

Using the Interim

May 22, 2025



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Topics of Discussion

Governor's Role & Deadlines

How to Find the Acts (and the Law)

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Working with Legislators During the Interim

Brief information on past Special Sessions

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Governor's Role

- Procedure for enactment is defined in Article III, Section 16 of the Hawaii State Constitution
- Approval or Veto
- How to contact the Governor



Governor's Deadlines

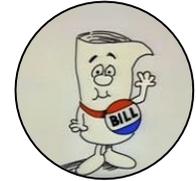
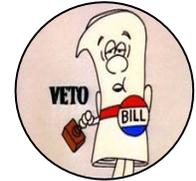
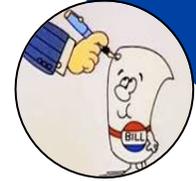
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Adjournment Sine Die
(Last Day of Session)

JULY 9

Last day to

- SIGN bills,
- VETO bills, or
- ALLOW BILLS TO BECOME LAW WITHOUT SIGNATURE



JUNE 24

Last day for the
Governor to submit
intent to veto list to the
Legislature

JULY 9TH:

Deadline for the Governor to deliver the veto.

- The Legislature can override a veto with $\frac{2}{3}$ vote in each chamber in special session, but must convene before noon on July 9th.



Section 16. Every bill which shall have passed the legislature shall be certified by the presiding officers and clerks of both houses and shall thereupon be presented to the governor. If the governor approves it, the governor shall sign it and it shall become law. If the governor does not approve such bill, the governor may return it, with the governor's objections to the legislature. Except for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same; but the governor shall veto other bills, if at all, only as a whole.

2024 HB2619, Act 231
(Relating to Agricultural Biosecurity)

AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95038A	A	1.00		63,096	15,774 ⁹²
AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95039A	A	1.00		63,096	15,774 ⁹²
AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95040A	A	1.00		63,096	15,774 ⁹²
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AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95042A	A	1.00		63,096	
AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95043A	A	1.00		63,096	
AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95044A	A	1.00		76,788	
AGR 846 EE	Environmental Health Specialist	95045A	A	1.00		86,376	
AGR 846 EE	Accountant	95046A	A	1.00		68,280	
AGR 846 EE	Planner	95047A	A	1.00		68,280	17,070 ⁹²
				GRAND TOTAL	44.00	0.00	40,780,668 10,000,000 ⁹²

1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

3 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of ~~\$200,000~~ ^{\$0} or so much

Contacting the Governor

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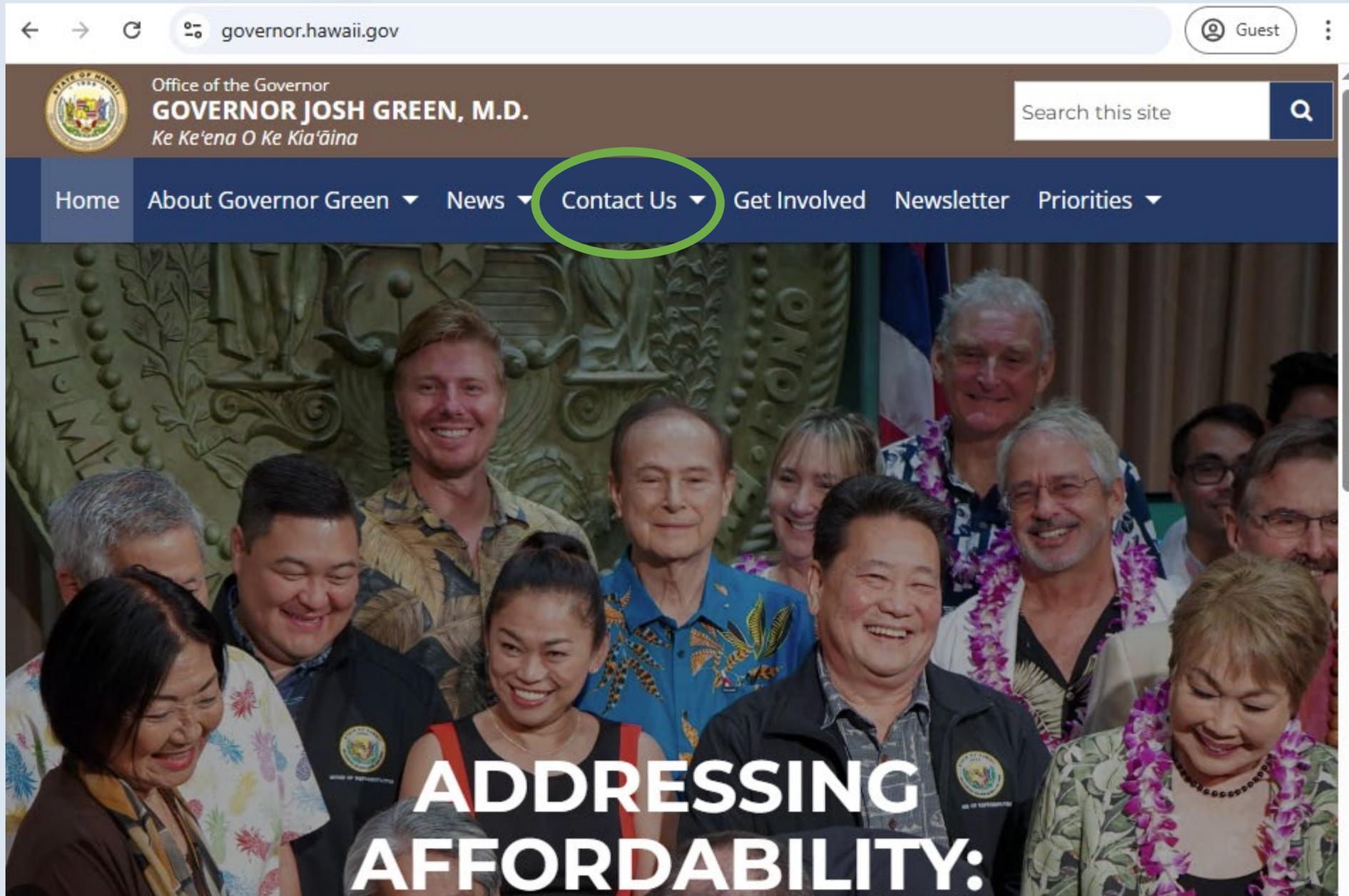


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Contacting the Governor



The image shows a screenshot of the website governor.hawaii.gov. The browser address bar shows the URL and a "Guest" user profile. The website header includes the Office of the Governor logo, the name "GOVERNOR JOSH GREEN, M.D.", and the Hawaiian phrase "Ke Ke'ena O Ke Kia'āina". A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The navigation menu includes "Home", "About Governor Green", "News", "Contact Us", "Get Involved", "Newsletter", and "Priorities". The "Contact Us" link is circled in green. Below the navigation menu is a large photograph of a group of people, including Governor Josh Green, smiling and wearing leis. Overlaid on the bottom of the photograph is the text "ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY:" in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

Contacting the Governor



The screenshot shows the website for the Office of the Governor, Governor Josh Green, M.D. The page is titled "CONTACT US" and features a grid of six dark blue buttons with white text and icons. A green oval highlights the first two buttons: "COMMENTS ON LEGISLATION" and "Request a Bill Signing Ceremony".

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Finding the 2025 Acts

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Hawai'i State Legislature website. The header includes the state seal, the text "Hawai'i State Legislature" and "Ka 'Aha'olelo Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i", and links for "Log In" and "Register". A search bar is present with the text "Select Search Type" and a magnifying glass icon. The main navigation menu includes "LEGISLATURE", "EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE", "LAWS & RESEARCH", and "HELP & INFO". A dropdown menu is open under "LAWS & RESEARCH", listing: "HAWAI'I REVISED STATUTES", "SESSION LAWS", "REPORTS AND LISTS" (highlighted with a mouse cursor), "SPECIAL STUDIES", "LEGISLATIVE INFO", "BUDGET", "GRANT-IN-AID", "ARCHIVES", and "2025 DOCUMENT INDEX". The background features a photograph of the legislature building with the text "Aloha! Welcome to the Hawai'i State Legislature".

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“LAWS & RESEARCH”



“REPORTS & LISTS”

A grid of four service tiles is shown. The first tile is "My Legislature" with a building icon and a "View" button. The second is "Hearings" with a calendar icon and a "View" button. The third is "Live & On-Demand Video" with a video camera icon and a "View" button. The fourth is "Reports & Lists" with a document icon and a "View" button; this tile is circled in green. Each tile contains a brief description of the service.

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Act#	Measure Status	Current Status	Introducer(s)
 1 HB1440 HD1	Legislative Agencies; Appropriations; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded (\$) MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION. Appropriates funds to provide for the expenses of the Legislature, Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Ombudsman, and Ethics Commission. Declares that certain appropriations will further exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025. (HD1)	(H) 3/13/2025 - Act 001, on 03/12/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1101).	NAKAMURA
 2 HB998	Citations; Misdemeanor; Petty Misdemeanor; Violation RELATING TO CONTENTS OF CITATIONS. Clarifies that the omission of certain information or any error in a citation does not constitute ground for dismissal of a charge or for reversal of a conviction, if the omission or error did not prejudice the defendant.	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 002, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1102).	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)
 3 HB145 HD1	Attorney General; HCJDC; Judiciary; Expungement Orders RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT. Authorizes the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center to transmit all expungement orders to the Judiciary to effectuate the purposes of Act 159, SLH 2023. (HD1)	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 003, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1103).	TARNAS, BELATTI, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAHALOA, KUSCH, MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAKENOUCHE, TA
 4 HB386	Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; Criminal Offenses; Offenses Relating to Drugs and Intoxicating Compounds; Fentanyl RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS. Conforms fentanyl to the possession offense thresholds for methamphetamine, heroin, morphine, and cocaine.	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 004, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1104).	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)
 5 HB132 HD1	AG; Expungement; Pilot Project; Promoting of a Detrimental Drug in the Third Degree; Schedule V Substances RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT. Amends the Department of the Attorney General pilot project for a state-initiated expungement process of arrest records concerning promoting a detrimental drug in the third degree to include the possession of any schedule V substance in any amount. (HD1)	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 005, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1105).	TARNAS, BELATTI, GRANDINETTI, IWAMOTO, KAPELA, KUSCH, LEE, M., MARTEN, PERRUSO, POEPOE, Matayos
 6 HB408	Office of Elections Package; Voter Registration; Deadlines; Forms RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION. Extends the deadline to register to vote by mail from 30 to 10 days prior to a primary or general election. Repeals obsolete language regarding permanent absentee ballots.	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 006, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1106).	NAKAMURA (Introduced by request of another party)
 7 SB1341	Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities Commission; Energy Data Collection Program; HIEMA; OHS; Critical Infrastructure Protection; Emergency Management RELATING TO ENERGY INDUSTRY INFORMATION REPORTING. Adds the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security to the list of agencies that may examine the energy industry information statements submitted pursuant to section 486J-3, HRS. Adds the promotion of emergency management and critical infrastructure protection as relevant purposes of the Energy Data Collection Program.	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 007, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1107).	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)
 8 SB1382	Militia; National Guard; Assault in the Second Degree RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD. Specifies that intentionally or knowingly causing bodily injury to a national guard member in the performance of duty is a class C felony.	(H) 4/11/2025 - Act 008, on 04/10/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1108).	KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

