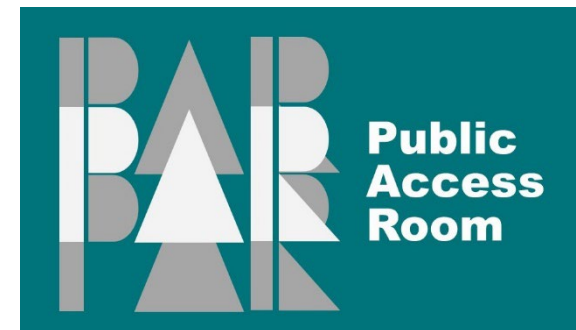


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How do they work?
When do they meet?
How do I find them?
What now?!



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Conference?

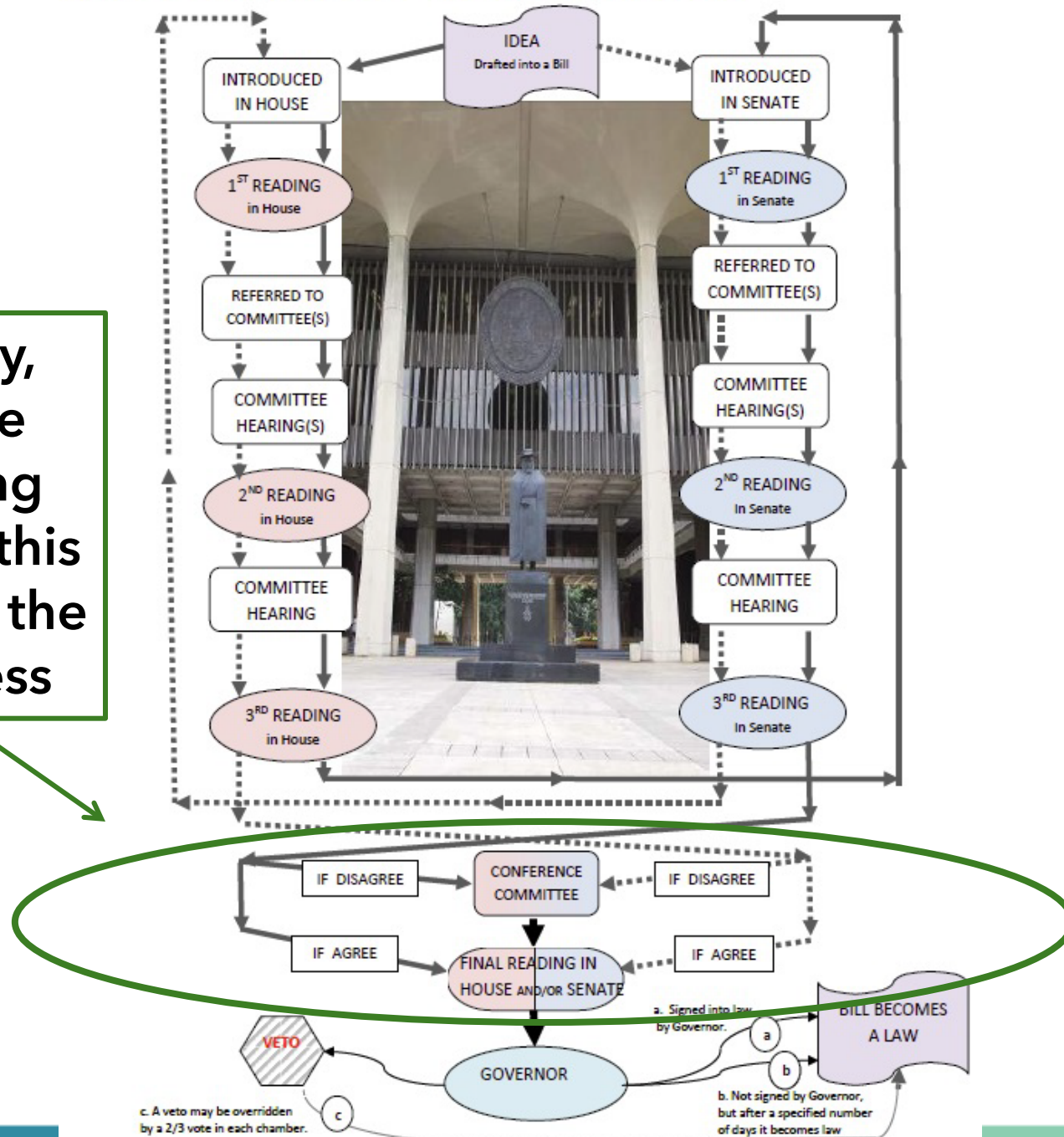
Unclear

Lots of activity

It's been a long session



Today,
we're
talking
about this
part of the
process





Here's a brief glimpse of what a bill needs to go through to become a law...

- ✓ Pass through all **committees** (hearings) the House and Senate have referred it to

and

- ✓ Pass **three readings (votes)** in each chamber (all members)

and

- ✓ Have **exact wording** agreed to by House and Senate

and

- ✓ Be signed or allowed to come into law by **Governor**, or House and Senate successfully overrides his veto.



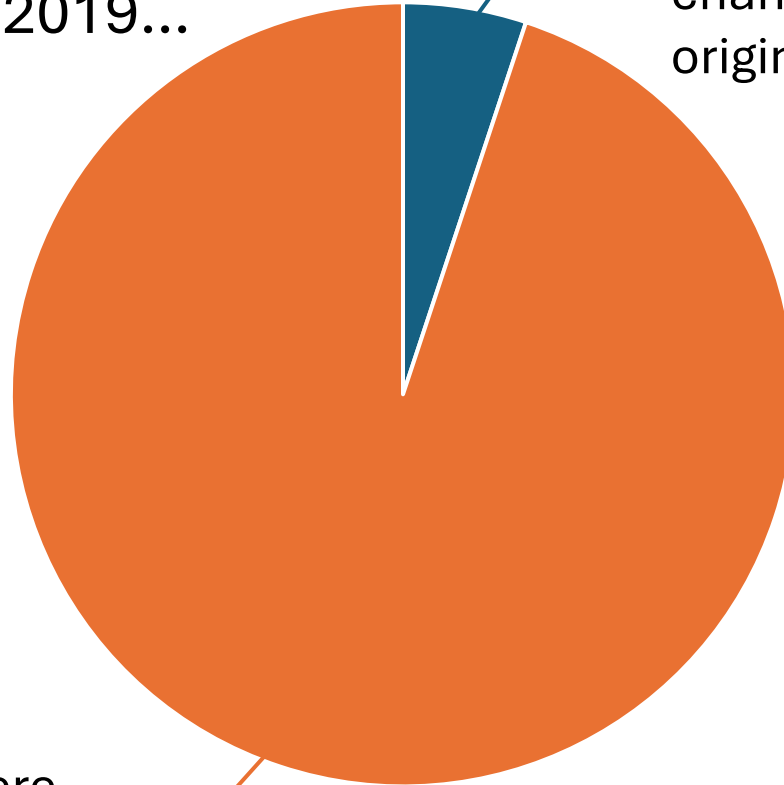
**Have both House and Senate agree on
exact wording**

