

# THE 2026 SESSION CALENDAR

Note: On the 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			21 Opening Day 1	22 2	23 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff Grants/Subsidies Cutoff 3	24
25	26 State-of-the- State Address & Admin Bill Package Cutoff 4	27 Recess #1	28 Bill Intro Cutoff 5	29 Recess #2	30 6	31
February						
1	2 7	3 8	4 9	5 10	6 11	7
8	9 12	10 13	11 First Triple Referral Filing (HBs) 14	12 First Triple Referral Filing (SBs) 15	13 16	14
5	16 HOLIDAY Presidents' Day	17 17	18 18	19 First Lateral Filing (Bills) 19	20 First Lateral (Bills) 20	21
22	23 21	24 22	25 23	26 Mandatory 5- Day Recess Begins	27	28
March						
1	2	3	4 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Ends	5 Single Referral Filing Deadline (SBs) 24	6 First Decking (Bills) 25	7
8	9 Recess #3	10 26	11 Recess #4	12 First Crossover (Bills) 27	13 Subst. Resolution Cutoff 28	14
15	16 Budget Decking 29	17 30	18 Budget Crossover 31	19 Second Triple Referral Filing (Bills) 32	20 33	21
22	23 34	24 35	25 36	26 HOLIDAY Kuhio Day 36	27 Second Lateral Filing (Bills) Recess #5	28
29	30 Second Lateral (Bills) 37	31 First Lateral (SCRs) 38				
April			1 39	2 First Lateral (HCRs) 40	3 HOLIDAY Good Friday 40	4
5	6 41	7 42	8 43	9 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) Single Referral Filing Deadline (HBs) 44	10 Second Decking (Bills) 45	11
12	13 Recess #6	14 46	15 Recess #7	16 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree 47	17 48	18
19	20 Second Lateral (SCRs) 49	21 50	22 51	23 52	24 Constitutional Amendments 53	25
26	27 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) 54	28 55	29 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills) 56	30 57	May 1 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills) 58	2
May						
3	4 Recess #8	5 Recess #9	6 59	7 Recess #10	8 60 Adjournment Sine Die	9



# The 2026 Session Calendar: A Guide to the Deadlines

**JAN 21 OPENING DAY** – Hawaii's constitution mandates that the regular legislative session starts at 10:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of January.

**JAN 23 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ALL NON-ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGES** – Bills bundled together by common interest groups and accepted and labeled as a package by the clerks. You can view the various packages of legislation by clicking on the “[Reports and Lists](#)” button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).

**& LAST DAY FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT GRANT AND SUBSIDY REQUESTS** – Deadline for “Grant-in-Aid” (GIA) applications. Grants may be appropriated to nonprofit and other organizations for various public purposes that are recognized as priorities and are seen as complimentary to state government functions. Applications, information, and more specifics regarding the deadline appear under “[Legislative Information](#)” on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).

**JAN 26 STATE-OF-THE-STATE ADDRESS** – The Governor's annual address to the assembled joint legislature. The address presents an opportunity for the Governor to report on affairs of state, and to put forth recommendations and initiatives. Many visitors come to the Capitol to hear the Governor's speech and witness the proceedings from the gallery (accessible on the ground floor/atrium level).

**& LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE ADMINISTRATION BILL PACKAGE** – This is what is known as the “Governor's Package.” The bills are prepared by executive branch agencies for consideration by the legislature and are introduced on behalf of the executive branch by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. View the package of legislation by clicking on the “[Reports and Lists](#)” button on [capitol.hawaii.gov](#).

**JAN 28 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE BILLS** – A bill is “introduced” when it has been filed with the House or Senate Clerk, who gives it a number (with an HB or SB prefix) and then puts it on the calendar for First Reading by the chamber. After First Reading, it is given its committee referrals which specify which committees must hear and pass the measure for it to succeed. Only legislators may introduce bills. [Note: At introduction, each bill is given a “Bill Status” webpage that can be accessed via the Legislature's website ([www.capitol.hawaii.gov](#)) and used to track all the measure's activity.]

**FEB 11 (HOUSE BILLS) & FEB 12 (SENATE BILLS) TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be filed so that they can be in their second-to-last committee by the following day. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to the last committee in their originating chamber by the First Lateral deadline.

**FEB 19 FIRST LATERAL FILING (BILLS)** – Filing Deadline for First Lateral Bills

**FEB 20 FIRST LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills referred to more than one committee (i.e., those with multiple referrals) must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this day.