Finding the 2025 Acts



GOV. MSG. NO. 1101

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

March 12, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate,
and Members of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on March 12, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1440 HD1

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE
FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE
OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS
COMMISSION.
ACT 001

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1440
H.D. 1

A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE
LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU,
THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. In accordance with section 9 of article VII of
2 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii and sections 37-91 and
3 37-93, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the legislature has determined
4 that the general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year
5 2024-2025 has already been exceeded by \$8,551,795, or 1.0 per
6 cent. The appropriations contained in sections 2, 3, and 13 of
7 this Act will cause the state general fund expenditure ceiling
8 for fiscal year 2024-2025 to be further exceeded by \$30,334,159,
9 or 1.0 per cent. This declaration takes into account the



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Measure Status	Current Status	Introducer(s)	Current Referral	Companion
PDF HB1483 HD1 SD1 CD2 Fireworks; Criminal Offenses; Penalties; Infractions; Adjudication (\$) RELATING TO FIREWORKS. Establishes various criminal offenses and penalties related to fireworks or articles pyrotechnic. Amends multiple definitions and penalties for fireworks offenses, including heightened penalties if another person suffers substantial bodily injury, serious bodily injury, or death as a result of the fireworks offenses. Adds fireworks infractions to the existing adjudication of infractions process for traffic and emergency period infractions. (CD2)	(H) 5/2/2025 Transmitted to Governor.	MATAYOSHI, AMATO, BELATTI, CHUN, COCHRAN, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, ILAGAN, KILA, KITAGAWA, KUSCH, LA CHICA, LAMOSAO, LEE, M., LOWEN, MARTEN, MATSUMOTO, MIYAKE, PERRUJO, POEPOE, QUINLAN, SAYAMA, SHIMIZU, SOUZA, TAKAYAMA, TAM, TARNAS, TEMPLIO	PSM/JDC, WAM	
PDF SB15 SD1 HD2 CD1 Historic Preservation; Historic Property; Exclusions RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION. Amends the definition of "historic property" to require that the property is over fifty years old and meets the criteria for inclusion in the Hawaii Register of Historic Places. Excludes proposed projects on existing residential property and proposed projects that are in nominally sensitive areas from the State's Historic Preservation Program review, under certain circumstances. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	INOUE	WAL, JHA	
PDF SB30 HD2 CD1 Mopeds; Safety Equipment; Safety Helmet; Requirement RELATING TO MOPEDS. Prohibits persons under the age of sixteen from driving a moped. Requires all persons driving a moped to wear a safety helmet, regardless of age. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	CHANG	TRN, JHA	
PDF SB31 SD2 HD2 CD1 Property; Discriminatory Restrictive Covenants; Invalidation of Covenants; Immunity RELATING TO PROPERTY. Authorizes a person who discovers a recorded discriminatory restrictive covenant to take certain actions, without liability, to invalidate the covenant. Defines discriminatory restrictive covenant. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	CHANG, FEVELLA, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Gabbard, Moriwaki	HSG, JHA	
PDF SB38 SD2 HD2 CD1 HHFDC; Housing Development; Counties; Stricter Conditions; Fee Waivers RELATING TO HOUSING. Requires the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to provide counties with an opportunity to comment on certain housing development projects. Prohibits the legislative body of a county from imposing stricter conditions than the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, stricter area median income requirements, or a reduction in fee waivers to housing development proposals that would increase the cost of the project. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	CHANG, FEVELLA, HASHIMOTO, SAN BUENAVENTURA	HSG, JHA	HB527
PDF SB65 SD2 HD1 CD1 HPHA; Rehabilitation; Remodeling, Renovation, Repair; Public Housing; Appropriations (\$) RELATING TO HOUSING. Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for the rehabilitation, remodeling, renovation, and repair of housing units. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	CHANG, FEVELLA, FUKUNAGA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, MCKELVEY, MORIWAKI, RHOADS, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	HSG, FIN	HB907
PDF SB66 SD2 HD3 CD1 Housing; Counties; Permits; Permitting Agencies; Licensed Professionals; Expedited Permit; Applications; Requirements RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes procedures and requirements for single-family and multi-family housing project applicants to apply for an expedited permit, including requirements for completeness of expedited permit applications, duties of licensed professionals and the counties during construction, and applications for owner-builder exemptions. Takes effect 7/1/2026. Sunsets 6/30/2031. (CD1)	(S) 5/2/2025 Enrolled to Governor.	CHANG, FEVELLA, GABBARD, HASHIMOTO, SAN BUENAVENTURA, Wakai	HSG, WAL, JHA	

Measure Status Text

HB1440 HD1



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Measure Title: MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION.

Report Title: Legislative Agencies; Appropriations; General Fund Expenditure Ceiling Exceeded (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to provide for the expenses of the Legislature, Auditor, Legislative Reference Bureau, Ombudsman, and Ethics Commission. Declares that certain appropriations will further exceed the state general fund expenditure ceiling for fiscal year 2024-2025. (HD1)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WAM

Introducer(s): NAKAMURA

Act: 1

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Status Text

3/13/2025 H Act 001, on 03/12/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1101).

3/13/2025 S Act 001, 03/12/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1101).

2/27/2025 H Transmitted to Governor.

2/27/2025 H Returned from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 18).

All Versions of this Measure

[HB1440 HD1](#)
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Committee Reports

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[HB1440 HD1 SSCR709](#)



Testimony

[HB1440 TESTIMONY FIN_02-04-25](#)
[HB1440 HD1 TESTIMONY WAM_02-18-25](#)

Hearing Notices

FIN	2/04/25 2:00P 308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	Agenda
WAM	2/18/25 10:00A CR 211 & Videoconference	Agenda



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GOV. MSG. NO. 1101

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Approved by the Governor
on MAR 12 2025

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5 2024-2025 has already been exceeded by \$8,551
6 cent. The appropriations contained in sectio
7 this Act will cause the state general fund ex

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H.B. NO. 1440
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1 SECTION 14. As of the close of business on June 30, 2026,
2 the unexpended or unencumbered balance of any appropriation made
3 by this Act shall lapse into the general fund.
4 SECTION 15. Each section of this Act is declared to be
5 severable from the remainder of this Act.
6 SECTION 16. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 12th day of March, 2025

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



Finding the Law

Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH)