... now this isn't even an issue if
the non-originating chamber did
not make any changes ...

But most bills have been changed...

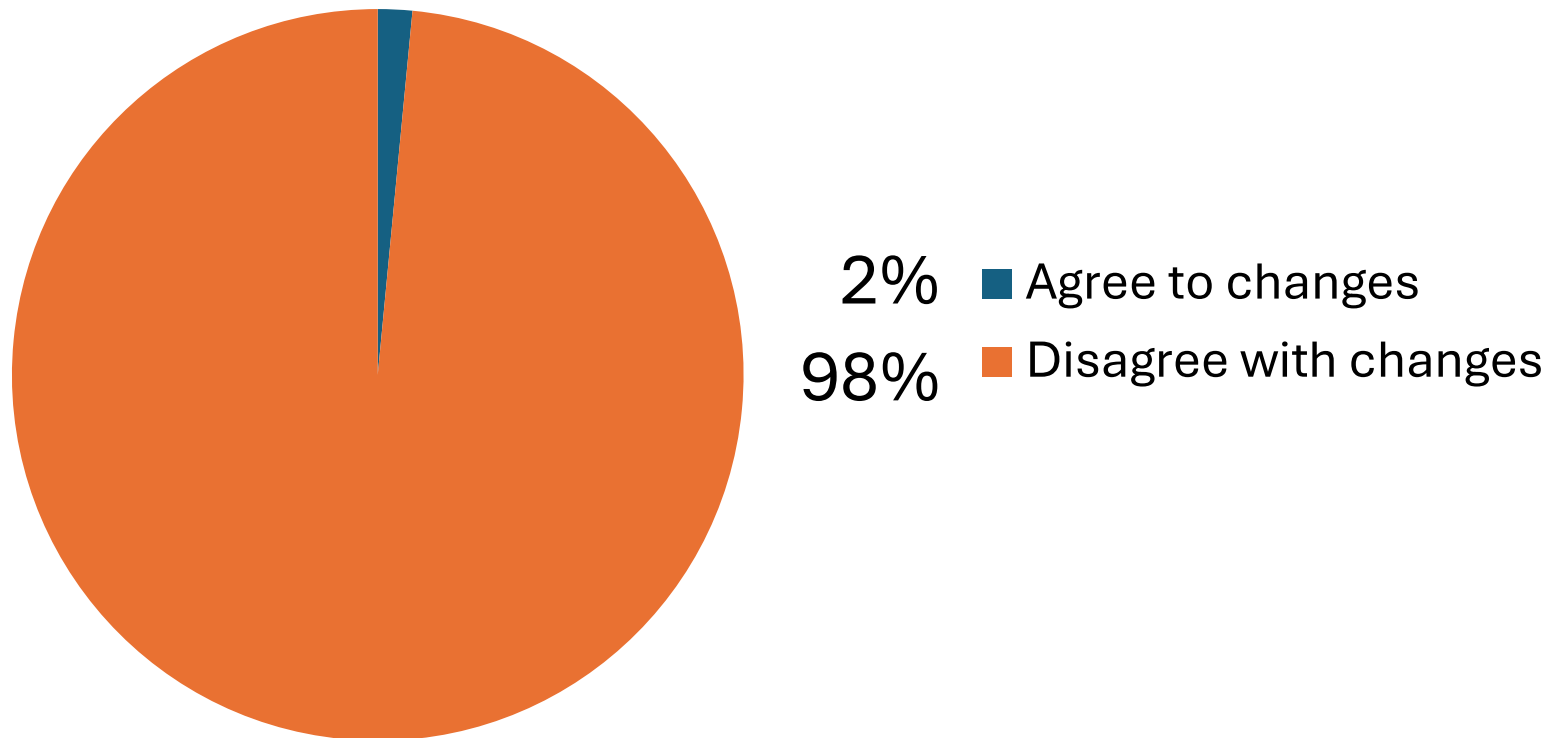
Of the bills that passed
2nd crossover in 2019...

