

Conference Committees

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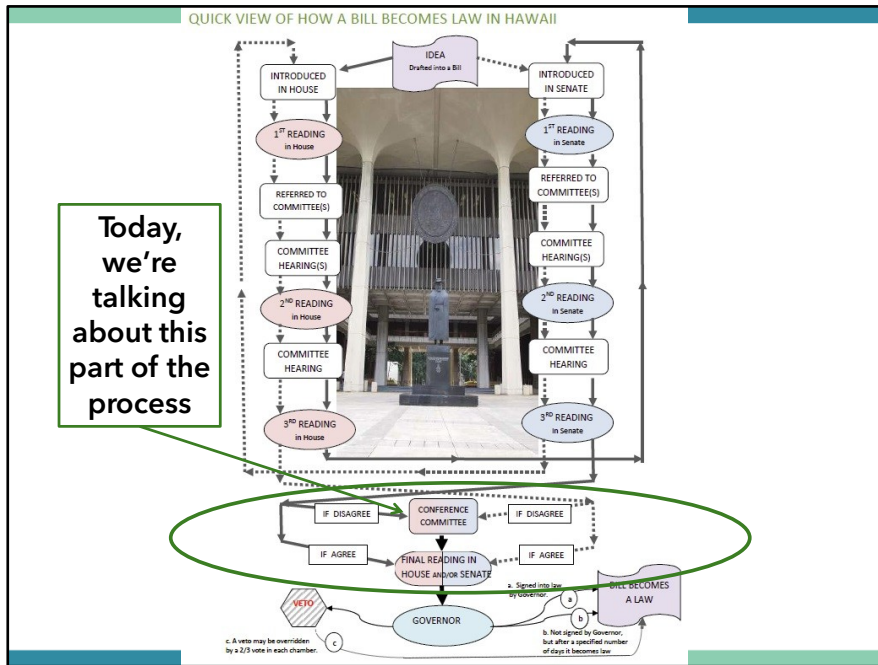
Lots of activity

It's been a long session



If you've made it to Conference, you've come quite a way in the "bill to law" process. Most bills never reach this point!

- The Conference process can appear **Unclear** to the public.
- There's lots of **Activity** and it's often challenging to figure out who/what/where/how to focus energies.
- Comes at the end of a long session –everyone may be **Tired**, but this is a crucial phase of the process.



It's this complicated looking part of the process that we're focusing on with Conference.

Here's a reminder 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.

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- A bill must have made it through all the committees it was referred to (which is when the public got to offer testimony at hearings) and passed three readings (or votes) on the floor of both the House and the Senate.
- Now we're to the third item on this list – agreeing on the exact wording of the bill that will go off to the Governor.

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

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It is **likely** for bills to pass second crossover with amendments (changes) from the non-originating chamber.

Let's look at some statistics! In 2025...

- 451 bills passed second crossover **with amendments**
- 28 bills passed second crossover with **no amendments**



Bills That Passed Second Crossover in 2025

Of the 451 amended bills...

- 405 bills entered conference
- 248 bills had drafts agreed upon in conference
- 38 bills were accepted as amended

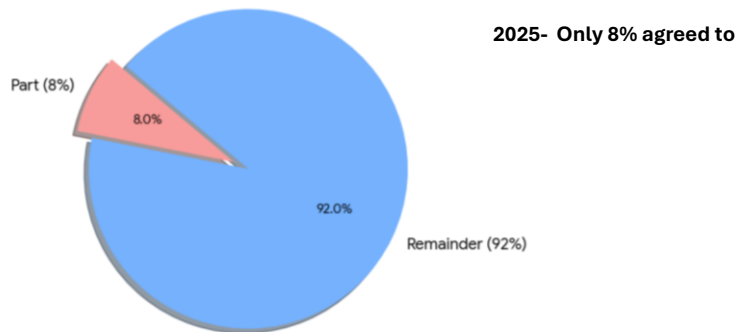
It is the **usual choice** for legislators to send bills to conference!

Last session 94% of bills passed second crossover with amendments.

But at this point, most bills have been changed.

- For example, in 2025, 94% of the bills that passed Second Crossover were changed and only 6% were not changed in the non-originating chamber.

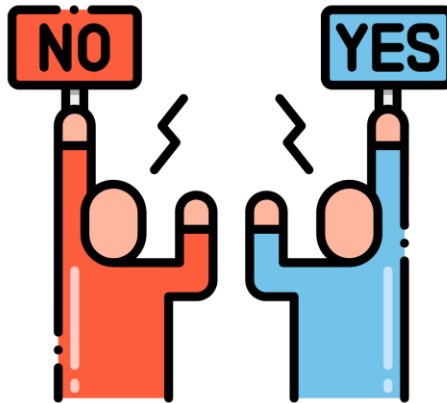
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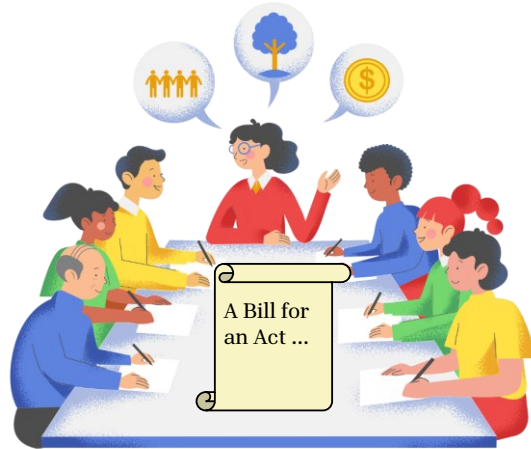
- Of bills passing Second Crossover with changes in 2025, 92% had the changes **“disagreed to.”**
- Only 8% were **“agreed to.”**