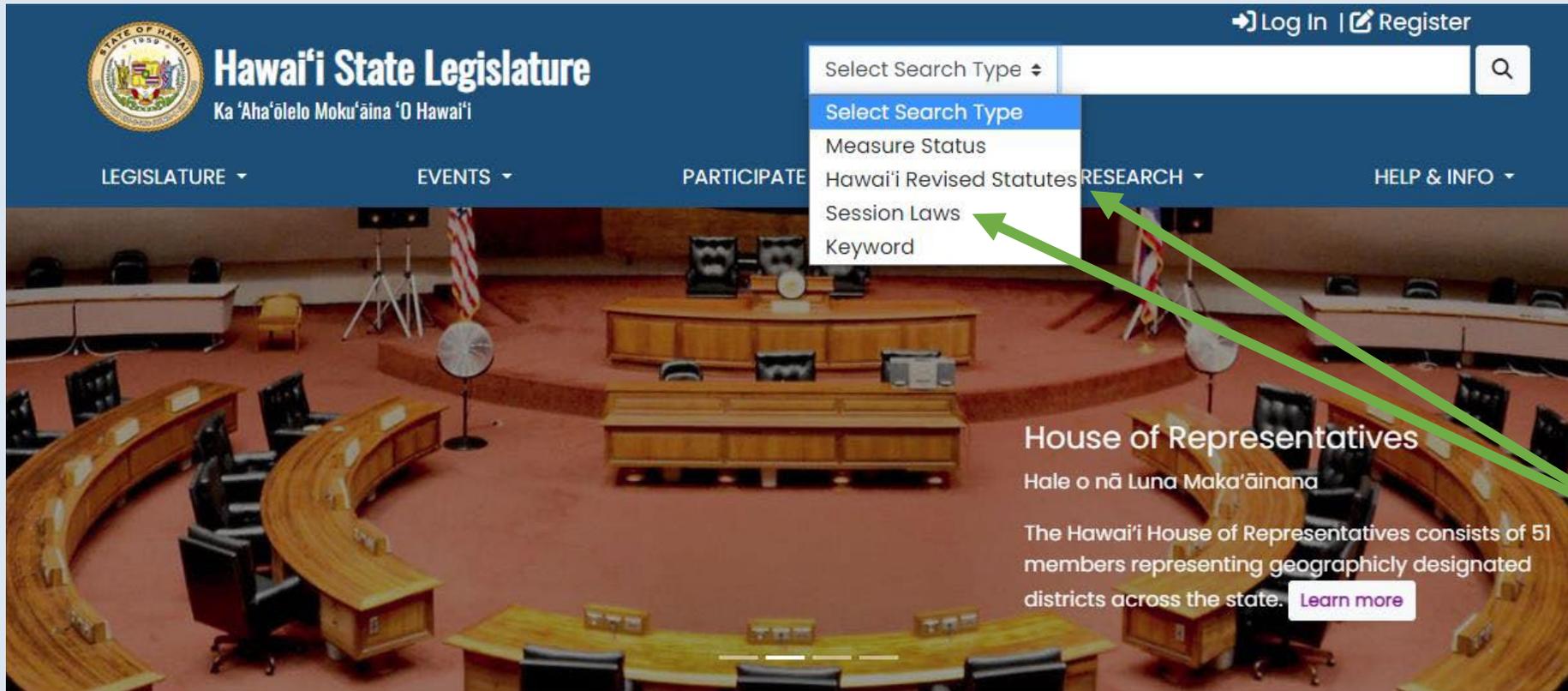


Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

*2025 laws will not be reflected until later this year



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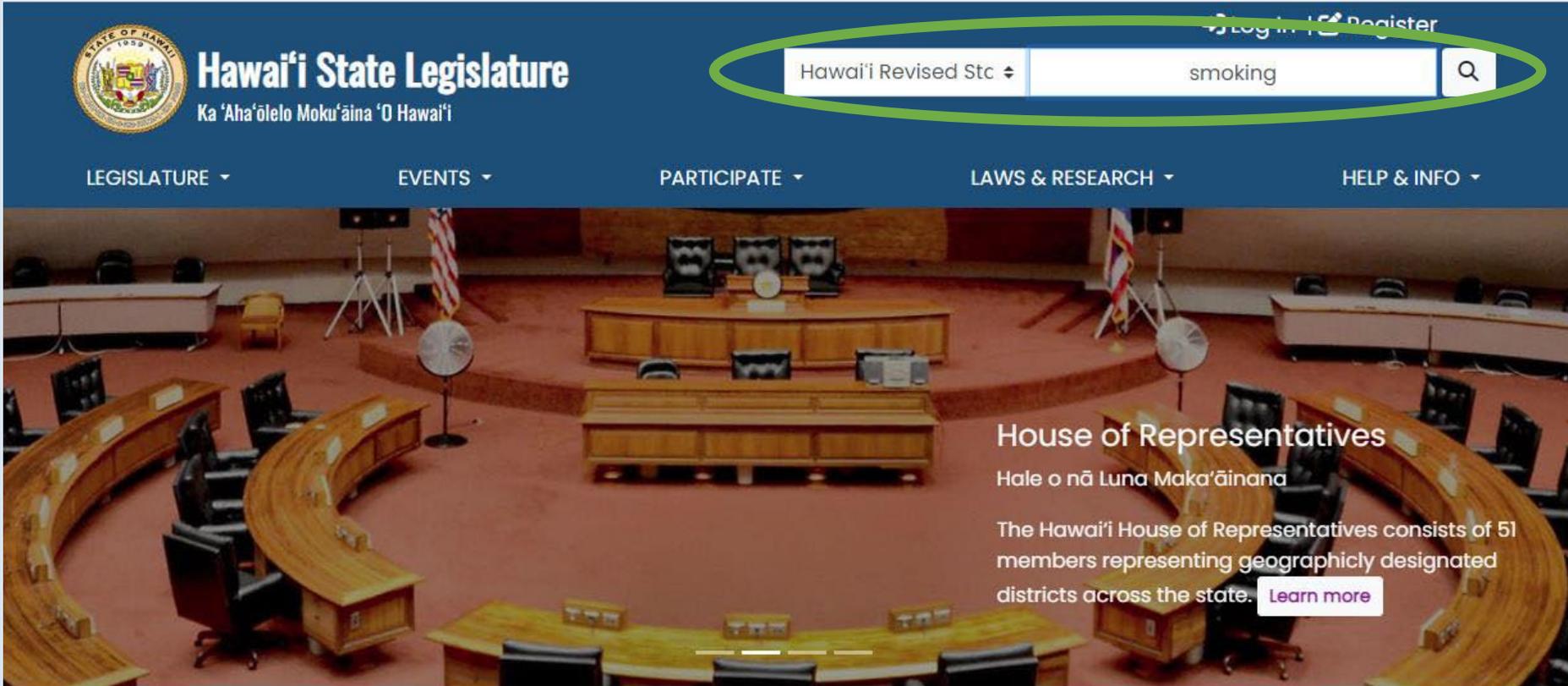

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Finding the Law Online - HRS



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Hawai'i State Legislature website. The search bar is highlighted with a green oval and contains the text "Hawai'i Revised Statutes" and "smoking". The website header includes the state seal and the text "Hawai'i State Legislature Ka 'Aha'olelo Moku'aina 'O Hawai'i". Below the header are navigation menus for "LEGISLATURE", "EVENTS", "PARTICIPATE", "LAWS & RESEARCH", and "HELP & INFO". The main content area features a large image of the House of Representatives chamber with the text "House of Representatives Hale o nā Luna Maka'āinana" and a description of the chamber's composition.



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `search.capitol.hawaii.gov/HRS/search?IW_INDEX=Hawaii%20Revised%20Statutes&IW_FIELD_WEB_STYLE=smoking`. The search bar contains the word "smoking" and the dropdown menu is set to "Hawaii Revised St...". The page displays search results for "smoking" with 156 hits. The first three results are visible:

- HRS_0712-1258.htm**
08 Jan 2025 → 21 hits
• ...Tobacco products and electronic **smoking** devices; persons under twenty-one years of age. (1) It shall be ...tobacco product in any shape or form or an electronic **smoking** device to a person under twenty-one years of age...engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products or electronic **smoking** devices shall check the identification of tobacco product or ...electronic **smoking** device purchasers to establish the age of the purchaser if the purchaser reasonably appears to be under twenty-seven ...that the seller of a tobacco product or an electronic **smoking** device to a person under twenty-one years of age ...
- HRS_0304A-0122.htm**
08 Jan 2025 → 11 hits
• ...304A-122] **Smoking** and tobacco use prohibited; University of Hawaii premises. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 328J to ...the contrary, the University of Hawaii shall prohibit **smoking** and tobacco use by any person on University of Hawaii premises,...possession or storage of a cigarette, tobacco product, or electronic **smoking** device for use outside the University of Hawaii premises ...be responsible for educating students, employees, and visitors about the **smoking** and tobacco use prohibitions under this section. Clearly ...conspicuous outdoor locations throughout the premises and shall state that **smoking**, including the use of electronic **smoking** devices, ...
- HRS_0328J-0007.htm**
08 Jan 2025 → 9 hits
• ...rooms that are rented to guests and are designated as **smoking** rooms; provided that not more than twenty per ... All **smoking** rooms on the same floor shall be contiguous and smoke from these rooms

Finding the Law Online

§712-1258 Tobacco products and electronic smoking devices; persons under twenty-one years of age.

(1) It shall be unlawful to sell or furnish a tobacco product in any shape or form or an electronic smoking device to a person under twenty-one years of age.

(2) All persons engaged in the retail sale of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices shall check the identification of tobacco product or electronic smoking device purchasers to establish the age of the purchaser if the purchaser reasonably appears to be under twenty-seven years of age.

(3) It shall be an affirmative defense that the seller of a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device to a person under twenty-one years of age in violation of this section had requested, examined, and reasonably relied upon a photographic identification from the person establishing that person's age as at least twenty-one years of age prior to selling the person a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device. The failure of a seller to request and examine photographic identification from a person under twenty-one years of age prior to the sale of a tobacco product or an electronic smoking device to the person shall be construed against the seller and form a conclusive basis for the seller's violation of this section.

(4) Signs using the statement, "The sale of tobacco products or electronic smoking devices to persons under twenty-one is prohibited", shall be posted on or near any vending machine in letters at least one-half inch high and at or near the point of sale of any other location where tobacco products or electronic smoking devices are sold in letters at least one-half inch high.

(5) It shall be unlawful for a person under twenty-one years of age to purchase or possess any tobacco product or electronic smoking device, as those terms are defined in subsection (7). This provision does not apply if a person under the age of twenty-one, with parental authorization, is participating in a controlled purchase as part of a law enforcement activity or a study authorized by the department of health under the supervision of law enforcement to determine the level of incidence of tobacco or electronic smoking devices sales to persons under twenty-one years of age.

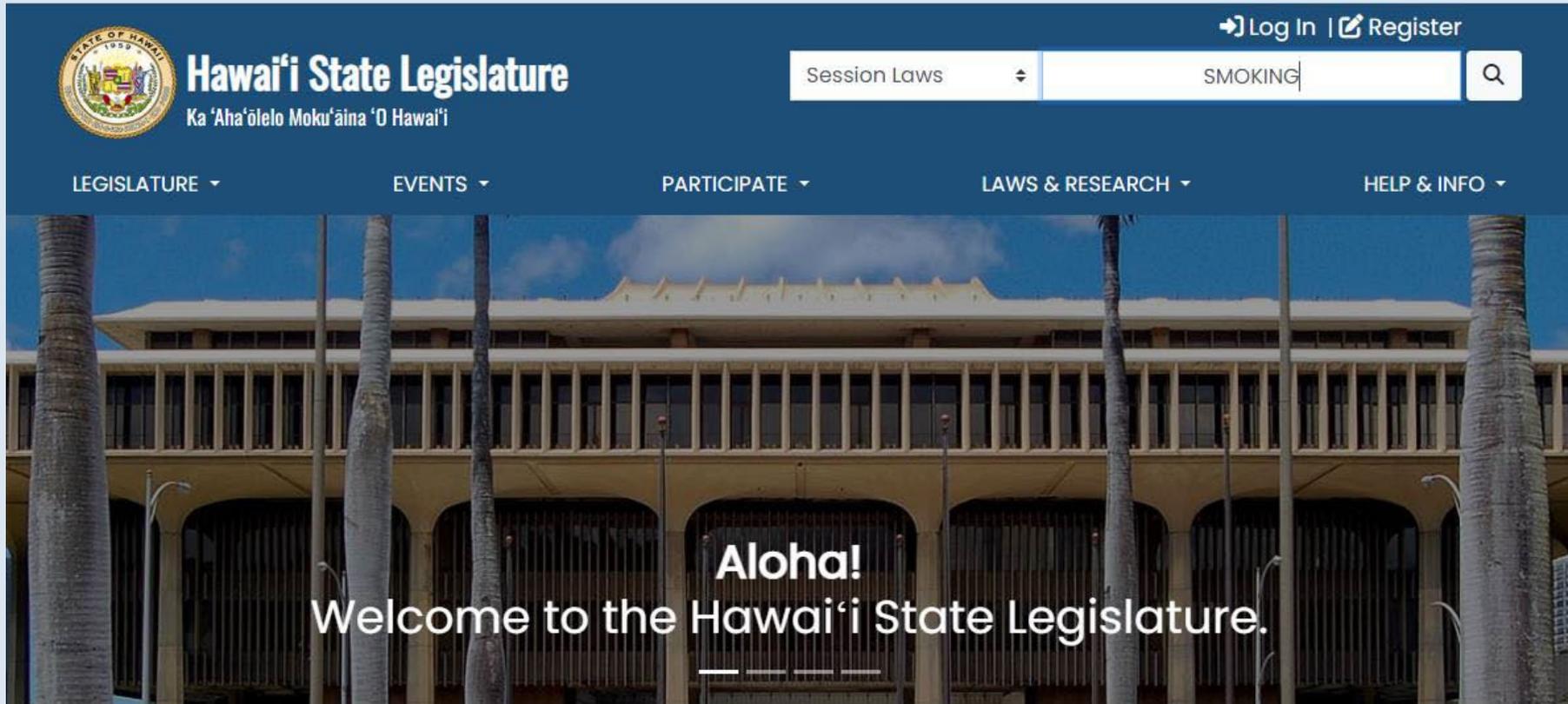
(6) Any person who violates subsection (1) or (4), or both, shall be fined \$500 for the first offense. Any subsequent offenses shall subject the person to a fine not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000. Any person under twenty-one years of age who violates subsection (5) shall be fined \$10 for the first offense. Any subsequent offense shall subject the violator to a fine of \$50, no part of which shall be suspended, or the person shall be required to perform not less than forty-eight hours nor more than seventy-two hours of community service during hours when the person is not employed and is not attending school. Any tobacco product or electronic smoking device, as those terms are defined in subsection (7), in the person's possession at the time of violation of subsection (5) shall be seized, summarily forfeited to the State, and destroyed by law enforcement following the conclusion of an administrative or judicial proceeding finding that a violation of subsection (5) has been committed. The procedures set forth in chapter 712A shall not apply to this subsection.