5% of the bills were not
changed by the non-
originating chamber

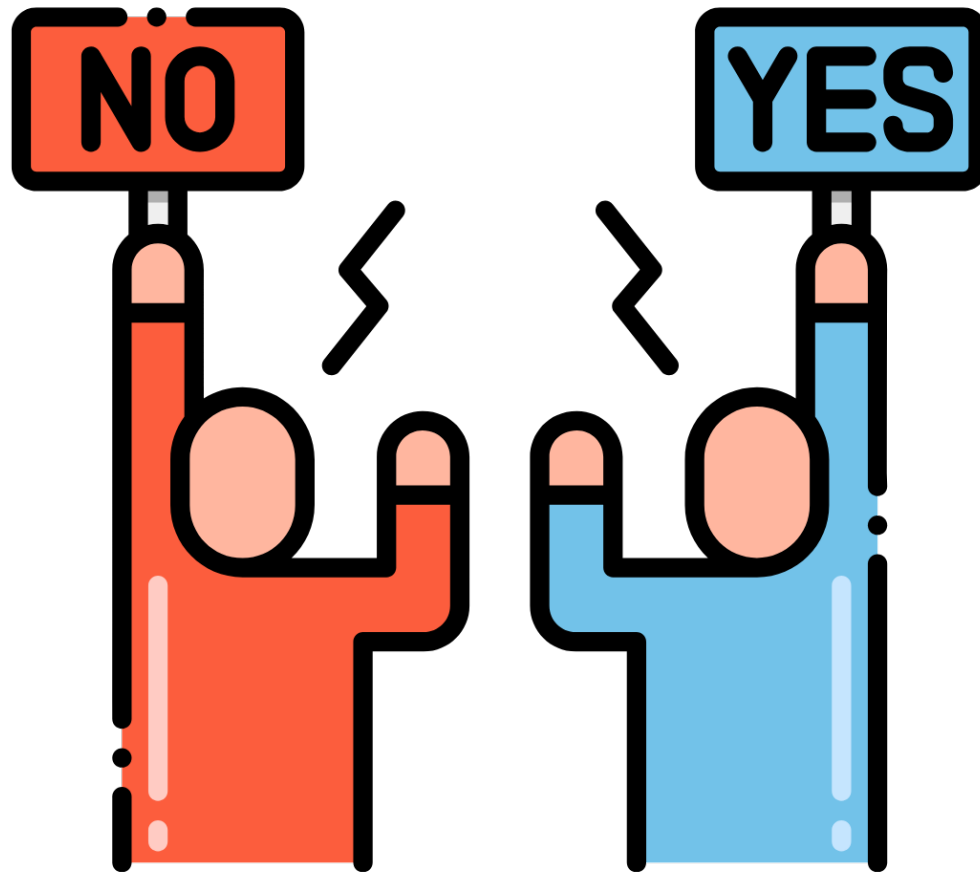


95% of the bills were
changed by the non-
originating chamber

And – almost always – those changes are not “Agreed to” by the originating chamber...



Instead, the originating chamber chooses to “disagree” with the changes made...



Which means that bill will go to Conference



2025 Legislative Session:

The Numbers as of April 11th

**Bills Passed
By The Legislature**

28



**Bills
Enacted**

18

AFTER SECOND CROSSOVER ↓

House Bills

WITH SENATE DRAFTS

245

UNAMENDED

13

Senate Bills

WITH HOUSE DRAFTS

206

UNAMENDED

15



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PUBLIC ACCESS ROOM



Why Conference?

When the Senate and House pass different versions of a bill, it poses a problem: only one version can go off to the Governor for consideration.

As a result, unless the originating chamber agrees to the other's version, the bill moves into the *conference committee process*.

What is a Conference Committee?

For each bill that reaches this stage, conference committees may be formed with members appointed from each chamber





Not guaranteed...

- Some bills reach this point, and the conferees for one or the other chamber are not appointed
- Then, the bill dies unless something extraordinary happens
- If previous conferees were “discharged,” new ones must be named (usually happens in the 2nd year)



SB344 SD1 HD2

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Measure Title: RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY.

Report Title: Skateboards; Helmet Requirement; Minors

Description: Requires all skateboard users under the age of eighteen to wear a helmet while operating a skateboard on public property. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

Companion: HB706

Package: None

Current Referral: TRN, JHA

Introducer(s): RHOADS

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4/8/2025	H	Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 774).
4/8/2025	S	Senate disagrees with House amendments.
4/8/2025	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 576).
4/4/2025	H	Passed Third Reading as amended in HD 2 with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Alcos, Garcia, Pierick voting no (3) and Representative(s) Cochran excused (1). Transmitted to Senate.
4/2/2025	H	Forty-eight (48) hours notice Friday, 04-04-25.
4/2/2025	H	Reported from JHA (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1770) as amended in HD 2, recommending passage on Third Reading.

All Versions of this Measure

SB344_HD2
SB344_HD1
SB344_SD1
SB344



Committee Reports

SB344_SD1_SSCR128_
SB344_SD1_SSCR1026_
SB344_HD1_HSCR1317_
SB344_HD2_HSCR1770_



Testimony

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SB344_SD1_TESTIMONY_TRN_03-13-25_
SB344_HD1_TESTIMONY_JHA_03-28-25_

Hearing Notices

TCA	1/30/25 3:00P CR 224 & Videoconference	Agenda
JDC	2/19/25 9:45A CR 016 & Videoconference	Agenda
TRN	3/13/25 9:00A 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	Agenda
JHA	3/28/25 2:00P 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	Agenda

SB 344 SD1

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S.B. NO. 344
S.D. 1

1 (b) This section shall not be construed to legalize the
2 use of skateboards in violation of any county ordinance.

3 (c) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Skateboard" means a short board that is on wheels that a
5 person stands on to move along a surface or to perform tricks."

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

SB 344 HD2

1 (3) Has been tested by a nationally recognized agency,
2 such as the National Highway Traffic Safety
3 Administration, National Safety Council, or Children's
4 Safety Network.

5 (b) This section shall not be construed to legalize the
6 use of skateboards in violation of any county ordinance.

7 (c) As used in this section, "skateboard" means a short
8 board that is on wheels that a person stands on to move along a
9 surface or to perform tricks."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.



Who are the conferees?

- appointed by leadership
- **chairs** = usually the subject matter chairs
(typically the bill's first committee referrals)
- **"managers" or "conferees"** – numbers vary



2/10/2025	S	Reported from TCA (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 128) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading, as amended (SD 1) and referral to JDC.
1/30/2025	S	The committee(s) on TCA recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in TCA were as follows: 5 Aye(s): Senator(s) Lee, C., Inouye, Elefante, Kanuha, DeCorte; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.
1/27/2025	S	The committee(s) on TCA has scheduled a public hearing on 01-30-25 3:00PM; Conference Room 224 & Videoconference.
1/21/2025	S	Referred to TCA, JDC.
1/15/2025	S	Introduced and passed First Reading.
1/14/2025	S	Pending Introduction.

