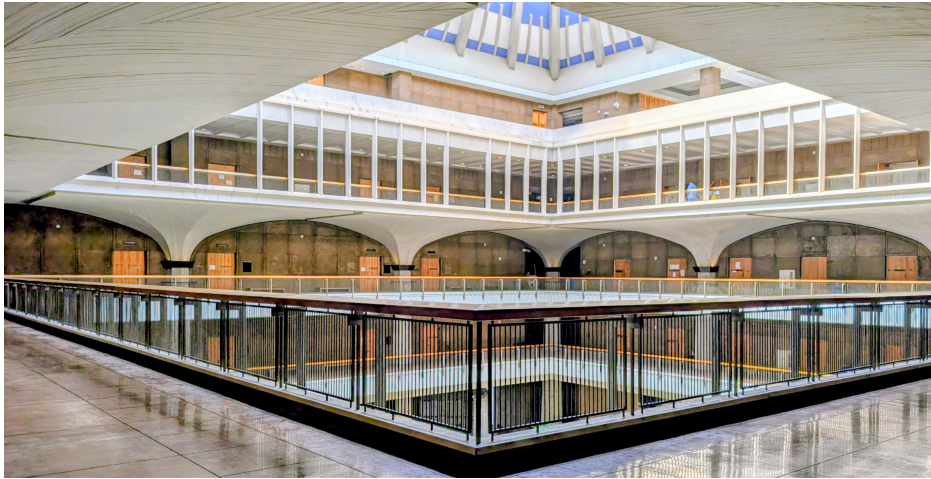




## From the Public Access Room

### *June 2026*



### **NEW: June 2026 public Zoom workshop.**

#### **Tuesday, 6/16/26 2:00-3:00pm: Using the Interim**

Join PAR staff to learn more about how you can use the interim period to continue to advocate for your issues. We'll review the Governor's deadlines for bills recently passed by the legislature and show you how to find new Acts and Laws. We'll also share tips on how you can work with legislators over the interim - including preparing new ideas for the 2027 legislative session. Time will be reserved at the end for questions.

PAR workshops are recorded. If you can't attend on the day, we encourage you to [register](#) anyway - we'll email the recording to all registered participants after the session. Recordings are also posted to [PAR's YouTube channel](#) a day or two after the workshop.

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**Now that the 2026 legislative session has ended... check out our PAR handout: [Governor's Deadlines](#)**

## Governor's Timeline – 2026 Regular Session

### Important Timelines (Final Step for a Bill to Become a Law)

If a bill successfully passes through both chambers of the Legislature, it needs to be presented to the Governor. The procedure for enactment, defined in [Article III, Section 16](#) of the Hawai'i State Constitution, varies depending when the bill is delivered to the Governor and the Governor's subsequent action (or inaction) considering the bill.

The following information is based on adjournment *sine die* occurring on **May 8, 2026**. (In computing the number of days designated below, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and recess days prior to the Legislature's adjournment are excluded.)



If the bill is sent to the Governor after April 21, 2026 (less than 10 days prior to adjournment *sine die*), then...

1. If the Governor signs the bill by **July 15, 2026** (the 45<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment *sine die*), the bill becomes law and is given an act number.
2. If the Governor neither signs nor vetoes the bill by **July 15, 2026** (the 45<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment *sine die*), the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature and is given an act number.
3. If the Governor intends to veto the bill, the Governor must inform the Legislature by **June 30, 2026** (the 35<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment *sine die*) and deliver the veto by **July 15, 2026** (the 45<sup>th</sup> day after adjournment *sine die*).
  - If the bill is vetoed, it will not become law unless the Legislature successfully overrides the veto in special session by a 2/3 vote in each chamber. The Legislature must convene in special session at or before noon on **July 15, 2026**, to override the Governor's veto.
  - The legislature could also amend a bill to answer the governor's objections. For it to become law, a majority of the members in each chamber would be required to vote in favor of the amended bill, and the governor would then have 10 days to sign it.

Note: The date that a bill goes into effect as law can be found in its last section.

Exception to the above: A bill won't go to the Governor if it proposes a **constitutional amendment**. Instead, it will be put on the ballot for the electorate to decide its fate.

## Where to find lists of bills: Governor's Actions

Looking for the latest information on bills that have reached the Governor?