(7) For the purposes of this section:

"Electronic smoking device" means any electronic product that can be used to aerosolize and deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including but not limited to an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic pipe, and any cartridge or other component of the device or related product.

"Tobacco product" means any product made or derived from tobacco that contains nicotine or other

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- ... The legislature finds that the unregulated use of electronic **smoking** devices is potentially hazardous to health and is disruptive ...United States Surgeon General's Report, quote;The Health Consequences of **Smoking**-50 Years of Progress,quote; states that studies and ...and emissions of carcinogens, other toxicants, and nicotine from electronic **smoking** devices. Furthermore, according to the quote;Summary ...quote; Electronic **smoking** devices produce an aerosol of undetermined and potentially harmful substances, which may appear similar ... The legislature recognizes that using an electronic **smoking** device closely resembles and purposefully mimics the act ...

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S.B. NO. 350

A Bill for an Act Relating to Smoking Workplace.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Because smoking is harmful to the health of smokers and others who must breathe secondhand smoke in confined places, the legislature declares that the purpose of this Act is to protect the public health by requiring government offices to adopt office smoking policies that accommodate the preferences of nonsmokers and smokers and, if satisfactory accommodation cannot be reached, to adopt policies reflecting the preference of a simple majority of the employees in each affected area in the office work place. This Act is intended to regulate smoking in places where the government allows employees to smoke, and is not intended to create any right to smoke or to impair or alter the government's prerogative to prohibit smoking in the work place.

SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

“CHAPTER SMOKING IN THE WORK PLACE

§ -1 Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Smoking in the Work Place Act.

§ -2 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter:
“Employee” means any person who is employed more than twenty hours per week by any employer in consideration for direct or indirect monetary wages or profit.

“Employer” means any state or county agency.

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From the Act, you can find the Bill Number

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“Enclosed” means closed in by a roof and four walls with openings for ingress and egress. Areas commonly described as public lobbies are not enclosed for the purposes of this chapter.

“Office work place” means any enclosed structure or portion thereof used by governmental entities.

“Simple majority” means any number greater than half of the persons expressing a preference in any specific work area.

“Smoking”: “to smoke” means inhaling and exhaling the fumes of burning tobacco or any other plant material, or burning or carrying any

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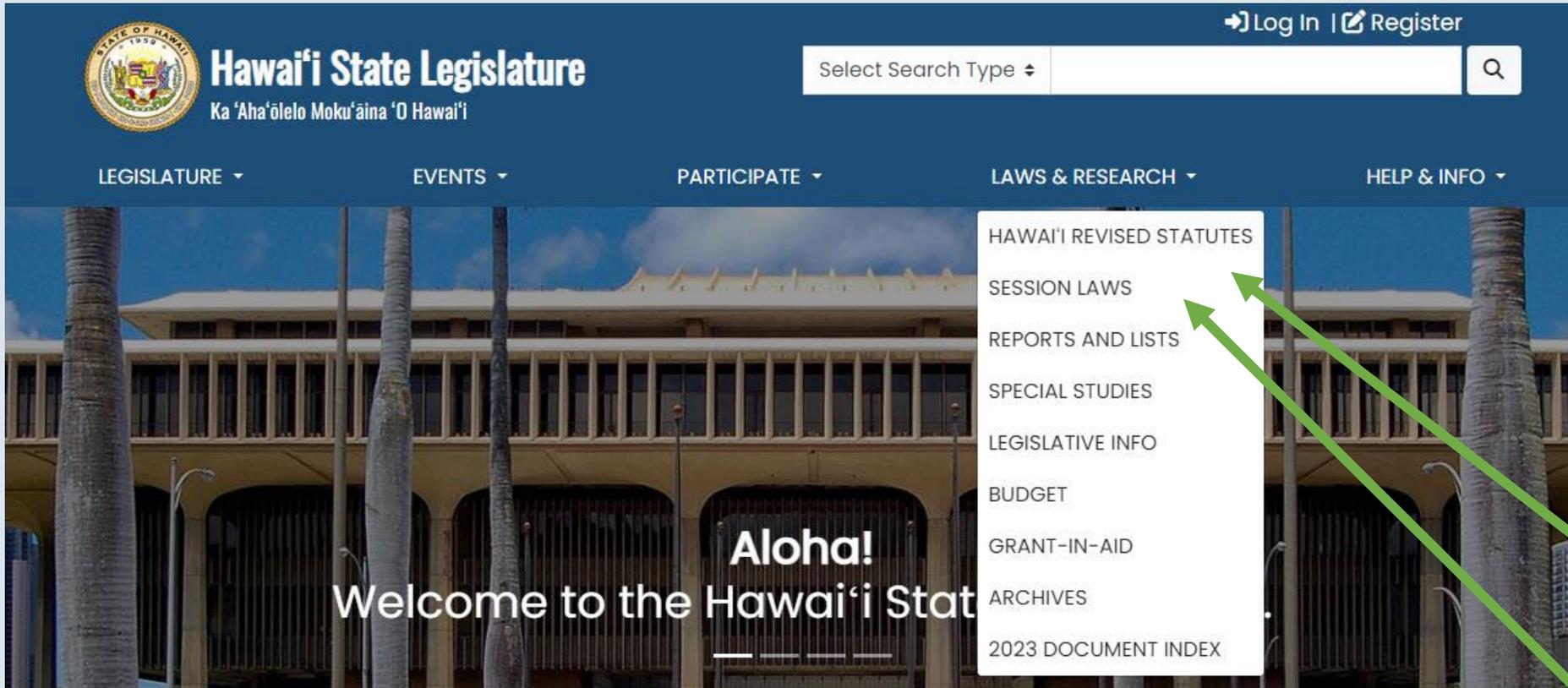
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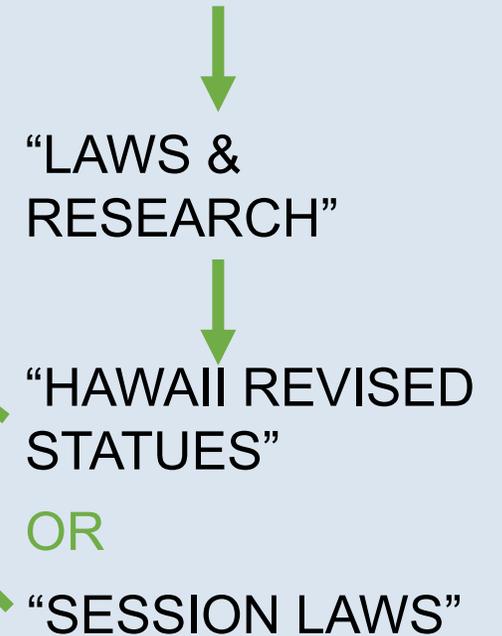
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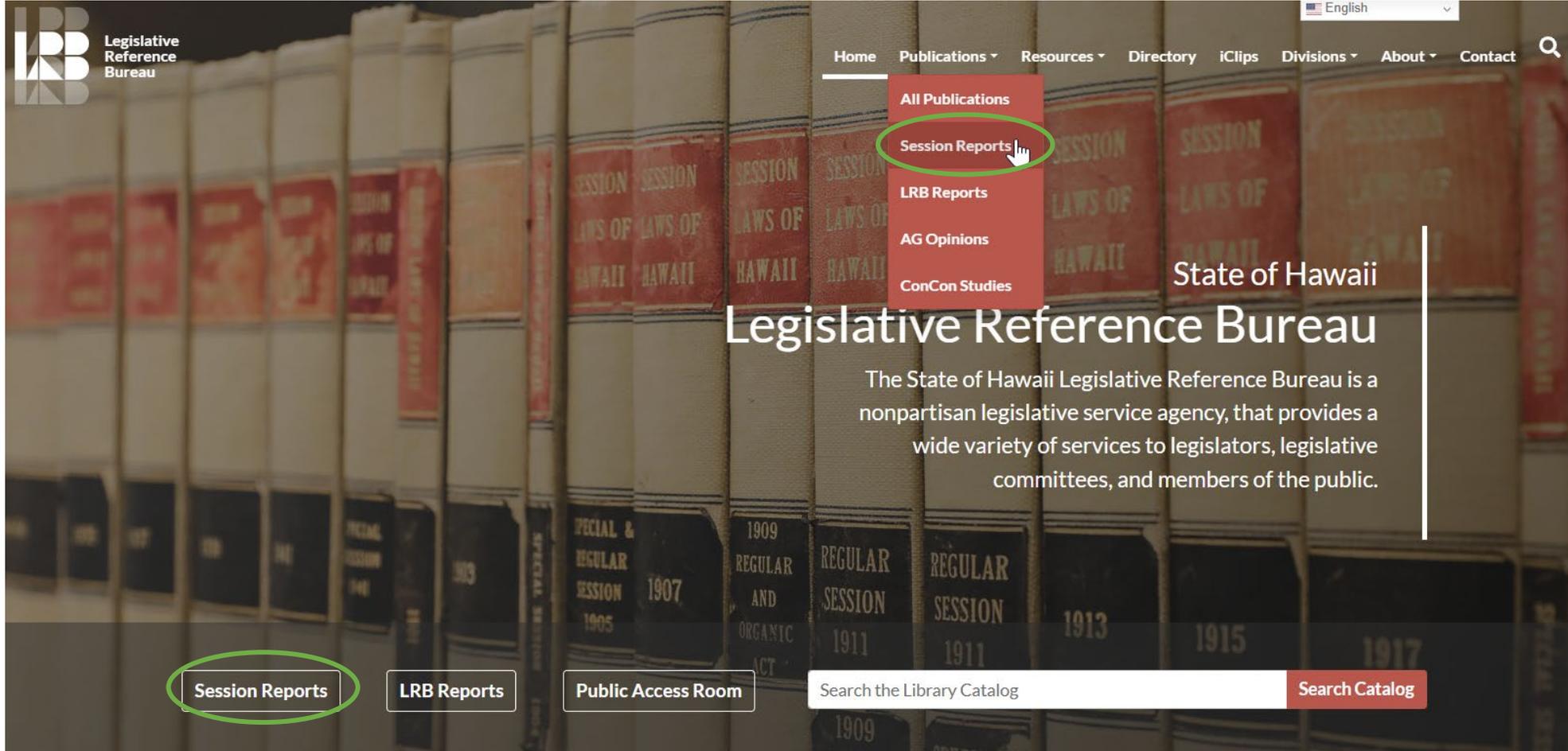
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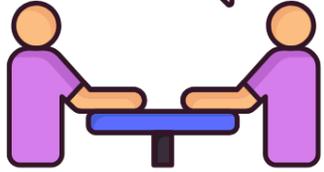
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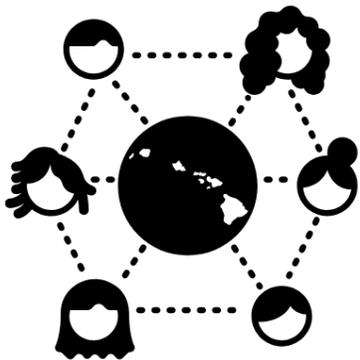
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February 3, 2025

SUPPORT for SB1588 - RELATING TO NUCLEAR ENERGY

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee members.