S = Senate | **H** = House | **D** = Data Systems | **\$** = Appropriation measure | **ConAm** = Constitutional Amendment

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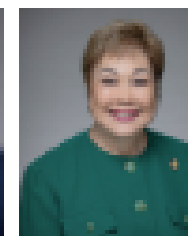
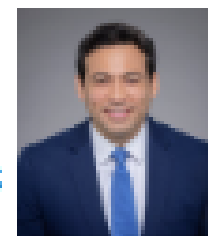


3/18/2025	H	Reported from TRN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1317) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to JHA.
3/13/2025	H	<p>The committee on TRN recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 6 Ayes:</p> <p>Representative(s) Kila, Grandinetti, Evslin, Kitagawa, Miyake, Muraoka; Ayes with reservations: none; Noes: none; and 3 Excused: Representative(s) Cochran, La Chica, Pierick.</p>
3/11/2025	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by TRN on Thursday, 03-13-25 9:00AM in House conference room 430 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.
3/6/2025	H	Referred to TRN, JHA, referral sheet 19
3/6/2025	H	Pass First Reading
3/4/2025	H	Received from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 139) in amended form (SD 1).



TCA

Senate Committee on
Transportation and Culture and the Arts



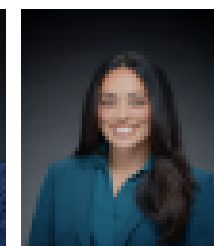
JDC

Senate Committee on
Judiciary



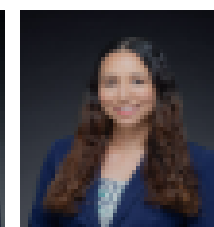
TRN

House Committee on
Transportation



JHA

House Committee on
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs





Two committees

- We speak of “the conference committee for SB344” but it’s easier to think of it as two committees...
 - the Senate conference committee for SB344 and
 - the House conference committee for SB344
- They meet to discuss, confer, and make decisions – but **the votes are taken separately**, and each committee must meet its chamber’s quorum requirements

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33rd LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2025 JOINT HOUSE and SENATE COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

The Senate and the House have agreed to the following special procedures for all 2025 Regular Session Committees on Conference. These Conference procedures shall be effective from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.

1. **Definitions**

For purposes of these procedures:

"Chairs" refers to all of the designated chairs and co-chairs of a Conference Committee.

"Conference Committee" refers to the conference of the House Committee and the Senate Committee assigned by their respective chamber to resolve the differences between the House and the Senate over a particular measure.

"Lead chair" refers to the chair of the House Committee or the Senate Committee who is listed first on the Action Sheets, as provided by the respective chamber.

"Lead committee staff" refers to the staff of the lead chair from the chamber from which the measure in conference originated.

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2. **Conference Committee Scope and Amendments**

The authority of the Conference Committee shall be limited to resolving differences between the Senate and House drafts of a measure.

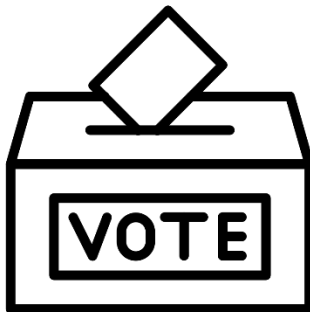
a. With the exception of the Executive Budget, the Judiciary Budget, and the Budget of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a Conference Committee shall not amend a measure by inserting

Procedures

- **24-hours notice** given for 1st meeting; subsequently, can just announce reconvene times and locations.



- **Votes are taken separately** (i.e., House conferees vote amongst themselves, Senate conferees amongst themselves).



- Rules specify **quorum** needed for convening and decision making.



Procedures

- **Originating chamber's subject committee chair = usually the originating chamber's lead chair, and responsible for scheduling the meetings**



Procedures

- **No new subject matter** should be inserted
[except for the budget bills (Executive, Judiciary and Office of Hawaiian Affairs)]
- **Not allowed to merge** two or more distinct but related measures into one encompassing measure



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

- Bills with fiscal implications must get approval by money chairs.

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



Can the public testify?

- **No. The opportunity for public testimony was during the committee hearing process.**
- **Conference is the time when legislators work out compromises among themselves.**
- **The meetings are open to the public (and streamed and archived on YouTube).**



Should I attend conference committee meetings?

- Being present allows you to follow any discussions during the meetings.
- Conference period:

This year, the two weeks between

Monday, April 14, 2025, and

Friday, April 25, 2025



How can I advocate at this stage?

- **Contact the conference members, especially the conference chairs, and concisely communicate what aspect of the bill you believe is a “must have” or an “absolutely not” to any final version they produce.**
- **Ask your own Senator or Representative for assistance in influencing the legislation.**



How can I advocate at this stage?

- Encourage constituents from the conferees' districts to communicate with their legislators about the legislation.
- Talk to anyone you've developed a good relationship with at the Legislature to see if they can influence the situation!



Following the Action

- Conferees will use "*comparison sheets*" (*comp sheets*), which cite the differences in the language of the two drafts. Comp sheets are usually not made available to the public.
- These *sheets* list the pages and lines of dissimilar verbiage in the drafts, which the Conferees will then refer to in their conference meetings.
- This tool is used to confine the efforts of the committee members to the points that have not been agreed to.

Sample from a Comparison Sheet...

COMPARISON OF BILLS
H.B. NO. 248, H.D. 1, S.D. 1
RELATING TO FIREARMS

HOUSE VERSION	SENATE VERSION
<p><u>Section 1, page 1, lines 5 – 7:</u></p> <p>"...magazines [with a capacity in excess of ten rounds which] <u>that</u> are designed for or capable of use with a pistol, but are not authorized for use with the pistol by its manufacturer, is..."</p>	<p><u>Section 1, page 1, lines 5 – 7:</u></p> <p>"...magazines with a capacity in excess of [ten] <u>fifteen</u> rounds which are designed for or capable of use with a pistol is..."</p>
<p><u>Section 1, page 1, lines 5 – 7:</u></p> <p>"[This subsection shall not apply to magazines originally designed to accept more than ten rounds of ammunition which have been modified no more than ten rounds and which are not capable of being readily restored to a capacity of more than ten rounds.]"</p>	<p><u>Section 1, page 1, lines 5 – 7:</u></p> <p>"This subsection shall not apply to magazines originally designed to accept more than [ten] <u>fifteen</u> rounds of ammunition which have been modified no more than [ten] <u>fifteen</u> rounds and which are not capable of being readily restored to a capacity of more than [ten] <u>fifteen</u> rounds."</p>
<p><u>Section 3, page 1, line 15:</u></p> <p>"SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2112."</p>	<p><u>Section 3, page 1, line 14:</u></p> <p>"SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007."</p>