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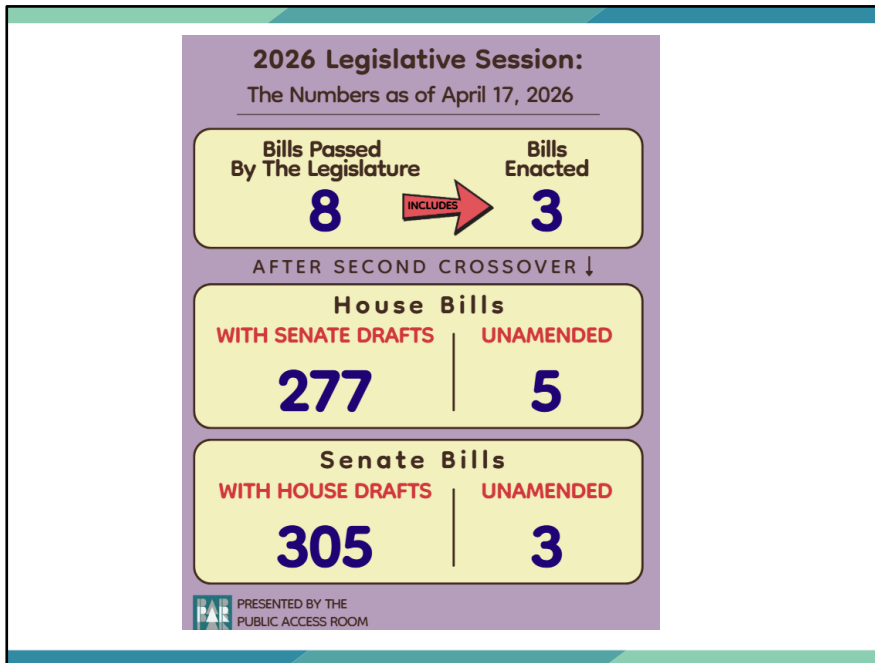


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Which means that bill is eligible to go to Conference



If the originating chamber **disagrees** with the changes made by the non-originating chamber, the bill goes to conference.



Here is a snap shop for this year.

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HB1886 HD2 SD2 [Subscribe] [Submit Testimony]

Measure Title: RELATING TO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

Report Title: Law Enforcement; State and County Law Enforcement; Federal Law Enforcement; State and Federal Collaboration; Visible Identification; Facial Coverings; Criminal Offenses

Description: Establishes provisions limiting state and federal collaboration for purposes of immigration enforcement operations. Establishes identification and facial coverings standards for state and federal law enforcement officers. Establishes criminal offenses for improper facial coverings and lack of visible identification and unauthorized civil immigration arrest or detention. Effective 7/1/2025. (SD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current: PSM/ENG, JDC

Referral:

Introducer(s): TARNAS, AMATO, BELATTI, EVSLIN, GARRETT, GRANDINETTI, LAGAN, IWAMOTO, KUSCH LA CHICA, LEE, M, LOWEN, MARTEN, MIYAKE, OLDS, FERRUSO, POEPOE, SAYAMA, TAM

Measure Status History [Sort by Date]

Date	Chamber	Status Text
4/17/2026	S	Received notice of disagreement (Hse. Com. No. 780).
4/18/2026	H	House disagrees with Senate amendment (s).
4/14/2026	H	Returned from Senate (Sen. Com. No. 635) in amended form (SD 2).

All Versions of this Measure

- HB1886_SD2
- HB1886_HD2
- HB1886_SD1
- HB1886_HD1
- HB1886

Committee Reports

- HB1886_HD1_HSCR426-26
- HB1886_HD2_HSCR120-26
- HB1886_SD1_SSCR3295
- HB1886_SD2_SSCR1794

Testimony

- HB1886_TESTIMONY_ECD_02-06-26
- HB1886_HD1_TESTIMONY_JHA_02-25-26
- HB1886_HD2_TESTIMONY_PSM-ENG_03-21-26
- HB1886_SD1_TESTIMONY_JDC_04-07-26

Hearing Notices

- ECD 2/06/26 8:30A Agenda
- 423 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
- JHA 2/25/26 2:00P Agenda
- 326 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
- PSM/ENG 3/23/26 3:00P Agenda
- CR 016 & Videoconference
- JDC 4/07/26 10:5A Agenda
- CR 016 & Videoconference

Let's look at an example of a bill heading to conference this year, HB 1886. It returned to the House in Senate Draft (SD) 2 form and the House disagreed with the amendments made by the Senate.