I'm testifying on behalf of Sustainable Energy Hawai'i (SEH), a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for Hawaii Island residents. Our mission is to enable an economic, social, and environmental revival in Hawaii through a just transition to sustainable, 100% locally sourced renewable energy and the creation of a thriving clean hydrogen economy.

SEH supports SB1588, which 'Establishes the Nuclear Energy Task Force within the Hawai'i State Energy Office. Requires reports to the Legislature.'

Hawaii has an aggressive and much-needed goal to transition its energy system to one that is clean, renewable, and sustainable. This is critical not only to decarbonize but also for energy sovereignty. We have made good progress in deploying renewable energy solutions like solar, wind, and storage, and some progress with geothermal. However, a broader, more comprehensive approach that will provide a reliable, affordable, and secure energy future is needed, especially considering the power required to electrify the transportation sector. We cannot afford to leave options unexplored.



To: The Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs (EIG)
From: Sherry Pollack, 350Hawaii.org
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In strong opposition to SB1588

Aloha Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the EIG committee,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org is in strong opposition to SB1588 that establishes the Nuclear Energy Task Force within the Hawai'i State Energy Office.

This bill is not only a distraction from Hawaii achieving our clean energy goals, it could pose serious harms to our health and environment.

The following are just a few of the serious concerns we have regarding this measure:

Transporting Nuclear Fuel is a Hazard

As an isolated island chain, Hawaii faces unique and significant risks in transporting nuclear fuel over vast ocean

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3/18/2025	H	The committee on EEP recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 3 Ayes: Representative(s) Lowen, Kahaloa, Kusch; Ayes with reservations: none; 1 Noes: Representative(s) Perruso; and 2 Excused: Representative(s) Quinlan, Ward.
3/14/2025	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by EEP on Tuesday, 03-18-25 9:20AM in House conference room 325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.
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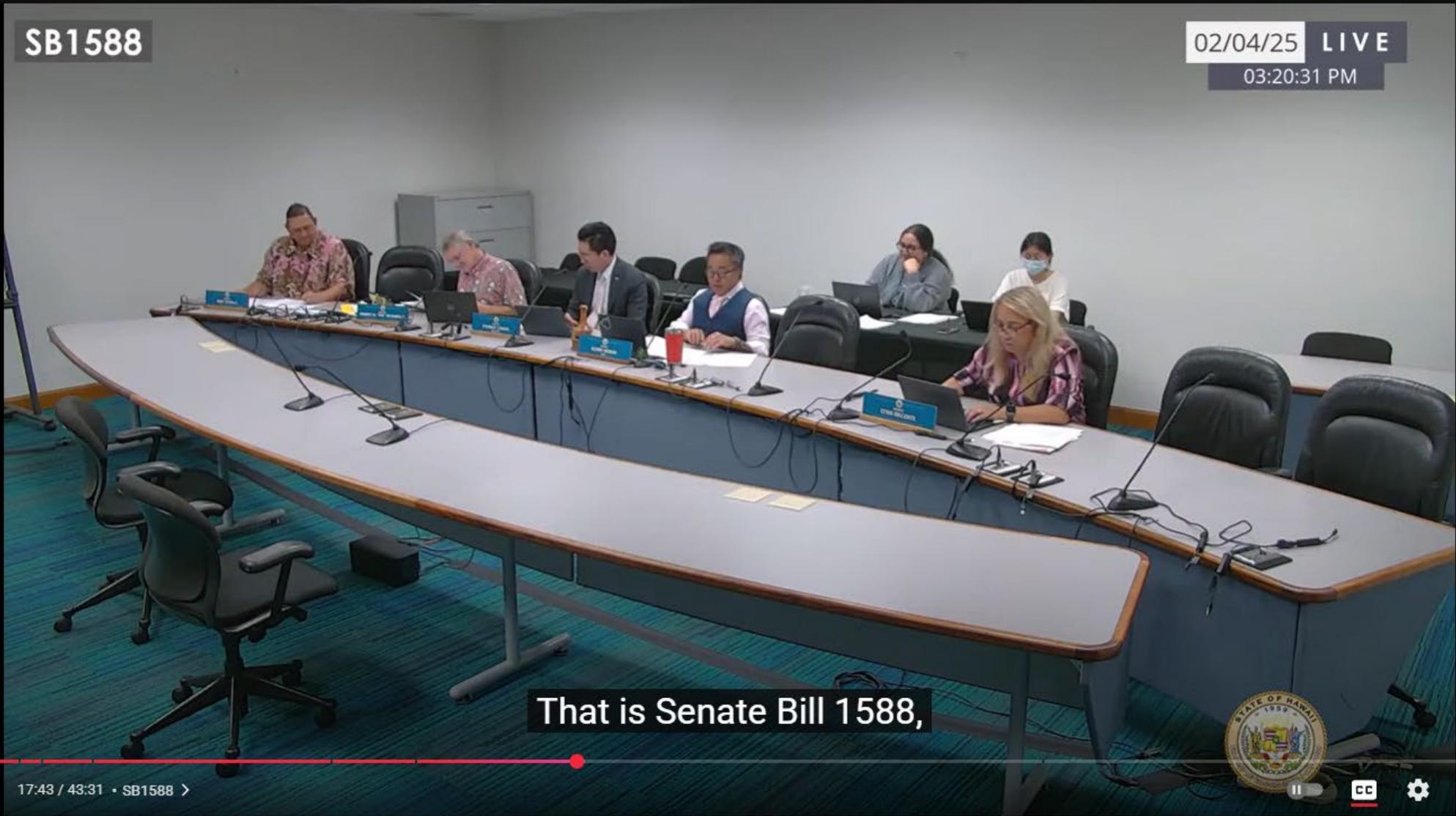
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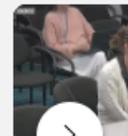
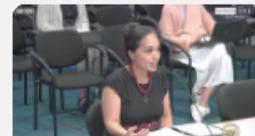
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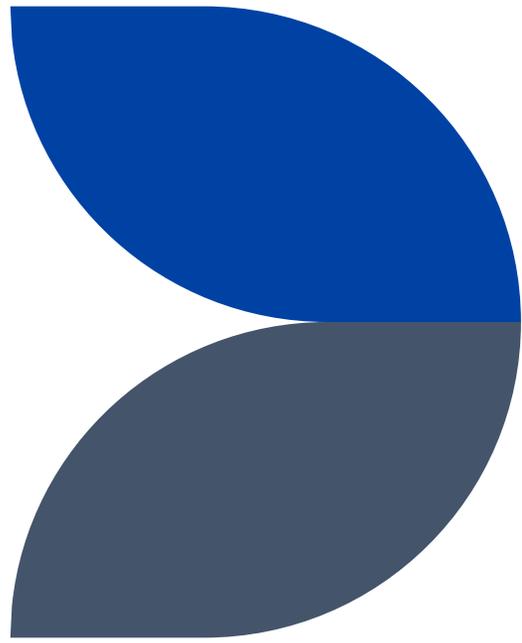
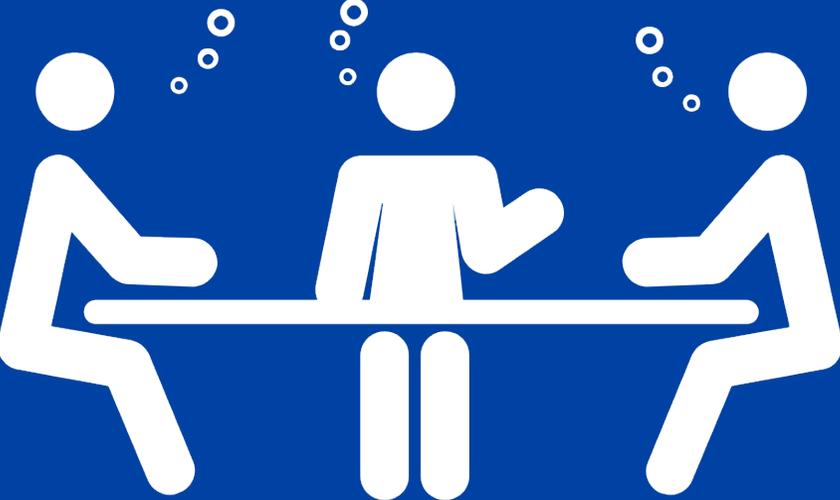
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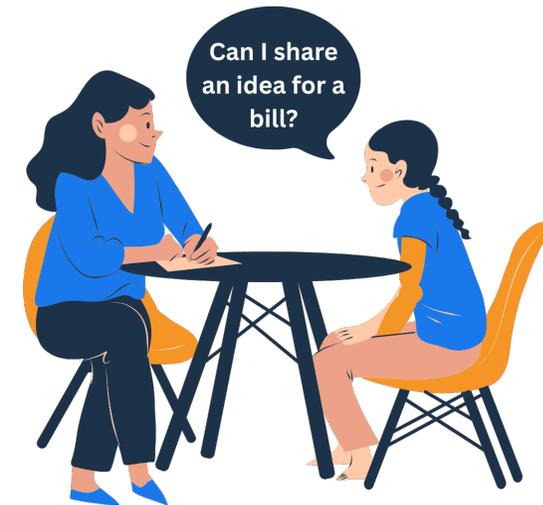


Working With Legislators

- Stay Connected



- Request a bill



Working With Legislators



- Meeting with your legislators
- Communicating via email, phone, or letter
- Following up



Requesting a Bill

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025
STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 133

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SURFING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that surfing is of
2 significant cultural, social, and economic value to the people
3 of Hawaii, as well as the many visitors who travel to the State
4 for surfing. In recognition of surfing as a part of the State's
5 history and for the sport's long-standing historical and
6 cultural roots in Hawaii, surfing was sanctioned by the
7 department of education and approved by the board of education
8 as a high school sport in 2016. However, only one of five local
9 athletic leagues have sponsored surfing. The lack of
10 interscholastic surfing programs limits opportunities for
11 inspired students to pursue competitive surfing.