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Measure	Senate Referral	House Referral	Status	Senate Conferees	House Conferees
 SB15 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. (Historic Preservation; Historic Property; Exclusions)	WTL, JDC	WAL, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB21 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO WATER CARRIERS. (PUC; Water Carriers; Tariffs; Water Carrier Inflationary Cost Index; Automatic Adjustment Mechanism; Rate Adjustments)	TCA, CPN	TRN, CPC, FIN	DISAGREE 04-04-25		
 SB26 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. (OPSD; Affordable Housing; Land Inventory Task Force; Study; State Lands; County Lands; Transit-Oriented Development; Appropriation) (\$)	HOU/WTL, WAM	HSG, WAL, FIN	DISAGREE 04-04-25		
 SB30 HD2 RELATING TO MOPEDS. (Mopeds; Safety Equipment; Safety Helmet; Requirement)	TCA, JDC	TRN, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB31 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO PROPERTY. (Property; Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants; Invalidation of Covenants; Immunity)	HOU, CPN/JDC	HSG, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB38 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO HOUSING. (HHFDC; Housing Development; Counties; Stricter Conditions; Fee Waivers)	HOU, JDC	HSG, JHA	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 SB65 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO HOUSING. (HPHA; Rehabilitation, Remodeling, Renovation, Repair; Public Housing; Appropriation) (\$)	HOU, WAM	HSG, FIN	DISAGREE 04-04-25		
 SB66 SD2 HD3 RELATING TO HOUSING. (Housing; Counties; Permits; Permitting Agencies; Review Time Limits; Code Compliance)	HOU, JDC	HSG, WAL, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB71 SD2 HD1 RELATING TO THE RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING FUND. (Rental Housing Revolving Fund; Mixed-Income Subaccount; Workforce Rental Housing; Director of Finance; Appropriation)	HOU, WAM	HSG, FIN	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB79 SD1 HD2 RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEWS. (DLNR; DHHL; Housing Projects; Historic Review; Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources)	WTL/HOU/HWN, JDC	HSG, JHA	DISAGREE 04-06-25		
 SB88 HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD. (National Guard; Insurance; TRICARE; Department of Defense; Dental; Vision)	PSM, WAM/CPN	PBS, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 SB97 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. (Excessive Speeding; Vehicle; Property Forfeiture; Penalties; Automated Speed Enforcement Systems)	TCA, JDC	TRN, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 SB102 SD2 HD2 RELATING TO RESTAURANTS. (Restaurants; Reservations; Third-Party Restaurant Reservation Services; Unauthorized Actions; Prohibition; Remedies)	CPN, JDC	CPC, JHA	DISAGREE 04-08-25		



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 HB3 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU. (Uti; North Shore Beach Management Plan; Deadline Extension; Appropriation Extension) (\$) HRE, WAM		WAL, HED, FIN	DISAGREE 04-04-25		
 HB48 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO COFFEE LABELING. (Consumer Protection; Coffee Labeling; Hawaii-Grown and -Processed Coffee; Geographic Origin; Regional Origin) AEN, CPN		AGR, CPC	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 HB54 HD2 SD2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES. (Excessive Speeding; Vehicle; Property Forfeiture; Penalties) TCA, JDC		TRN, JHA	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 HB70 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO CONDOMINIUM. (Condominium Associations; Budget Summaries; Replacement Reserves; Compliance; Enforcement) CPN, JDC		CPC, JHA	DISAGREE 04-04-25		
 HB72 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO PHARMACY. (Board of Pharmacy; Registered Pharmacy Technicians; Certificate of Registration; Pharmacists-in-charge; Supervision) HHS, CPN		HLT, CPC, FIN	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 HB86 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES. (DUNR; Makai Watch; Marine Resources; Appropriation) (\$) WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 HB97 HD2 SD2 RELATING TO TRAVEL INSURANCE. (Travel Insurance; Limited Lines Travel Insurance Producers; Regulatory Framework; Licensing; Registration) EDT, CPN		TOU, CPC, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 HB103 SD1 RELATING TO SENTENCING. (Emerging Adult Defendants; Sentencing; Life Without Parole; Minors; Penal Code) JDC		JHA	DISAGREE 03-18-25		
 HB110 HD1 SD2 RELATING TO LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. (DOE; Food Contracts; Local Agricultural Products; Benchmarks) EDU, WAM		EDN, AGR, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 HB126 HD1 SD2 RELATING TO PROPERTY FORFEITURE. (Hawaii Omnibus Criminal Forfeiture Act; Civil Asset Forfeiture; Property Forfeiture) JDC, WAM		JHA, FIN	DISAGREE 04-08-25		
 HB127 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO PRETRIAL RELEASE. (Pretrial Release; Bail) JDC		JHA	DISAGREE 03-28-25		
 HB133 HD2 SD1 RELATING TO SURFING. (DOE; Surfing; Appropriations) (\$) EDU, WAM		CAA, EDN, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		
 HB134 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS. (Office of Elections; Nomination Papers; Electronic Filing; Appropriation) (\$) JDC, WAM		JHA, FIN	DISAGREE 04-10-25		



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HB300 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Senate Conferees Appointed: Dela Cruz Chair; Moriwaki Co-Chair; Aquino, DeColte, Elefante, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Kim, Lee, C, Wakai, Fevella.	WAM	Dela Cruz (Chair), Moriwaki (Co-Chair), Aquino, DeColte, Elefante, Hashimoto, Inouye, Kanuha, Kidani, Kim, Lee, C., Wakai, Fevella		FIN