HB 1866 HD2

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H.B. NO. 1866
H.D. 2

1 SECTION 4. If any provision of this Act, or the
2 application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held
3 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or
4 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the
5 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions
6 of this Act are severable.

7 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

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When the House sent the bill to the Senate the effective date of the bill was July 1, 3000. When the bill returned to the House, the effective date of the bill was July 1, 2055. The House had to disagree because the bill has another defective date.

Who are the conferees?

- appointed by leadership
- **chairs** = usually the subject matter chairs
(typically the bill's first committee referrals)
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Who are the conferees?

- Members are often called **"managers" or "conferees."** The numbers vary.
- Members of both chambers are **appointed by the Senate President and the House Speaker.** (Minority leadership may be consulted for minority appointments.)
- The House and Senate **Chairs** of the conference committee are usually the subject matter committee chairs for a given measure (typically the bill's first committee referrals).
- You can frequently find more than one Chair for a measure depending on the referral, or you may even find a Vice-Chair heading-up a Conference Committee.

2/18/2026	H	Reported from ECD (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 426-26) as amended in HD 1, recommending passage on Second Reading and referral to JHA.
2/6/2026	H	The committee on ECD recommend that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes were as follows: 7 Ayes: Representative(s) Ilagan, Hussey, Holt, Tam, Temple, Yamashita; Ayes with reservations: Representative(s) Gedeon; Noes: none; and Excused: none.
2/2/2026	H	Bill scheduled to be heard by ECD on Friday, 02-06-26 8:30AM in House conference room 423 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE.
1/26/2026	H	Referred to ECD, JHA, referral sheet 2
1/26/2026	H	Introduced and Pass First Reading.
1/23/2026	H	Pending introduction.






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

Some of the above items require Adobe Acrobat Reader. Please visit [Adobe's download page](#) for detailed instructions.

Let's look at our example, HB 1866 SD2. In the House, the bill went through the Committee on Economic Development and Technology First first, then through the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs.

3/23/2026	S	The committee(s) on PSM recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in PSM were as follows: 3 Aye(s): Senator(s) Fukunaga, Lee, C., Hashimoto; Aye(s) with reservations: none ; 1 No(es): Senator(s) DeCorte; and 1 Excused: Senator(s) Inouye.
3/23/2026	S	The committee(s) on EIG recommend(s) that the measure be PASSED, WITH AMENDMENTS. The votes in EIG were as follows: 4 Aye(s): Senator(s) Wakai, Chang; Aye(s) with reservations: Senator(s) DeCoite, Richards ; 1 No(es): Senator(s) Fevella; and 0 Excused: none.
3/16/2026	S	The committee(s) on PSM/EIG has scheduled a public hearing on 03-23-26 3:00PM; Conference Room 016 & Videoconference.
3/12/2026	S	Referred to PSM/EIG, JDC.
3/12/2026	S	Passed First Reading.
3/12/2026	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 311).

In the Senate, it went through the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, and Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs, then the Committee on Judiciary.

<u>ECD</u>	House Committee on Economic Development & Technology	
<u>JHA</u>	House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs	
<u>PSM</u>	Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs	
<u>EIG</u>	Senate Committee on Energy and Intergovernmental Affairs	
<u>JDC</u>	Senate Committee on Judiciary	

So, when we're looking at who the probable conference chairs will be, we can assume they will be the chairs of those committees (or whomever from those committees that are designated the chair).

Two committees

- We speak of “the conference committee for HB 1866 SD2” but it’s easier to think of it as two committees...
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Conference Procedures

The screenshot shows the Hawaii State Legislature website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following links: Home, Learn, Engage, Persist, Current Legislature, Newsletters, About, and Contact. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a message: "Notice a change to the formatting of some of our handouts? We're working to make our handouts more accessible, in preparation for upcoming federal requirements for online documents." Below this message, there is a navigation bar with the following links: Calendars and Deadlines, House and Senate, Senate, and House of Representatives. The main content area is titled "Calendars and Deadlines" and contains a list of links: "Session Calendar '2026' (3/16/25)", "Which Deadlines Apply to My Bill? (1/2/26)", "2026 Conference Procedures available from @capitol.hawaii.gov" (circled in yellow), "2024 Conference Room Assignment Schedule available from @capitol.hawaii.gov", and "Governor's Deadlines 2026 Session". To the right of the list, there is a section titled "33rd LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2026 JOINT HOUSE and SENATE COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES". This section includes the Hawaii State Legislature logo and the following text: "The Senate and the House have agreed to the following special procedures for all 2026 Regular Session Committees on Conference. These Conference procedures shall be effective from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026, until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026." Below this text, there is a section titled "1. Definitions" with the following text: "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

The procedures for conference committees can be found on the PAR website from the current legislature tab.

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- Usually, the **lead chairs** are the only ones who speak at the meetings.