12 The legislature further finds that surfing is a significant
13 economic driver for the State. In Hawaii, the birthplace of
14 modern surfing, surfing has grown into an important industry,
15 bringing in tourists from all over the world. Hawaii is also
16 known for hosting prestigious surf contests that attract
17 numerous competitors and spectators interested in viewing the



- Summing up your proposal
- When should I approach legislators about my bill idea?
- Who should I approach?
- Following up?





Proposal for X

a new bill / policy / issue, a request for support

Background

A brief statement about yourself, your organization (if applicable), what your organization does.

The Issue / Problem / Opportunity

Summarize the issue for which you are seeking support or assistance; legislation from other states, share data.

- Consider using bullet points
- Your summary should be quick and easy to read

The Solution

Identify solutions and how your legislator can assist (for example, introducing new legislation or providing resources and support.)

The Ask

Be specific about what you are asking the legislator to do.

- Introduce or take a position on a bill?
- Provide feedback on your idea?
- Suggestions of other people to contact and work with?
- Sign a letter of support?

Stakeholders / Supporters

Include a list of supporters.

Contact Info

Include your contact information so that the legislator or legislative staff can contact you if they have questions or to follow up.

How to Talk to Legislators

- Short & concise
- Highlight important points
- Be clear: what are you asking
- Bullet points
- Consider having a sheet to leave behind





Important Dates

- Early October – Departments submit budget requests to DB&F for Review
- By Thanksgiving – Contact Legislators with bill ideas
- Sometime in December GIA Applications released
- Late December/Early January – Release of Session Calendar
- January 21st – Opening Day 2026 Session
- January 30th – Possible Bill Introduction Cutoff Date





Potential Special Session



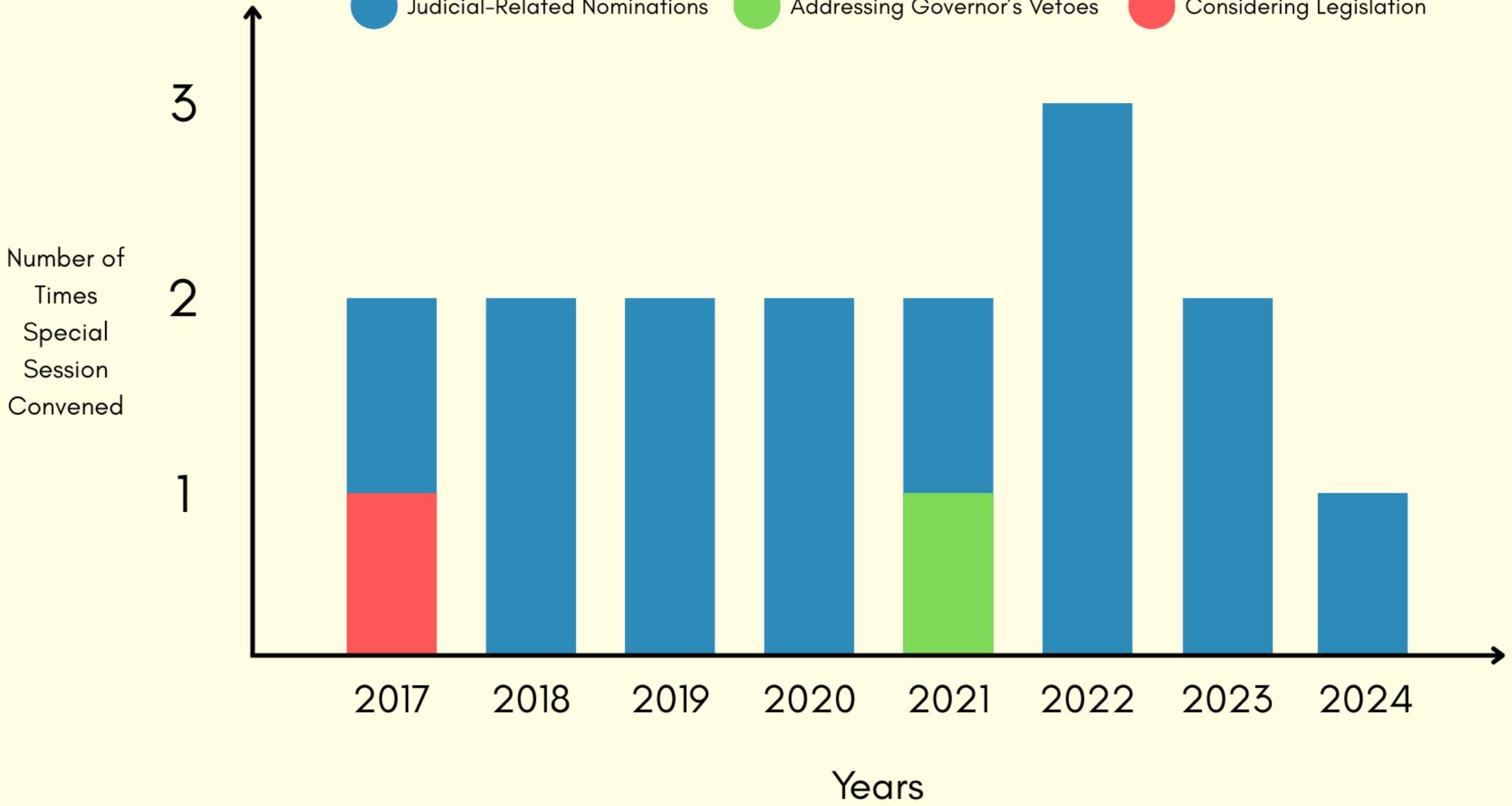
In March 2025, Legislature Leadership identified 3 sets of dates for a possible Special Session:

- August 25-29, 2025
- September 29 – October 3, 2025
- November 17-21, 2025

** Note that each set of dates is only 5 days*

Recent Reasons for Special Session

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THE
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STATE OF HAWAI'I
SPECIAL SESSION OF 2017
JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

FIRST DAY

Monday, August 28, 2017

The Senate of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Special Session of 2017, was called to order at 10:01 a.m., by Senator Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, in accordance with the following Proclamation:

"August 24, 2017

PROCLAMATION

I, Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, and I, Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House of Representatives, of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, pursuant to the power vested in Article III, section 10 of the Hawaii State Constitution, and at the written request of two-thirds of the members to which each house is entitled, do hereby convene the Legislature in special session at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017, in the chambers of the Hawaii State Capitol, as sought in the petition, for the purpose of considering legislation and to provide each chamber with an opportunity to discharge any further business if necessary.

Ronald D. Kouchi
Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate

/s/ Scott K. Saiki
Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House of
Representatives"

Gov. Msg. No. 2, submitting confirmation to the Endangered Species Act of the nomination of LOYAL MEHREZ for the position of Director of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, effective June 30, 2019, was referred to the Committee on Land and Environment.

Gov. Msg. No. 3, submitting confirmation to the Public Utilities Commission of JAMES GRIFFIN, term to expire on June 30, 2019, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 4, submitting confirmation to the State Board of Health of KAREN BOYER, term to expire on June 30, 2019, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Health.

Gov. Msg. No. 5, submitting confirmation to the Personnel in Waste Management of RONALD HAY, term to expire on June 30, 2019, was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Health.

Traditionally, the proclamation for the special session will include a purpose for the session.

For example, if it references:

Article III, Section 16 -- outlines "Reconsideration After Adjournment" in the case of Veto of Bills by the Gov

Article VI, Section 3 -- outlines Appointment of Justices and Judges

Article III, Section 10 -- outlines special session





2017 Special Session 1

(Considering Legislation)

August 28 – September 1

Senate: Updated committee names and descriptions; Approved Senate Journal; Processed boards and commission nominations

House: Elected House Speaker; Updated majority caucus leadership; Updated committee assignments and descriptions

4 bills introduced, 3 bills passed: 1 related to rail tax and 2 related to funding for bargaining units/public employment



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President of the Senate

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Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House of Representatives

THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
INTERIM OF 2017

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Monday, August 28, 2017
TIME: ~~11:30 a.m.~~ **3:00 p.m.**
PLACE: Auditorium
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

AMENDED AGENDA

(Updated 8/25/17 9:50 a.m. to clarify written testimony procedures)

The Committees will hold a hearing on the following bill after its introduction and referral at the convening of the Special Session of 2017 on Monday, August 28, 2017:

SB 4

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION FINANCING.

Authorizes a county that has adopted a surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge to 12/31/2030. Authorizes a county to adopt a surcharge on state tax before 3/31/2018, under certain conditions. Decreases from 10% to 1% the surcharge gross proceeds retained by the State. Allows the director of finance to pay revenues derived from the county surcharge under certain conditions. Clarifies uses of surcharge revenues. Establishes a mass transit special fund and specifies that funds be allocated for capital costs of a mass transit project, under certain conditions. Increases the TAT by 1% from 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2030 and allocates revenues to the special fund. Establishes that if a court makes a monetary award to a county due to the State's violation of state law or constitutional provision relating to the State's deduction and withholding of county surcharge on state tax revenues, then an amount equal to the award shall be withheld from the additional TAT revenues paid over to the mass transit special fund and shall be credited to the general fund. Makes \$103,000,000 the permanent annual allocation of TAT revenues to the counties. Requires the state auditor to conduct an audit and annual reviews of HART. Requires the comptroller to certify HART's expenditures for capital costs. Appropriates funds for the department of budget and finance, DAGS, and the state auditor. Requires the senate president and house speaker to each appoint 2 non-voting, ex-officio members to the board of directors of HART. (SB4)

Pending
Introduction
and Referral
to WAM

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SB 4

Status & Testimony

RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

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Decision Making to follow, if time permits.

Written Testimony may be submitted up to 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.