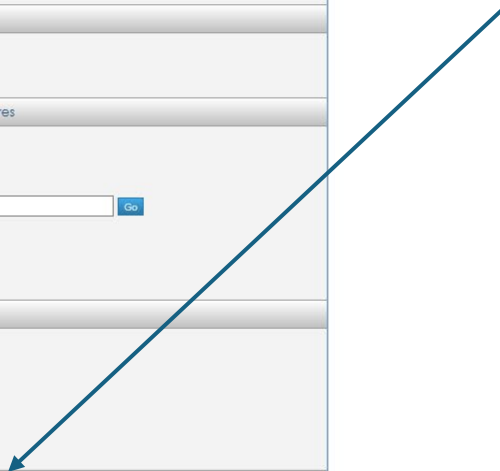


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Conference Measures

Measures in Conference That Have Been Referred to WAL

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Measure	Current Status	Senate Referral	Senate Conferees	House Referral	House Conferees
HB3 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO BEACH MANAGEMENT ON THE NORTH SHORE OF OAHU.	(S) 4/8/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 559).	HRE, WAM		WAL, HED, FIN	
HB86 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	
HB306 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO STATE WATER CODE PENALTIES.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, JDC/WAM		WAL, JHA, FIN	
HB309 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO FISHPONDS.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL/HRE, WAM		WAL, HED, FIN	
HB316 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE GREEN JOBS YOUTH CORPS.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	
HB504 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	EDT/WTL, WAM		TOU/WAL, FIN	
HB505 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO RED HILL.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL/AEN, WAM		WAL, EEP, FIN	
HB506 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	
HB510 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO DECLARATION OF WATER SHORTAGE AND EMERGENCY.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, JDC		WAL, JHA	
HB511 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, JDC		WAL, JHA	
HB534 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO LABELING REQUIREMENTS.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	EDT, CPN		AGR, CPC, FIN	
HB732 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AREAS.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL/HOU, JDC		WAL, JHA	
HB735 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO WASTEWATER.	(S) 4/8/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 559).	HHS/AEN, WAM		EEP, WAL, FIN	
HB778 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO INTEGRATED LAND USE.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL/AEN, WAM		WAL, FIN	
HB800 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	
HB820 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.	(S) 4/11/2025 - Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 704).	WTL, WAM		WAL, FIN	



What's a conference meeting like?

- **Chairs** are usually the only ones speaking
- Meetings often grouped together – gavel out of one bill, and into another
- Often only discussion is whether agreement has been reached – if not, another time to meet is set
- Sometimes, one or both sides decide an agreement is not going to be forthcoming



Where can I stay informed about conference committee actions?

Measure's Status Page

HB 1577 HD1 SD2

4/25/2024	S	48 Hrs. Notice (as amended CD 1) 05-01-24
4/25/2024	S	Reported from Conference Committee as amended CD 1 (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 57-24).
4/25/2024	H	Forty-eight (48) hours notice Wednesday 05-01-24.
4/25/2024	H	Reported from Conference Committee (Conf Com. Rep. No. 57-24) as amended in (CD 1).
4/25/2024	H	The Conference Committee recommends that the measure be Passed, with Amendments. The votes were as follows: 5 Ayes: Representative(s) Todd, Nakashima, Kila, Onishi, Matsumoto; Ayes with reservations: none; 0 Noes: none; and 0 Excused: none.
4/25/2024	S	The Conference committee recommends that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes of the Senate Conference Managers were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Lee, Keohokalole, Fevella; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 0 No(es): none; and 0 Excused: none.
4/25/2024	H	Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Thursday 04-25-24 5:00PM in conference room 329.
4/23/2024	H	Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 772).
4/23/2024	H	Bill scheduled for Conference Committee Meeting on Thursday, 04-25-24 9:57AM in conference room 329.
4/23/2024	S	Senate Conferees Appointed: Lee Chair; Keohokalole Co-Chair; Fevella.
4/16/2024	S	Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 738).
4/15/2024	H	House Conferees Appointed: Todd, Nakashima Co-Chairs; Kila, Onishi, Matsumoto.
4/12/2024	S	Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 731).
4/11/2024	H	House disagrees with Senate amendment (s).
4/9/2024	H	Returned from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 498) in amended form (SD 2).

	329 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	YouTube
TCA	3/14/24 3:00P	Agenda
	CR 224 & Videoconference	YouTube
TCA	3/19/24 3:05P	Agenda
	CR 224	YouTube
TCA	3/21/24 3:05P	Agenda
	CR 224	YouTube
CPN	4/04/24 10:45A	Agenda
	CR 224 & Videoconference	YouTube
CONF	4/25/24 9:57A	Agenda
	329	YouTube
CONF	4/25/24 5:00P	Agenda
	329	YouTube



NOTICE OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024
TIME: 9:57 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street



A live stream link of all Conference Committee meetings will be available online.

Click [here](#) for the live stream of House & Senate meeting via YouTube.

A G E N D A

The Conference Committee will meet to resolve differences between the last House and Senate versions of the following:

[HB 1577, HD1, SD2](#)

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TOWING FEES.

Tow Operators; Overturned Vehicles; Additional Fees; Payment Methods

[Status & Testimony](#)

House Conferees: Representatives Todd Nakashima, Co-Chairs; Kila, Onishi, Matsumoto
(TRN, CPC)

Senate Conferees: Senators Lee, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair; Fevella
(TCA, CPN)

As this is a decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e., sign or foreign language interpreter or wheelchair accessibility), please contact the Committee Clerk at (808) 586-8480 at least 24 hours prior to the hearing for arrangements. Prompt requests submitted help to ensure the availability of qualified individuals and appropriate accommodations.

For further information, please call the Committee Clerk at (808) 586-8481.

Senator Chris Lee
Chair

Rep. Chris Todd
Chair

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole
Co-Chair

Rep. Mark M. Nakashima
Co-Chair

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

- April 24th - Decking for non-fiscal bills
- April 25th - Decking for fiscal bills

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



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

They set deadlines more specifically...

For example:



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

The fate of the bill...

CD1

- The conferees may come to an agreement on a new version of the bill.
- Both the House conferees and the Senate conferees vote to pass a CD1 (conference draft #1) version of the measure.
- The chairs sign a committee report that will accompany the new draft; it will be written to the Speaker and President recommending the bill be scheduled for a Final Reading vote in each chamber. Must be available for signature and submitted to the clerk by specific times on the decking deadline.

The fate of the bill...

- The originating chamber's conferees may vote to go along with the non-originating chamber's version (the current version) of the bill.
- *Note: No quorum or action is required by the non-originating chamber and its conferees.*
- A vote is taken on the floor of the originating chamber to change the previous decision of "Disagree" to an "Agree;" the bill gets scheduled for a Final Reading vote.