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A Note regarding Fiscal Bills:

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- Conference period:

*This year, the two weeks between
Monday, April 20, 2026, and
Friday, April 27, 2026*

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- It is always good for advocates and/or opponents to be present as a statement of the bill's importance

How can I advocate at this stage?

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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] that 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] fifteen 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] fifteen rounds of ammunition which have been modified no more than [ten] fifteen rounds and which are not capable of being readily restored to a capacity of more than [ten] fifteen 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>

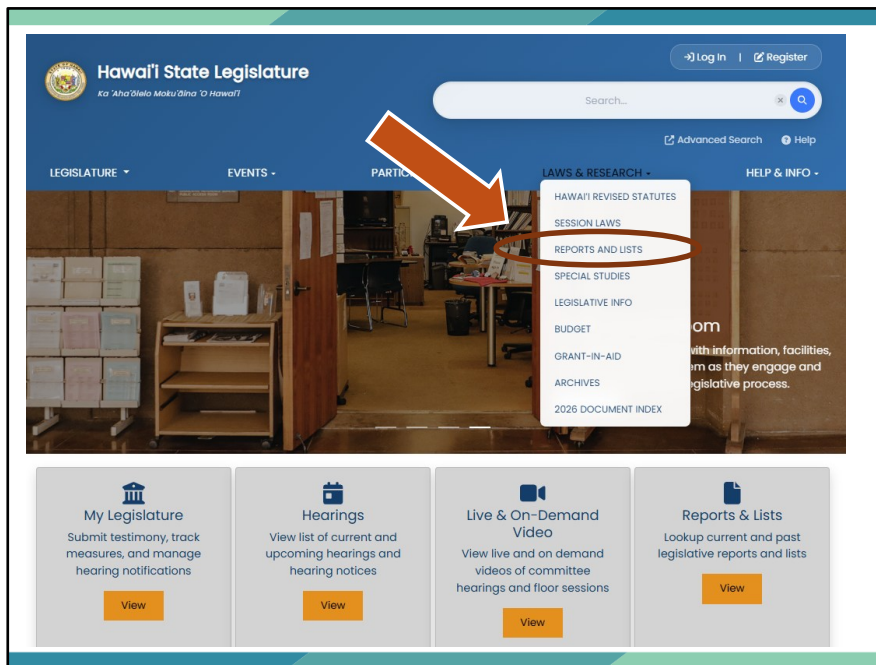
Here's a sample from a comparison sheet...

- This tool is used to confine the efforts of the committee members to the points that have not been agreed to and eliminates the need to compare the drafts of the measures.



Where can I stay informed about conference committee actions?

- Go to the **Reports and Lists** button on the Legislature's website (capitol.hawaii.gov). It's the last gray box on the homepage.



You can also get to the “Reports and Lists” page by using the drop-down menu under the “Laws & Research” tab.

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Measures by Introducer	House Bills with Action Taken in 2026 Only
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Standing Committee Reports	2025 and 2026 Senate Bills
Subject Search	

Reports and Lists page

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On the Reports and Lists page, click **“Conference Committee.”**

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You'll also find a list of room assignments there, arranged according to subject matter committees.

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Look Up Measure by Conference Committee Report Number:

The "Action sheets" are a good place to go to see where things stand.