Persons wishing to testify should submit testimony in **one** of the following ways:

- **Email:**
 - WAM-WrittenOnly@capitol.hawaii.gov if you are ONLY submitting written comments and will NOT be testifying in person
 - WAM-InPerson@capitol.hawaii.gov if you are ALSO going to testify at the hearing in person
- **In person:** Deliver 1 copy of your testimony to the committee clerk, Room 208, State Capitol.
- **Fax:** Testimony may be faxed if less than 5 pages in length, to 586-6951 or 1-800-586-6659 (toll free for neighbor islands).

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While every effort will be made to incorporate all testimony received on time, materials received on the day of the hearing or improperly identified or directed, may be distributed to the Committee after the hearing.

The Committee on Ways and Means would like to hear from as many individuals as possible. As such, and as a courtesy to those patiently waiting for their opportunity to address the Committee on Ways and Means, it is



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SB4

Measure Title: RELATING TO GOVERNMENT.

Report Title: County Surcharge on State Tax; Extension; Transient Accommodations Tax; Appropriations

Description: Authorizes a county that has adopted a surcharge on state tax to extend the surcharge to 12/31/2030. Authorizes a county to adopt a surcharge on state tax before 3/31/2018, under certain conditions. Decreases from 10% to 1% the surcharge gross proceeds retained by the State. Allows the director of finance to pay revenues derived from the county surcharge under certain conditions. Clarifies uses of surcharge revenues. Establishes a mass transit... (See bill for full description.)

Companion:

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Current Referral: TRN/FIN

Introducer(s): KOUCHI (Introduced by request of another party)

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8/25/2017 S Pending Introduction.

8/25/2017 S The committee on WAM has scheduled a public hearing on 08-28-17 3:00pm in the Capitol Auditorium.

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	8/25/2017	S	Pending Introduction.
	8/25/2017	S	The committee on WAM has scheduled a public hearing on 08-28-17 3:00pm in the Capitol Auditorium.
	8/28/2017	S	Introduced.
	8/28/2017	S	Passed First Reading.
	8/28/2017	S	Referred to WAM.
	8/28/2017	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by TRN/FIN on Wednesday, 08-30-17 1:30PM in the Auditorium.
	8/28/2017	S	The committee(s) on WAM recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes in WAM were as follows: 6 Aye(s); Senator(s) Dela Cruz, Keith-Agaran, Galuteria, Kidani, Shimabukuro, Wakai; Aye(s) with reservations: none; 5 No(es): English, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Riviere; and 0 Excused: none.
	8/29/2017	S	Reported from WAM (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3) with recommendation of passage on Second Reading and placement on the calendar for Third Reading.
	8/29/2017	S	Report adopted; Passed Second Reading with Senators Green, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Riviere, Ruderman and Thielen voting "No".
	8/29/2017	S	One Day Notice 08-30-17.
	8/30/2017	S	Passed Third Reading. Ayes, 16; Aye(s) with reservations: none. Noes, 9 (Senator(s) Baker, English, Green, Harimoto, Inouye, Kahele, Riviere, Ruderman, L. Thielen). Excused, 0 (none). Transmitted to House.
	8/30/2017	H	Received from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 3).

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	8/30/2017	H	Passed First Reading.
	8/30/2017	H	Referred to TRN/FIN, referral sheet 1.
	8/30/2017	H	The committee on TRN recommends that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 3 Ayes: Representative(s) Aquino, Nakamura, McDermott; 1 Aye with reservations: San Buenaventura; 2 Noes: Quinlan, Brower; and 1 Excused: Hashem.
	8/30/2017	H	The committee on FIN recommend that the measure be PASSED, UNAMENDED. The votes were as follows: 8 Ayes: Representative(s) Luke, Cullen, Gates, Holt, Keohokalole, LoPresti, Nakamura, Yamashita; Ayes with reservations: none; 6 Noes: Cachola, DeCoite, Kobayashi, Lowen, Tupola, Ward; and 1 Excused: Representative(s) Fukumoto.
	8/31/2017	H	Reported from TRN/FIN (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 3), recommending passage on Second Reading and placement on the calendar for Third Reading.
	8/31/2017	H	Passed Second Reading; placed on the calendar for Third Reading with Representative(s) Creagan, Evans, McKelvey, Onishi, Oshiro, San Buenaventura voting aye with reservations (6); Representative(s) Brower, Choy, Lowen, Quinlan, Thielen, Todd, Tupola, Ward voting no (8) and Representative(s) Har, Hashem, Matsumoto, McDermott, Nishimoto excused (5).
	9/1/2017	H	Floor amendment #1 failed following Voice vote: Noes, 2 (Representative(s) Luke, McKelvey). Excused, 4 (Representative(s) Har, Hashem, Matsumoto, Nishimoto).
	9/1/2017	H	Floor amendment #2 failed following Voice vote: Noes, 1 (Representative(s) Luke). Excused, 4 (Representative(s) Har, Hashem, Matsumoto, Nishimoto).
	9/1/2017	H	Floor amendment #3 failed following Voice vote: Noes, 3 (Representative(s) Luke, Yamane, Say). Excused, 4 (Representative(s) Har, Hashem, Matsumoto, Nishimoto).



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	SRI	AMENDING RULE 16 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII.	
	SR2	Approval of the Journal AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL OF THE SENATE ON THIS FINAL DAY OF THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2013.	
	SR3	Adjourn Sine Die INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE.	
	SBI_HDI	Equal Rights RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS.	
	JC1	District Court of the Second Circuit Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the District Court of the Second Circuit, State of Hawai'i, Judicial Nominee LLOYD A. POELMAN, for a term of six years.	

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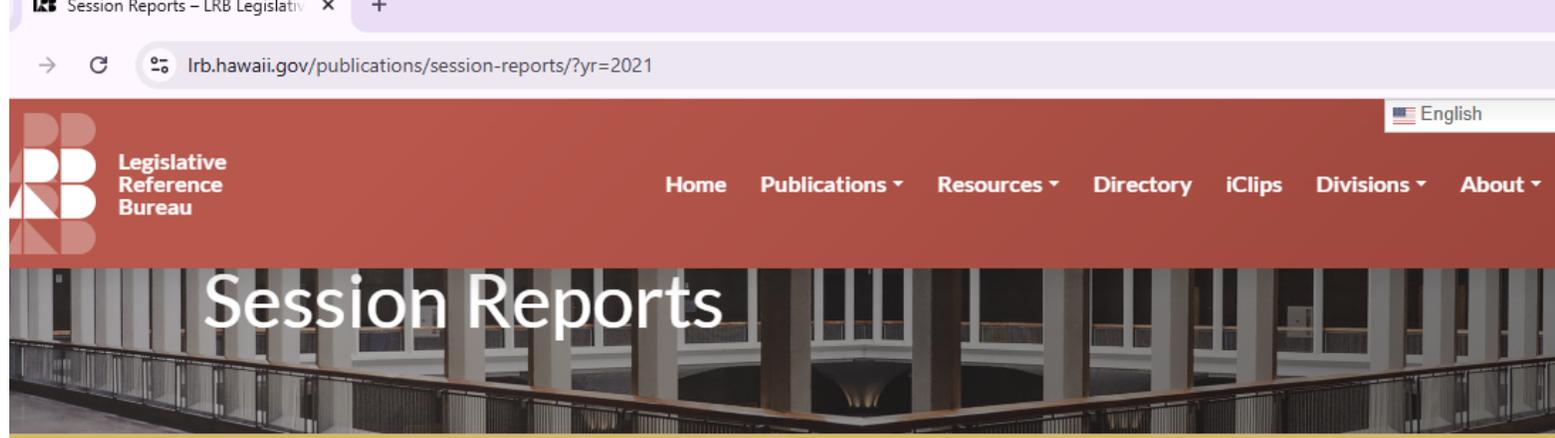
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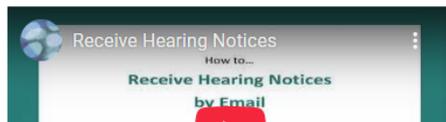
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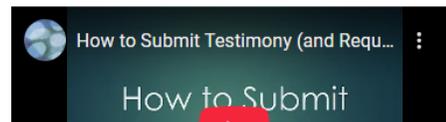
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Newsletters

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April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PAR's upcoming Zoom Workshop: Conference• Understanding Conference Infographic• Video: How to look up Bills scheduled for Third Reading• Upcoming Bill Deadlines	Download PDF
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February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January Workshop Recordings• Which Deadlines Apply to My Bill• PAR Social Media	Download PDF
December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New 2025 Session handouts: calendar, committee lists and more• Opening Day: 1/15/25• Grant in Aid Applications	Download PDF

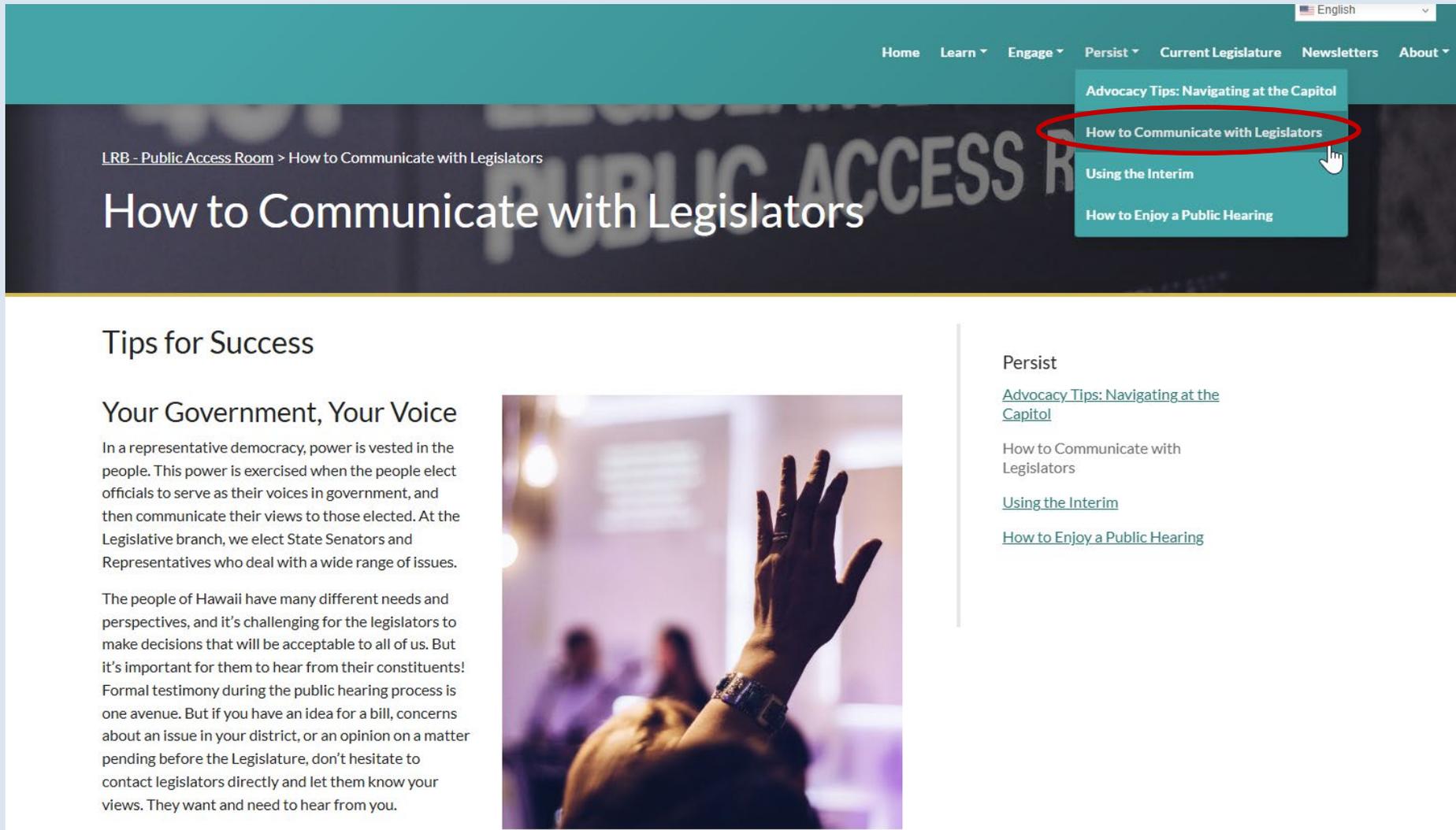
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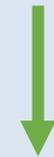