AGREE

The fate of the bill...



- The conferees may fail to come to an agreement prior to the decking deadline.
- The bill "dies in conference."
- If it is the first year of the biennium, it will carryover to the next year's session. There is always the possibility that conferees may resume negotiations and move it forward. (Conferees may be discharged at the start of the 2nd year's session - requiring action to get negotiations moving again.)

Final reading



- Must happen before end of session (*adjournment sine die*).
- **Not over 'til it's over...** a bill then needs to go off to the Governor, who may sign the bill into law, allow it to become law without signature, or veto the bill. (There is a mechanism by which the Legislature can override the Governor's veto.)

HB1772 HD1 SD1

Measure Title:	RELATING TO FALL PREVENTION.
Report Title:	Kupuna Caucus; DOH; Senior Fall Prevention Campaign; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded (\$)
Description:	Appropriates funds to support the Department of Health's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)
Companion:	SB2471
Package:	Kupuna Caucus
Current Referral:	HHS, WAM
Introducer(s):	CHUN, AIU, AMATO, EVSLIN, GANADEN, GARRETT, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, ICHIYAMA, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KOBAYASHI, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, MORIKAWA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, PERRUSO, SAYAMA, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCI, TAM, WARD

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4/16/2024	S Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 738).
4/15/2024	H House Conferees Appointed: Marten, Chun Co-Chairs; Amato, Kobayashi, Garcia.
4/12/2024	S Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 731).
4/11/2024	H House disagrees with Senate amendment (s).
4/9/2024	H Returned from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 515) in amended form (SD 1).

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Hearing Notices

HUS 2/01/24 9:00A Agenda

HB1831 HD1 SD2

Measure Title:	RELATING TO CRISIS INTERVENTION.
Report Title:	DOH; Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program; Behavioral Health Crisis Centers; Crisis Intervention; Diversion; Reports; Appropriation; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded (\$)
Description:	Establishes the Behavioral Health Crisis Center Pilot Program. Authorizes the Department of Health to establish or contract with behavioral health crisis centers in each county. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds for the pilot program, including a triage center for medically monitored detoxification and the treatment of substance abuse disorders and mental illnesses. Declares that the appropriation exceeds the state general fund expenditure ceiling for 2024-2025. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)
Companion:	
Package:	House Majority Caucus
Current Referral:	HHS/PSM, WAM/JDC
Introducer(s):	SAIKI, AIU, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GANADEN, GARRETT, GATES, HASHEM, HOLT, HUSSEY-BURDICK, ICHIIYAMA, ILAGAN, KAHALOA, KAPELA, KILA, KITAGAWA, KOBAYASHI, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LOWEN, MARTEN, MARTINEZ, MATAYOSHI, MIYAKE, M. MIZUNO, MORIKAWA, NAKAMURA, NAKASHIMA, NISHIMOTO, ONISHI, PERRUSO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHI, TAM, TARNAS, TODD, WOODSON, Yamashita

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4/26/2024 H	Conference Committee Meeting will reconvene on Friday, 04-26-24 at 5:30PM in Conference Room 329.
4/26/2024 S	Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-26-24 4:40 PM; CR 329.
4/25/2024 S	Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-26-24 3:10PM; Conference Room 329.
4/24/2024 S	Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-25-24 3:10PM; Conference Room 329.
4/23/2024 H	Bill scheduled for Conference Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 04-24-24 4:15PM in conference room 329.