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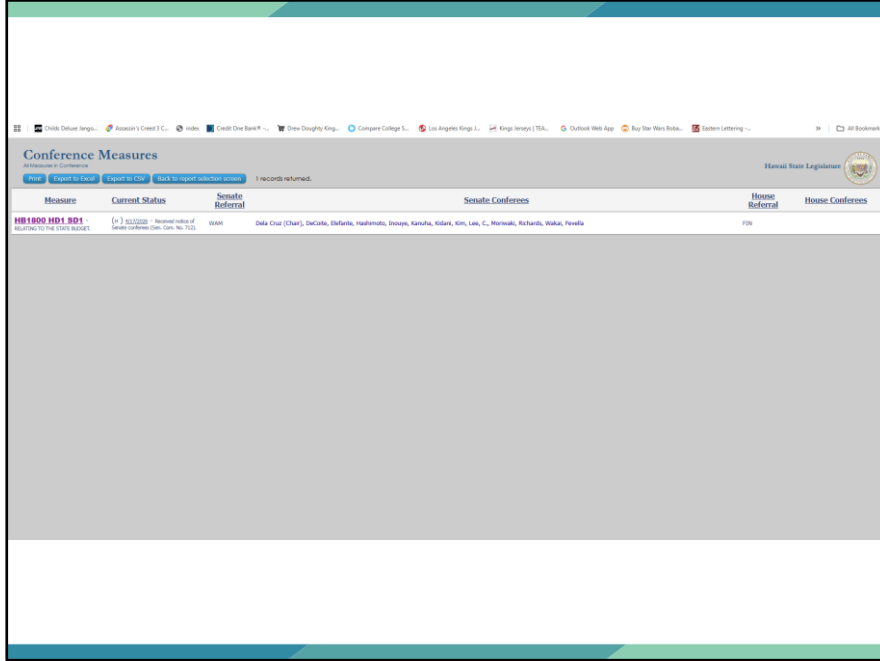
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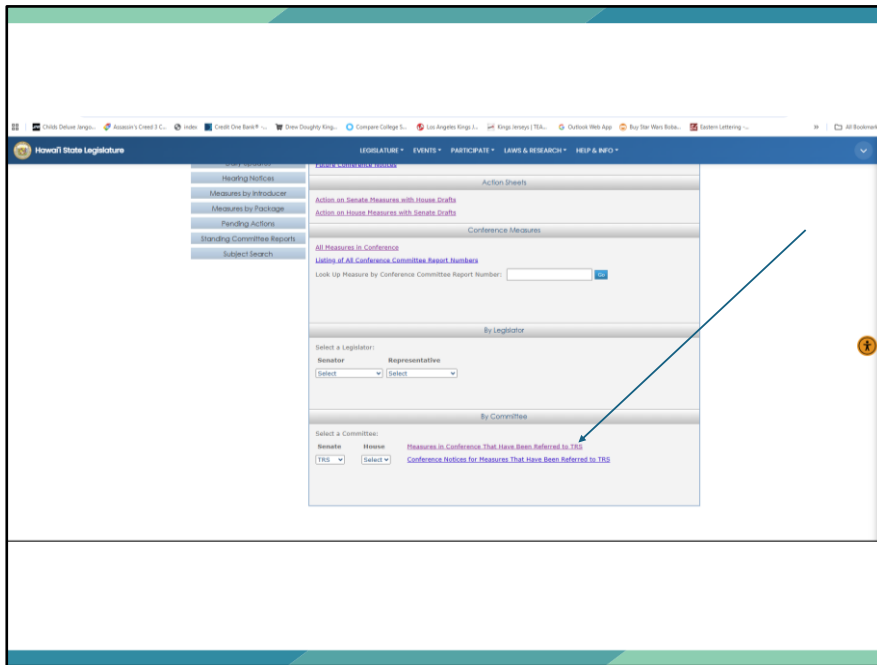
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Look Up Measure by Conference Committee Report Number:

You can see a report of all measures in conference. This list will continue to populate as soon as one chamber assigns conferees to a bill.



Right now, the State Budget bill, HB1800 SD1, is in conference. This list will populate when one chamber assigns conferees to a bill.



You can also search for conference bills by subject matter committee.

Measure	Current Status	Senate Referral	Senate Conferences	House Referral	House Conferences
HB54 HD2 SD2 - RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, SDC	TRS, SDC		TRN, HA	
HB177 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO COAL IDENTIFICATION CODES	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM	TRS, WM		TRN, FN	
HB389 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO UNCRASHED AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	(S) 4/16/2024 - Received notice of Engagement (Eng. Conf. No. 219)	TRS, SDC		TRN, HA, FN	114
HB697 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO DISAPPORTIONMENT	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM, SDC	TRSPDM, WM, SDC		TRN, HA, FN	
HB704 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, SDC	TRS, SDC		TRN, HA	
HB1161 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM	TR/REG, WM		TRN, CPC, FN	
HB1163 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LEARNING	(S) 4/11/2024 - Received notice of Engagement (Eng. Conf. No. 219)	TRS, SDC		TRN, FN	
HB1164 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM	TRS, WM		TRN, FN	
HB1166 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT RECORDS	(S) 4/11/2024 - Received notice of Engagement (Eng. Conf. No. 219)	TRS, WM		TRN, FN	
HB1167 HD1 SD1 - FINANCING OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM	TRS, WM		TRN, FN	
HB1260 HD1 SD2 - RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION	(S) 4/11/2024 - Re-Referred to TRS, WM	TRS, WM		TRN, FN	
HB1510 HD2 SD1 - RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES	(S) 4/16/2024 - Received notice of Engagement (Eng. Conf. No. 219)	TRS, SDC		TRN, HA	
HB1523 HD1 SD1 - RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC	(S) 4/11/2024 - Received notice of Engagement (Eng. Conf. No. 219)	TRS, SDC		TRN, HA	

For example, Here are a list of bills that went through the Senate Transportation Committee (TRS) where the House and Senate have conflicting drafts. House Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs wasn't part of the original House referral but will probably be assigned to the bill in conference.

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**Where can I stay informed about
conference committee actions?**

Measure's Status Page

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- The bill's status sheet will be updated as its conferees are assigned, and meetings scheduled.

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 CR 224 & Videoconference	Agenda YouTube
TCA	3/19/24 3:05P CR 224	Agenda YouTube
TCA	3/21/24 3:05P CR 224	Agenda YouTube
CFN	4/10/24 10:45A CR 229 & Videoconference	Agenda YouTube
CONF	4/25/24 9:57A 329	Agenda YouTube
CONF	4/25/24 5:00P 329	Agenda YouTube

All updates to a bill, including the naming of conferees, can be viewed on the bill's status page. Conference notices will be noted, and you can see both the agenda and links to the YouTube videos of conference.