The Legislature's website provides several helpful lists, including:

- Bills enacted (Acts)
- Bills Pending Governor's Action
- Bills signed by the Governor
- Governor's Intent to Veto list
- ...and more

*These lists will update as the Governor takes action.*

*Reminder: key dates for 2026:*

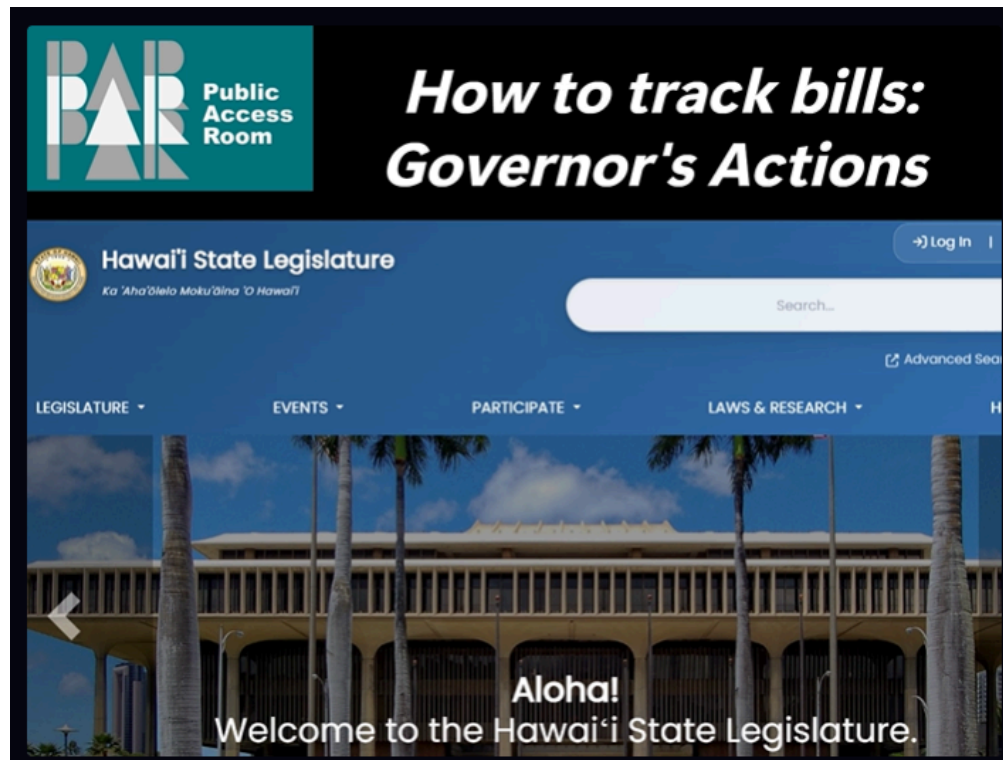
- **June 30, 2026** – Deadline for the Governor to submit an **Intent to Veto List** (bills under consideration for possible veto) to the Legislature.
- **July 15, 2026** – Deadline for the Governor to deliver vetoes.

Special session at or before noon on July 10, 2020.

## How to find these lists:

Visit the [Reports & Lists page](#) on the [Capitol website](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to the **Governor's Actions** section.

Prefer a quick demonstration? [Watch our 30-second YouTube video](#):



The Legislative Reference Bureau maintains a variety of lists related to measures passed during legislative session at the webpage:

<https://lr.b.hawaii.gov/publications/session-reports/>

For example: [2026 Legislative Statistics](#):

**Regular Session of 2026  
Legislative Statistics  
as of June 5, 2026**

	Introduced	Passed	Acts	Vetoes
<b>House bills</b>	1122	133	56	0
<b>Senate bills</b>	1337	135	48	0
<b>Total</b>	2459	268	104	0

Passed total includes SB3219 HD3 CD1 which proposes to amend the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

<b>Resolutions</b>		
	Introduced	Adopted
House Concurrent Resolutions	209	36
House Resolutions	216	111
Senate Concurrent Resolutions	203	61
Senate Resolutions	195	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>311</b>

*LRB legislative statistics reports are updated as bills are processed by the Governor's office. Check [2026 Legislative Statistics](#) periodically for an up-to-date count.*

## **Curious about PAR's reach?**

From January through May 2026, the Public Access Room connected with and supported thousands of Hawai'i residents, interested groups and individuals through workshops, one-on-one assistance, and online resources.

- **1,403 people registered for 40 workshops** (including five public Zoom sessions) totaling more than **1,800 minutes of instruction and discussion**.
- PAR staff responded to **nearly 1,500 phone calls**, welcomed **almost 2,000 visitors** to Room 401, and answered **more than 350 questions by email**.
- We shared **48 posts on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)**, generating **nearly 50,000 Instagram views**.

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Thank you for helping us make government more accessible and understandable for everyone.

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

- PAR handouts on our webpage - **in 2026** we added a [Document Library](#) webpage of the handouts on **PAR's website** to make them easier to find
- [Videos and recorded workshops](#)
- [Short, point-of-need social media posts](#), and
- **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!



We're here during the interim and look forward to assisting you!

-Keanu and Andy

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