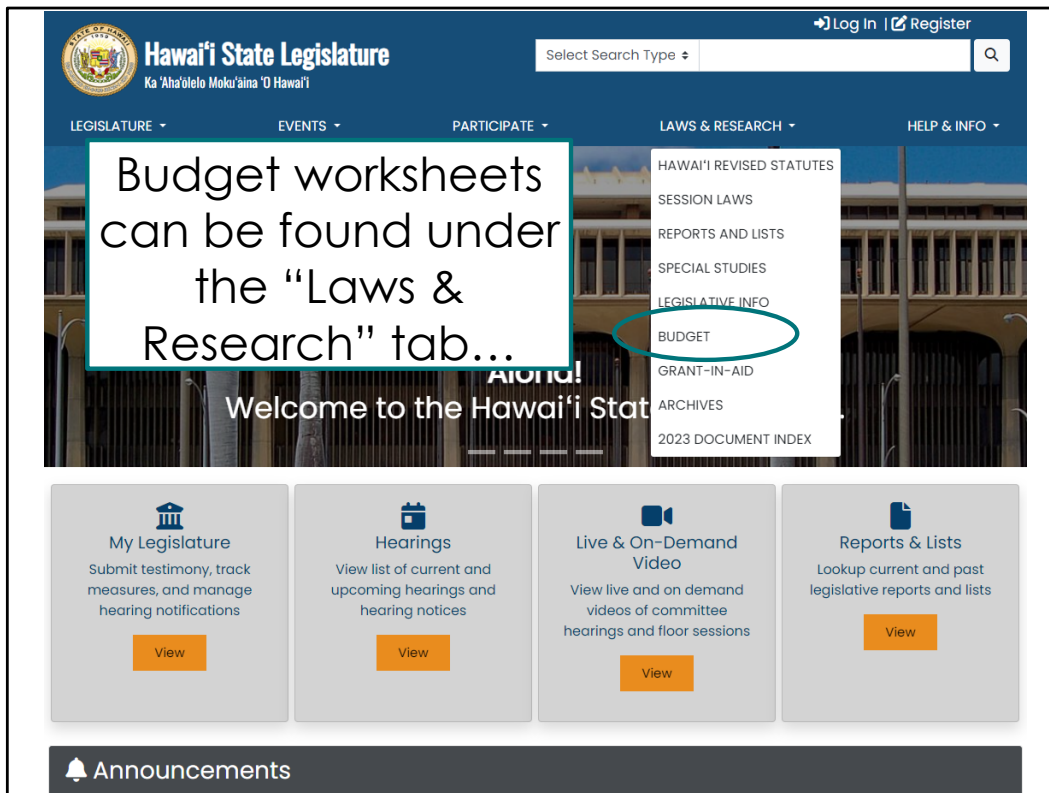
Screenshot of the 2024 Budget Worksheets page

The way worksheets are posted may vary year by year, so the information may not be provided in the same format, or number of versions (Disagree/Agree/etc). Sometimes, it’s easier to tell, for example, which worksheet is the Executive Budget vs Judiciary vs OHA, or CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) may be pulled into a separate document.

Knowing the Program ID (like AGR122, for example) could give you one way to do a control+f search in a large (many, many paged) worksheet document. Or using the search to search by keyword like “macadamia” or “coccid”

- 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 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. Contact PAR if you need help identifying the program ID or to make sure we can't help you find what you need.



Again, here's where you can find the budget worksheets: select the "Budget" page from the "Laws & Research" drop-down menu.

*Back to our example... looking at the
2015 budget worksheet*

WAM: in HB500 HD1 SD1 added
\$250,000 FY2016 and
\$250,000 FY2017 from general funds (MOF = A)

SEQ #	EXPLANATION	FY 2016	FY 2017
2000-001	SENATE ADJUSTMENT: ADD FUNDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MAC ADAMIA FELTED COCCID. DETAIL OF SENATE ADJUSTMENT: OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES (250,000) \$250,000 NON-RECURRING. SEE LNR402 SEQ. NO. 2000-001.	250,000 A	250,000 A

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.

HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1
ended up with \$250,000 FY2016 only
from special funds (MOF = B)

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Program ID: AGR122 PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL
Structure #: 010302010000
Subject Committee: AGL AGRICULTURE

HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1				EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST			
SEQ #	EXPLANATION	FY 2016	FY 2017	EXPLANATION	FY 2016	FY 2017	SEQ #
2000-001		250,000					2000-001
	LEGISLATIVE ADJUSTMENT: ADD FUNDS FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF <u>MACADAMIA FELTED COCCID.</u>						
	FROM AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY SPECIAL FUND.						
	DETAIL OF LEGISLATIVE ADJUSTMENT: OTHER CURRENT EXPENSES (FY16: 250,000)						

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.

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! Unfortunately, it can take a while for them to be posted after the bill draft has been published.

If you can't tell for sure, you could always contact the FIN or WAM committees to ask.

Looking at the budget bill... the level of detail is just not there

7. AGR122 - PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL			
		84.00*	84.00*
OPERATING	AGR	5,913,058A	6,043,570A
		42.00*	42.00*
	AGR	8,297,965B	8,376,340B
	AGR	2,500N	2,500N
	AGR	512,962T	512,962T
	AGR	152,139U	190,656U
	AGR	50,360W	50,360W
	AGR	673,089P	673,089P

HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1:

7. AGR122 - PLANT PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL			
		84.00*	84.00*
OPERATING	AGR	5,659,086A	5,789,598A
		42.00*	42.00*
	AGR	8,547,965B	8,376,340B
	AGR	2,500N	2,500N
	AGR	512,962T	512,962T
	AGR	152,139U	190,656U
	AGR	50,360W	50,360W
	AGR	673,089P	673,089P

If we were looking at the drafts of the executive budget bills themselves, likely wouldn't be able to see the specific allocation for individual issues or items.

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. You may need to look at multiple documents to work it all. Call us in PAR and we can try and help!