THE STATE'S SECOND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION OF 2021

DATE: Thursday, April 22, 2021
 TIME: 2:17 AM
 PLACE: Conference Room 319
 State Capitol
 617 South Minnesota 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.

AGENDA

The Conference Committee will meet to reach a difference between the last House and Senate versions of the following:

[HR 1177, HRS 102](#) **RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE & TOWING FEES**
 Chair: Operations, Operations/Finance, Additional Fees, Payment Methods
 House Conference: Representatives Todd Mikulonis, Co-Chair; Eric Olson, Minnesota
 (S, C, P)
 Senate Conference: Senators Lee Chan, Ken Kerkhala, Co-Chair; Ferrelle
 (S, C, P)

Info & Testimony

As this is a decision making meeting only, no public testimony will be accepted.
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Senator Chen Lee Chair	Rep. Chan Todd Chair
Senator Jeremy Kerkhala Co-Chair	Rep. Mark M. Mikulonis Co-Chair

This is what conference notices look like.



Here's a video clip of what conference meetings look like.



And the decision-making and voting.

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

- April 29th - Decking for non-fiscal bills
- May 1st - 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).



The deadline for the conference committee to come to a decision:

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- 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.

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2025 Archives
No. 48 (being amended) introduced from 2023

SB119 SD1 HD1 CD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO NURSING.
Report Title: UM-Missouri College Nursing BS in Nursing Degree Establishment Appropriations (S)

Description: Appropriates funds to establish a bachelor of science in nursing degree program at the University of Missouri College, (CD)

Companion: [HB21](#)

Package: None

Current: HD, FN

Referent: HASHIMOTO, DECOTE, FEVELLA, KIM, MCKEIVELY

Introducer(s):

Author: 285

Bill No.	Status Text
7/1/2025	H Act 285, on 07/01/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1986).
7/1/2025	S Act 285, 07/01/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 1986).
7/2/2025	S Enrolled to Governor.
5/2/2025	S Received notice of passage on Final Reading in House (Res. Com. No. 82).
5/2/2025	H Received notice of Final Reading (Sen. Com. No. 888).
4/30/2025	H Passed Final Reading as amended in CD with none voting aye with reservations; Representative(s) Harick voting no (1) and Representative(s) Cochran excused (1).
4/30/2025	S Passed Final Reading, as amended (CD 1), Ayes, 26; Aye(s) with reservations: none; (No(s)): none; (1) excused: none.
4/24/2025	H Forty-eight (48) hours notice Wednesday, 04-30-25.
4/24/2025	H Reported from Conference Committee (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38) as amended in (CD 1).
4/24/2025	S 48 Hrs. Notice (as amended CD 1) 04-30-25.
4/24/2025	S Reported from Conference Committee as amended CD 1 (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 38).

All Versions of this Measure

- [SB119_CD1](#)
- [SB119_HD1](#)
- [SB119_FD1](#)
- [SB119](#)

Committee Reports

- [SB119_CD1_SSC9223](#)
- [SB119_CD1_SSC8931](#)
- [SB119_HD1_HSC6279](#)
- [SB119_HD1_HSC6703](#)
- [SB119_CD1_CCR39](#)

Testimony

- [SB119_TESTIMONY_HR_02-04-25](#)
- [SB119_HD1_TESTIMONY_WAM_02-26-25](#)
- [SB119_HD1_TESTIMONY_HD_03-12-25](#)
- [SB119_HD1_TESTIMONY_FN_03-27-25](#)

Hearing Notices

- HR** 3/24/25 3:50P [ASCC02](#)
CR 224 & Videoconference
- WAM** 3/26/25 10:58A [ASCC02](#)
CR 218 & Videoconference
- HD** 3/27/25 2:00P [ASCC02](#)
309 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
- FN** 3/27/25 2:00P [ASCC02](#)
308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
- CONF** 4/23/25 2:29 [ASCC02](#)
229
- CONF** 4/23/25 3:50P [ASCC02](#)
229

Here's a bill that went through conference where an agree was reached an a CD1 was passed out.

The fate of the bill... 2

- 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...

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Note: No action is required by the non-originating chamber and its conferees.

2025 Archives
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SB284 SD1 HD1 10

Measure Title: RELATING TO INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION;

Report Title: Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Package; AG Criminal Offenses, Wiretapping Authorization

Description: Requires the Department of the Attorney General to provide a written memorandum recommending approval or disapproval of an order authorizing or approving the interception of a wire, oral, or electronic communication to the prosecuting attorney within twenty-four hours of the prosecuting attorney's request to the Department. Establishes a process for emergency applications for emergency orders authorizing or approving the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications. (HAR)

Comparison: [SB284](#)

Package: Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney

Current: H4

Reference:

Introducer(s): KOJUCHI (introduced by request of another party)

Act: [28](#)

Start by	Status Text
Date	
4/16/2025	H Act 078, on 05/16/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 878).
4/16/2025	S Act 078, 05/16/2025 (Gov. Msg. No. 878).
4/16/2025	S Enrolled to Governor.
4/16/2025	H Received notice of Final Reading (Sen. Com. No. 806).
4/16/2025	S Passed Final Reading. Ayes: 23. Any(A) with reservations: none. Nays: 0 (none). Excused: 2 (Senator(s) Faveila, Imano).
4/16/2025	H Received notice of reconsideration and Senate agreement (Sen. Com. No. 788).
4/16/2025	S One Day Notice 04-16-25
4/16/2025	S Senate agrees with House amendments. Placed on the calendar for Final Reading on 04-16-25.
4/16/2025	S Reconsideration of action taken on 04-03-25 in disagreeing to the House amendments.
4/16/2025	S Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Res. Com. No. 733).
4/14/2025	H House Conferees Appointed: Tamara Chao, Beatrix Shimizu.
4/3/2025	H Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 481).