**FEB 26-MAR 4 MANDATORY 5-DAY RECESS** – Hawaii's Constitution mandates a 5 day recess between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> days of the regular session. Neither the House of Representatives nor the Senate convene or assemble formally in chamber on recess days. Committee hearings do take place, however.

**MAR 5 SINGLE REFERRAL FILING DEADLINE (SBs)** – Deadline for Senate Bills referred to a single committee to be heard and filed.

**MAR 6 FIRST DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of the originating chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the chamber's members before being asked to vote on the third reading. Note: A bill must pass three readings (votes) in each chamber before being enrolled to the Governor.

**MAR 12 FIRST CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for bills to pass third reading in order to move (or “crossover”) to the other chamber. If successful, House bills are sent to the Senate and Senate bills are sent to the House for further consideration.

**MAR 13 LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS** – Resolutions are legislative measures which may request action of a government entity or state the legislature's position on an issue. They don't have the force and effect of law, require only one reading in chamber, and are not enrolled to the Governor.

**MAR 16 BUDGET DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for submitting the spending plan developed by the Governor which estimates expenditures for the fiscal year or biennium and the proposed means of financing these expenditures.

**MAR 18 BUDGET CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Last day for third reading of budget bills in order to move to the other chamber.

**MAR 19 SECOND TRIPLE REFERRAL FILING (BILLS)** – All bills referred to three or more committees must be in their second-to-last committee in the non-originating chamber by this date. (Note: A referral to a joint committee counts as one committee referral.) This deadline allows ample time for successful bills to make their way to their last committee by the Second Lateral deadline.

**MAR 27 SECOND LATERAL FILING (BILLS)** – Filing Deadline for Second Lateral Bills

**MAR 30 SECOND LATERAL (BILLS)** – All bills with multiple referrals must move to their final referral committee in the non-originating chamber by this date.

**MAR 31 (SENATE) APR 2 (HOUSE) FIRST LATERAL FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Concurrent resolutions require adoption in each chamber and are used to state the official position of the Legislature on an issue, or to request action formally without having to mandate it by law. All concurrent resolutions with multiple referrals must move to their final committee in the originating chamber by this date.

**APR 9 FIRST CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for passing the single reading required for resolutions in order to move from the originating chamber to the other chamber.

**& SINGLE REFERRAL FILING DEADLINE (HBs)** – Deadline for Senate committee reports on single referral HBs to be filed.

**APR 10 SECOND DECKING (BILLS)** – Deadline for submitting bills that have been amended by the non-originating chamber to emerge from all their committees (with committee reports filed) and be submitted to the clerk of that chamber. This “decking” ensures a mandatory 48-hour opportunity for final review by the non-originating chamber's members before third reading.

**APR 16 SECOND CROSSOVER (BILLS)** – Deadline for amended bills to pass third reading in their non-originating chamber in order to “cross back” to the originating chamber.

**& LAST DAY FOR THE ORIGINATING BODY TO DISAGREE WITH BILL AMENDMENTS** – Deadline for the originating chamber to disagree with changes made to its bills by the other chamber. When the Senate and House disagree on a bill, members from each chamber may meet in a “conference” committee to work out their differences.

**APR 24 DEADLINE FOR FINAL FORM OF BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** – A proposed amendment's final form must be provided by written notice to the Governor at least 10 days prior to passing final reading by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. Once adopted by the Legislature, the proposed amendment is submitted to the voters, in the form of a 'yes or no' question on the ballot, for decision.

**APR 27 SECOND CROSSOVER FOR CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS** – Deadline for passing concurrent resolutions in the non-originating chamber in order to “cross back” to the originating chamber.

**APR 29 FINAL DECKING OF NON-FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting non-fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers.

**MAY 1 FINAL DECKING OF FISCAL BILLS** – Deadline for submitting fiscal bills for final reading by both chambers. Fiscal bills include appropriation or spending bills, tax credits, etc., or any bill with a House Finance (FIN) or Senate Ways and Means (WAM) referral.

**MAY 8 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE** – In Latin, “sine die” means “without a day” specified for next meeting. Adjournment sine die occurs on the 60<sup>th</sup> legislative day of a regular session and indicates a suspension of the business of the legislature indefinitely. From this point, the Legislature will certify bills whose form both chambers have agreed to and will transmit or “enroll” those bills to the Governor. Contact PAR for information regarding the Governor's deadlines.