



From the Public Access Room

April 2026



NEW: April 2026 public Zoom workshops.

[Upcoming April 2026](#)

[Zoom Workshops, 11a.m. - noon](#)

- **Wednesday, 4/15/26: The Executive Budget**
- **Monday, 4/20/26: Conference Committees**

PAR workshops will be recorded, so if you can't attend, register anyway and we'll email the recording to everyone who registered after each session. Or look for the recordings on our [YouTube channel](#) a day or so after each workshop.

CONFERENCE PROCESS

What Happens?

By Second Crossover, most surviving bills have been changed by the non-originating chamber. The originating chamber can either agree or disagree with the amendments made --and **almost always, the originating chamber disagrees...**

Which means the bill will go to *Conference*

Conference Committees:

Both the House and Senate have passed different versions of the bill, however, only one version can be sent to the Governor for consideration. House and Senate leadership can each appoint members to a conference committee on the bill. Each chamber names their own conferees:



Chairs (usually subject matter chairs of referral committees)

and



"Managers"

Joint conference rules are published & posted on the website. They usually designate the chairs as the only ones to speak.

Two Committees:

For each bill in conference, it actually looks like there are two committees: a House Conference Committee on the bill and a Senate Conference Committee on the bill. They meet together - to discuss, confer, and make decisions - but the **votes are taken separately**, and each must meet its chamber's quorum requirements. If a new version of the bill is adopted, a joint committee report is issued.

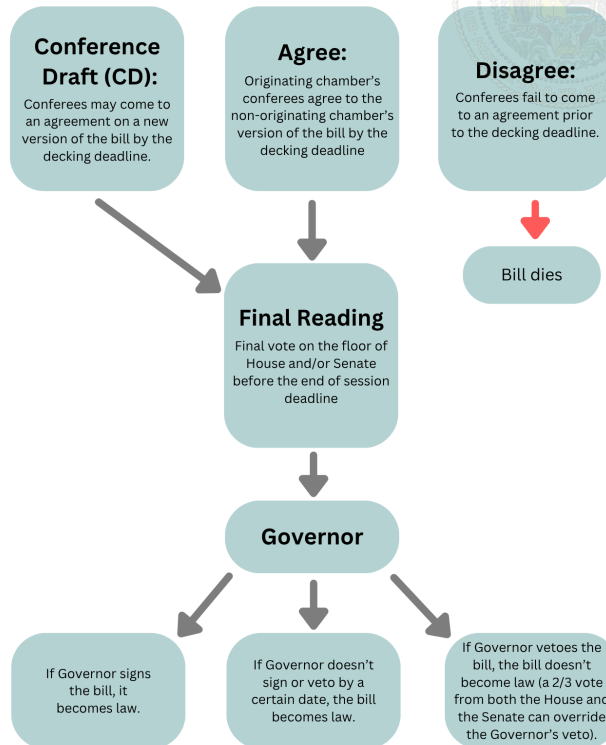


The meetings are public and will be livestreamed on Youtube, but no public testimony is permitted. Instead, this is when legislators meet with one another to consider the fate of all bills that have made it to this point.

Advocates may contact the members (especially the chairs) of the committees as well as other legislators who may be able to influence the discussion.



Fate of the Bill:



For more information on the legislative process, contact the Public Access Room (PAR).
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Where to find lists of bills

1. Second Crossover (Third Reading) Deadline 4/16/26
2. Conference Period (4/20-5/1)

Reports & Lists page on capitol.hawaii.gov website

1. Third Reading Deadline 4/16/26

Want to track bills as they get queued up for Third Reading in the non-originating chamber? Use the Reports and Lists > Pending Actions page to get a report of [Measures Pending Third Reading in the House](#) and [Measures Pending Third Reading in the Senate](#) for the big [Third Reading day on Tuesday, April 14](#). Chamber sessions will likely start earlier on 4/14 as the Order of the Day will be long.

Thursday, April 16 is the deadline for bills to pass Third Reading, in order to pass back to the originating chamber.

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Please note: If you wish to change the year for reports, you must select the year dropdown before selecting any other dropdowns or reports.

	Pending Actions
Deadline Tracking	
Advise and Consent	Measures Pending Second Reading in the Senate
Appropriations	Measures Pending Third Reading in the Senate
Committee Referrals	Measures Pending Concurrence in the Senate
Conference Committee	
Daily Updates	Measures Pending Final Reading in the Senate
Hearing Notices	
Measures by Introducer	Measures Pending Second Reading in the House
Measures by Package	Measures Pending Third Reading in the House
Pending Actions	Measures Pending Concurrence in the House
Standing Committee Reports	
Subject Search	Measures Pending Final Reading in the House

2. Conference Period (4/20-5/1)

As the conference period (April 20-May 1, 2026) approaches, there will also be reports related to Conference. From Reports and Lists > Conference Committees, look for [Action on Senate Measures with House Drafts](#) and [Action on House Measures with Senate Drafts](#). These reports show lists of measures after the 'Disagree' step has occurred, including 2025 measures that didn't make it out of Conference in 2025.

*These lists will continue to grow as bills pass Third Reading in the second chamber, and the originating chamber disagrees with drafts made by the non-originating chamber. **These lists are also useful to see if conferees have been assigned yet.***

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	Conference Committee
Deadline Tracking	
Advise and Consent	Conference Notices
Appropriations	
Committee Referrals	All Conference Notices
Conference Committee	Today's Conference Notices
Daily Updates	Past Conference Notices
Hearing Notices	Future Conference Notices
Measures by Introducer	Action Sheets
Measures by Package	Action on Senate Measures with House Drafts
Pending Actions	Action on House Measures with Senate Drafts
Standing Committee Reports	Conference Measures
Subject Search	All Measures in Conference
	Listing of All Conference Committee Report Numbers

Recognizing that people might like to get information in different ways, we have:

- PAR handouts on our webpage - we've recently created a [Document Library](#) page of the handouts on PAR's website to make them easier to find
- [Videos and recorded workshops](#)

- [New for 2026:](#)

[PAR's Advocate's Guide to the Hawaii State Legislature!](#)

Broken into two parts, [Part 1 provides an Overview](#) of the Legislature and the legislative process and [Part 2 provides information on Actions](#) that advocates can take to get involved.

The *Advocate's Guide* is for anyone who wants to help shape policy in Hawaii and provides a clear, accessible roadmap!

One more thing!

[After a bill passes... check out our PAR handout: Governor's Deadlines](#)

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-Andy, Keanu, Lacey, and Gineen

Lacey's last day at PAR will be 4/17/26 - we've appreciated her work the last two sessions and wish her luck in her future endeavors!

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