All Versions of this Measure

[SB284_H1](#) H1

[SB284_H2](#) H2

[SB284](#) H3

Committee Reports

[SB284_H2_SJC-2025](#) H2

[SB284_H1_SJC-2025](#) H1

Testimony

[SB284_TESTIMONY_SJC_03-20-25](#)

[SB284_H2_TESTIMONY_H1_03-18-25](#)

Hearing Notices

JDC 4/20/25 4:44 [SJC-284](#)

CR 06 & Videoconference [H-28](#)

JNA 3/17/25 2:00P [A-284-03](#)

325 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE [H-28](#)

This is an example of a bill where the originating chamber disagreed to, then reconsidered their disagreement and agreed to the changes made by the non originating chamber.

The fate of the bill... 4



- The conferees may fail to come to an agreement prior to the decking deadline.
- The bill “dies in conference.”
- Because it’s the 2nd year of the biennium, there is no carryover this year to next year.

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.)

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2025 Archives

No. 438 relating to waste disposal facilities from 2025

SB438 SD2 HD3

Measure Title: RELATING TO WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

Report Title: SOH CWRM, Waste or Disposal Facilities; Landfill Units; Agricultural Districts; Buffer Zones; Underground Injection Control Lines; Prohibition

Description: Prohibits landfill units on land in an agricultural district with class A soils. Beginning 7/1/2025, narrows the prohibition on constructing, modifying, or expanding waste or disposal facilities within a one-half mile buffer zone of residential, school, or hospital property lines to apply specifically to landfill units or components of landfill units. Beginning 7/1/2025, prohibits the construction, modification, or expansion of a landfill unit, or any component of a landfill unit, inland of an underground injection control line in a county with a population greater than five hundred thousand, with certain exemptions. Effective 7/1/2025. (HD3)

Companion:

Package: None

Current: REP, WAL, JHA

Introducer(s): DELA CRUZ, KIDANI, MORIWAKI, Kim

Sort by: Status Text

Date	Status Text
4/10/2025	H Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 779).
4/10/2025	S Senate disagrees with House amendments.
4/10/2025	S Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 647).

All Versions of this Measure

- SB438_HD3
- SB438_HD2
- SB438_HD1
- SB438_SD2
- SB438_SD1
- SB438

Committee Reports

- SB438_SOI_SSCR563
- SB438_SOI_SSCR319
- SB438_HOI_HSCR323
- SB438_HSD_HSCR458
- SB438_HCI_HSCR324

Testimony

- SB438_TESTIMONY_WTI_HHS_02-10-25
- SB438_SOI_TESTIMONY_WHM_02-26-25
- SB438_SD2_TESTIMONY_EEP_03-12-25
- SB438_HOI_TESTIMONY_WAL_03-20-25
- SB438_HSD_TESTIMONY_JHA_04-02-25

This is an example of a bill where no conferees were assigned. This bill died in conference.

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SB890 SD2 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATION.

Report Title: Business Regulations; Poi: Out-of-State Grown Kalo; Labeling Requirements

Description: Requires any product that is labeled, marketed, or sold as "poi" and that contains kalo grown outside the State to reveal a label stating that the poi product contains kalo grown outside the State. (Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2))

Companion:

Package: None

Current: AGR, ECD, CPC

Referral:

Introducer(s): KANUHA

Sort by: [Date](#)

Date	Status	Text
4/15/2025	S	Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Hse. Com. No. 731).
4/14/2025	H	House Conferees Appointed: Kahaloo, Ilogan, Matayoshi Co-Chairs; Hussey, Matsumoto.
4/10/2025	H	Received notice of disagreement (Sen. Com. No. 779).
4/10/2025	S	Senate disagrees with House amendments.
4/10/2025	S	Received from House (Hse. Com. No. 660).

All Versions of this Measure

- [SB890_HD2](#)
- [SB890_HD1](#)
- [SB890_SD2](#)
- [SB890_SD1](#)
- [SB890_SD1_PROPOSED](#)
- [SB890](#)

Committee Reports

- [SB890_SD1_SSC8700_](#)
- [SB890_SD2_SSC8700_](#)
- [SB890_HD1_HSC8707_](#)
- [SB890_HD1_HSC87443_](#)
- [SB890_HD2_HSC82008_](#)

Testimony

- [SB890_SD1_TESTIMONY_CFN-EDT_02-20-25_](#)
- [SB890_SD2_TESTIMONY_AGR_03-12-25_](#)
- [SB890_HD1_TESTIMONY_ECD_03-12-25_](#)

This is an example of a bill where only the House assigned conferees. This bill died in conference.