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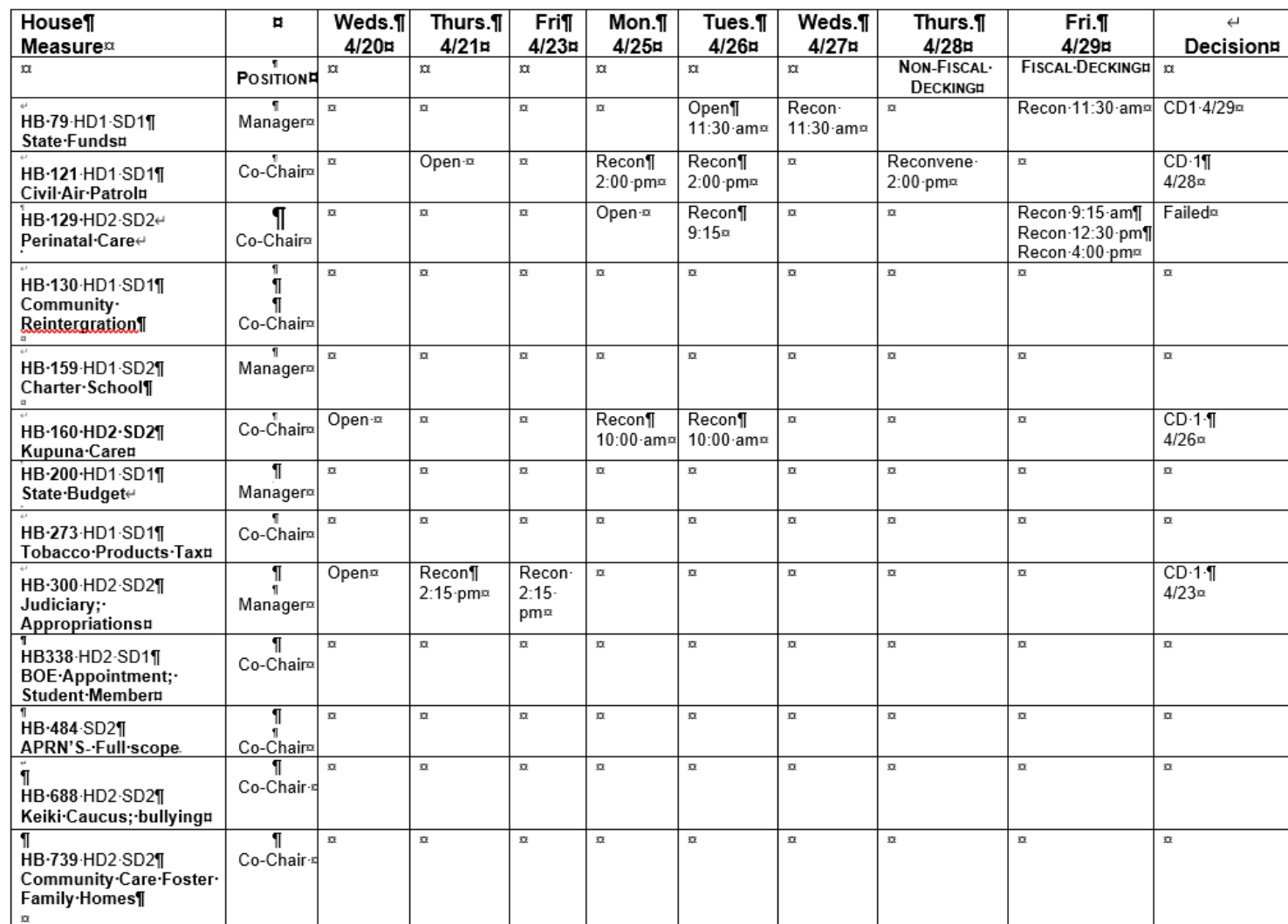
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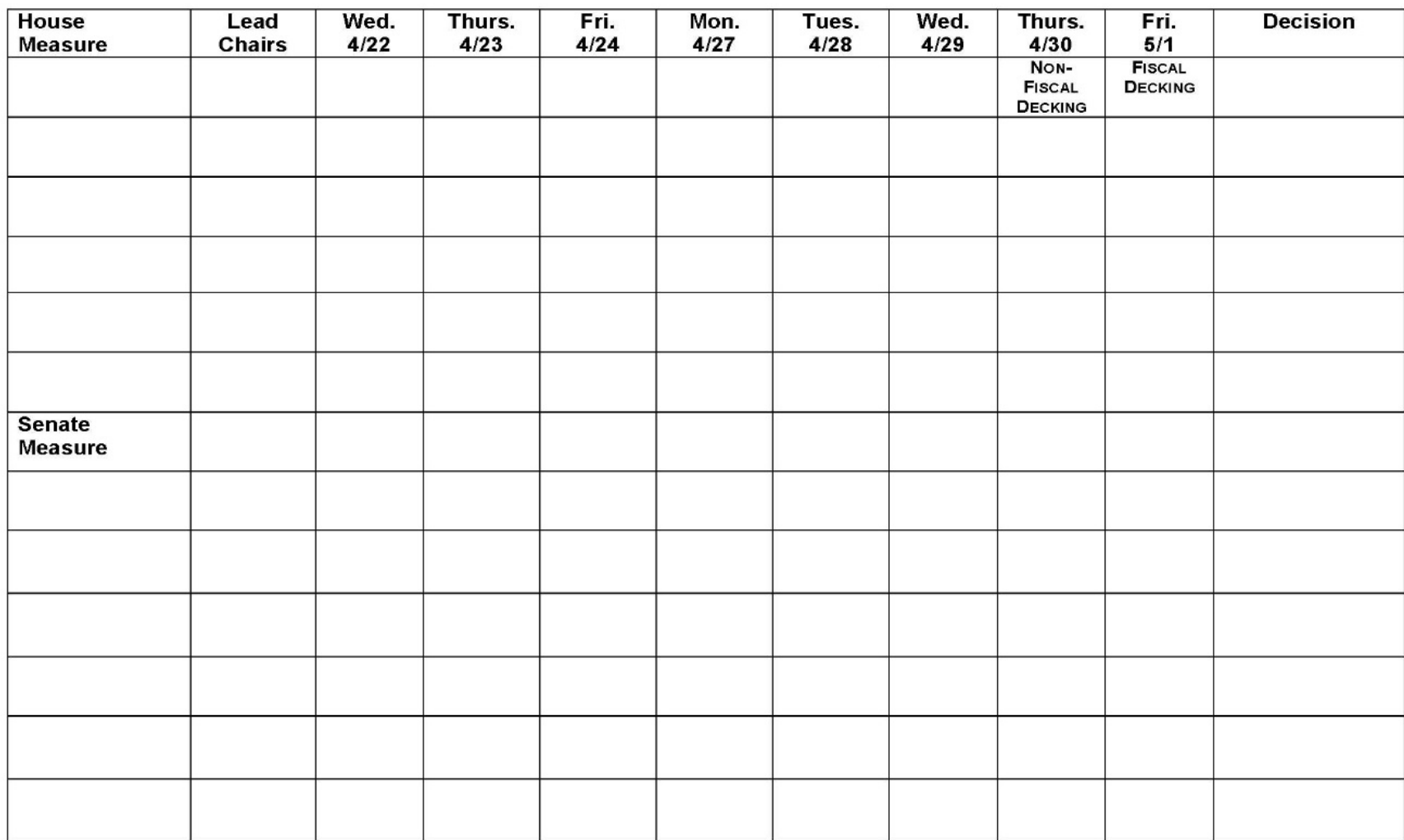
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HLT	2/07/24 11:15A 329 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	Agenda 
CPC	2/14/24 2:00P 329 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	Agenda 
	2/28/24 10:00A	Agenda



Helpful Tools

- **Conference Committee discussion moves at a swift pace. You may want to create a tracking chart to help keep track of all your bills, and their re-convene times.**







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2025 ROOM ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Senate Standing Committees	House Standing Committees	Time	Conference Room Assignment
GVO, LBT	LAB, LMG	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	016
HOU	HSG	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	224
WTL	WAL	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	229
AEN, EIG	AGR, EEP	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	325
TCA	TRN, CAA	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	329
EDT	ECD, TOU	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	411
PSM	PBS	1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	016
CPN	CPC	1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	224
EDU, HRE	EDN, HED	1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	229
JDC, HWN	JHA	1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	325
HHS	HLT, HSH	1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	329
WAM	FIN	8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	309

Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate

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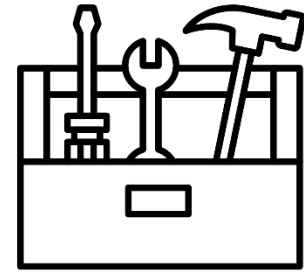
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Date

- Use the tools available to follow what you *can*



- Call on the relationships you've developed with colleagues and allies



- Keep up the effort!



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