The screenshot shows the PAR website interface. At the top, there is a teal navigation bar with a language dropdown set to 'English' and menu items: Home, Learn, Engage, Persist, Current Legislature, Newsletters, and About. A dropdown menu is open under 'Persist', with 'How to Communicate with Legislators' highlighted by a red circle and a mouse cursor. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'How to Communicate with Legislators' with a breadcrumb trail 'LRB - Public Access Room > How to Communicate with Legislators'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Tips for Success' and contains the sub-heading 'Your Government, Your Voice'. It includes two paragraphs of text and a photograph of a person's hand raised in a public hearing. The right column is titled 'Persist' and lists three links: 'Advocacy Tips: Navigating at the Capitol', 'How to Communicate with Legislators', 'Using the Interim', and 'How to Enjoy a Public Hearing'.

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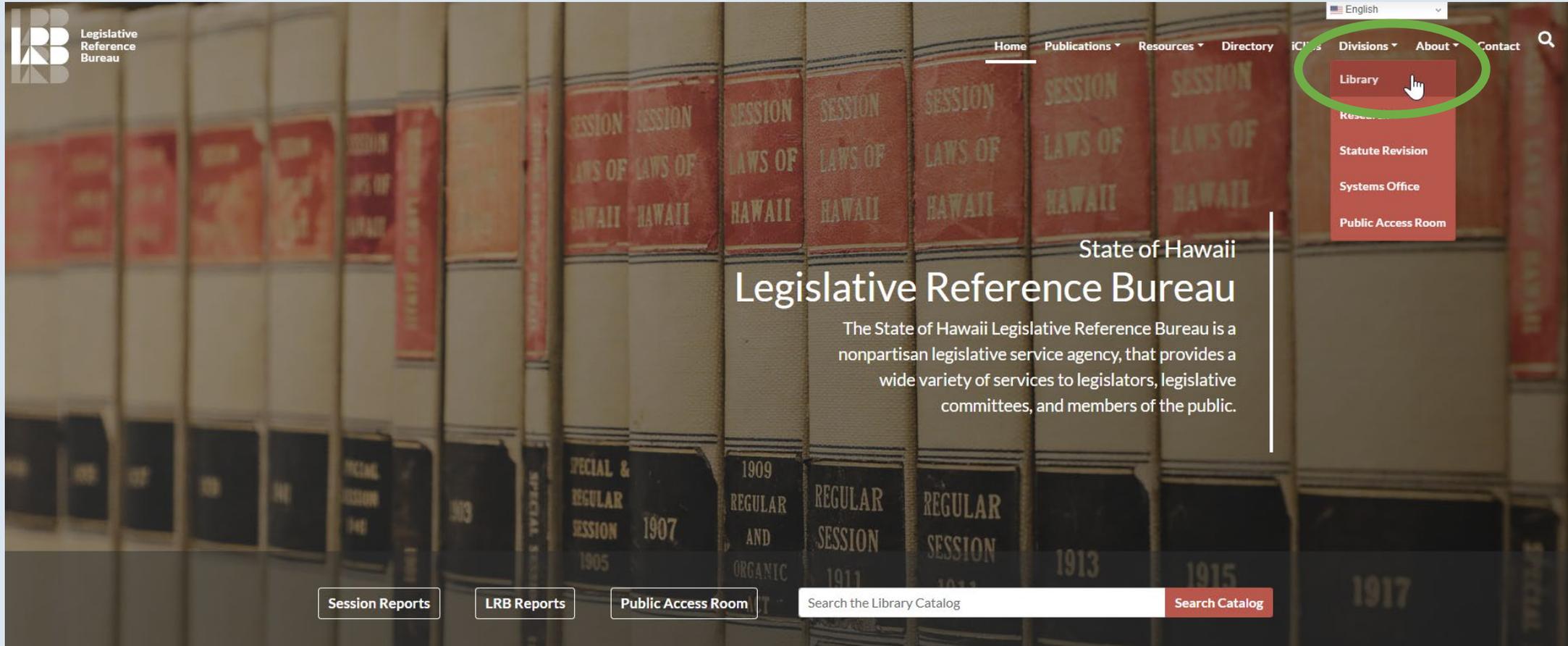


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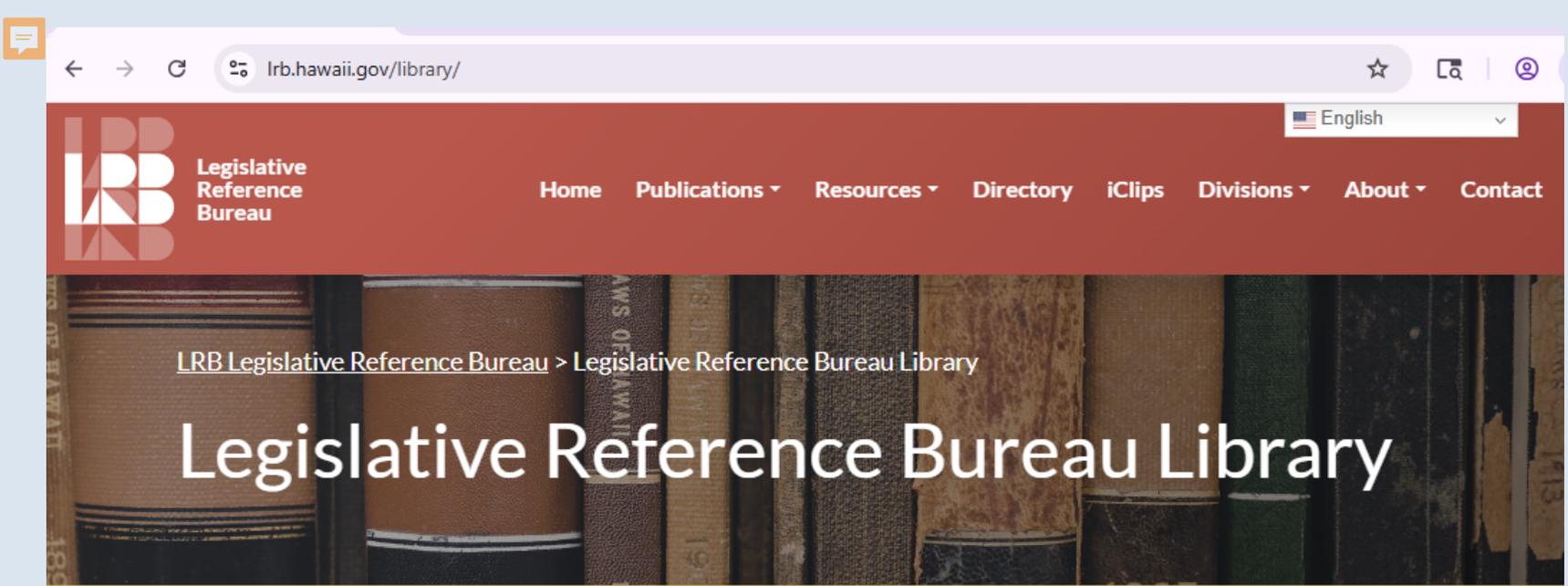
“How to Communicate with Legislators”

Finding the LRB Library from <http://lrb.hawaii.gov>



LRB's website → Divisions tab → Library





Finding the LRB Library

The Library serves the Legislature and the legislative service agencies by providing essential information resources and information services which support the legislative process.

Reference and Research Support

Our research librarians provide reference and research assistance in the Library, by telephone, or email. Questions cover a wide range of subjects, but typically involve state policy issues, complex legislative history, or federal laws and regulations. A workstation linked to the Internet, our online catalog, [CARD](#), and to other libraries and databases is located in the reference area. Library staff will assist patrons in using them for research.

Research Librarians use electronic information services and databases to obtain state and federal bills, statutes and rules, as well as current articles and reports specific to a legislator's research needs. Library staff combines over forty years' experience in online database searching.

Hours & Location

Monday – Friday
Session: 7:45 – 5:00p
Interim: 7:45 – 4:30p

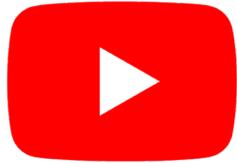
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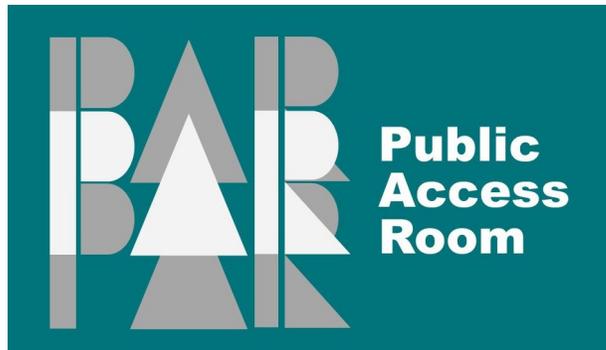
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8:00AM – 4:30PM