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2025 Archives

SB944 SD2 HD1

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.

Report Title: Low-income Housing Tax Credit; Extension; Partners; Limited Liability Companies

Description: Clarifies that a partner or member that is a partnership or limited liability company that has been allocated a low-income housing tax credit may either further allocate the credit or transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the credit to any taxpayer. Extends the sunset date of Act 129, S44 2016, relating to the low-income housing tax credit, until 12/31/2032. (Effective 7/1/2020, (H))

Companion:

Package: None

Current: HSG, FN

Referent:

Introducer(s): H4SHM4C7D

Act By

Date	Status Text
4/25/2025	S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-25-25 4:30 PM; Conference Room 225.
4/25/2025	S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-25-25 3:30 PM; Conference Room 016.
4/24/2025	S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-25-25 10:30AM; Conference Room 224.
4/23/2025	S Conference committee meeting to reconvene on 04-24-25 10:30AM; Conference Room 224.
4/22/2025	H Bill scheduled for Conference Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 04-23-25 10:32AM in conference room 224.
4/22/2025	S Received notice of appointment of House conferees (Iss. Com. No. 795).
4/21/2025	H House Conferees Appointed: Evlin, Myrka Co-Chair; Plerick.
4/16/2025	H Received notice of Senate conferees (Sen. Com. No. 808).

All Versions of this Measure

- SB944_HD1
- SB944_SD2
- SB944_SG1
- SB944

Committee Reports

- SB944_HQ1_SCS4564
- SB944_HQ2_SCS4564
- SB944_HQ3_SCS4564
- SB944_HQ4_SCS4564
- SB944_HQ5_SCS4564

Testimony

- SB944_TESTIMONY_HOU_02-04-25
- SB944_TESTIMONY_HSG_02-04-25
- SB944_TESTIMONY_HSG_03-14-25
- SB944_TESTIMONY_FN_03-27-25

Hearing Notices

HOU	2/04/25 100P	Agreed
	CR 225 & Videoconference	
WAM	2/26/25 100AM	Agreed
	CR 21 & Videoconference	
WAM	2/27/25 10:30A	Agreed
	CR 28 & Videoconference	
HSG	3/14/25 1035A	Agreed
	403 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	
FN	3/27/25 9:30P	Agreed
	308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	
FN	3/28/25 153P	Agreed
	308 VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE	

This is an example of a bill where the House and Senate met to resolve differences, but those disagreements could not be resolved so the bill died in conference.

Final reading



- Must happen before end of session (*adjournment sine die*).
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Note: Exception is a bill that proposes a constitutional amendment; instead of going to the governor, it goes on the ballot.

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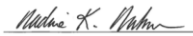
House Measure	Position	Weds. 4/20a	Thurs. 4/21a	Fri. 4/23a	Mon. 4/25a	Tues. 4/26a	Weds. 4/27a	Thurs. 4/28a	Fri. 4/29a	Decision
HB-79 HD1 SD1 State Funds	Manager					Open 11:30 am	Recon 11:30 am		Recon 11:30 am	CD1 4/29a
HB-121 HD1 SD1 Civil Air Patrols	Co-Chair	Open			Recon 2:00 pm	Recon 2:00 pm		Reconvene 2:00 pm		CD 1 4/28a
HB-129 HD2 SD2 Perinatal Care	Co-Chair				Open 9:15a	Recon 9:15a			Recon 9:15 am Recon 12:30 pm Recon 4:30 pm	Failed
HB-136 HD1 SD1 Community Reintegration	Co-Chair									
HB-159 HD1 SD2 Charter School	Manager									
HB-169 HD2 SD2 Kipuna-Cares	Co-Chair	Open			Recon 10:00 am	Recon 10:00 am				CD 1 4/28a
HB-200 HD1 SD1 State Budget	Manager									
HB-273 HD1 SD1 Tobacco-Products-Tax	Co-Chair									
HB-300 HD2 SD2 Judiciary Appropriations	Manager	Open 2:15 pm	Recon 2:15 pm	Recon 2:15 pm						CD 1 4/23a
HB338 HD2 SD1 BOE Appointments Student Members	Co-Chair									
HB-484 SD2 APRN'S- Full-scope	Co-Chair									
HB-688 HD2 SD2 Kelki Caucus; bullying	Co-Chair									
HB-739 HD2 SD2 Community Care-Foster Family Homes	Co-Chair									

This what a tracking chart looks like..

**33rd LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2026
JOINT HOUSE and SENATE
COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE
2026 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
WLA	WAL, CAA	8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	229
AEN, EIG	AGR, EEP	8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	325
TRS	TRN	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	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
 APR 31 2023


 Nadine K. Nakamura
 Speaker of the House of Representatives
 APR 31 2023

Knowing where the conference committees for policy area committees will meet can be helpful for those trying to watch conference meetings on YouTube.

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