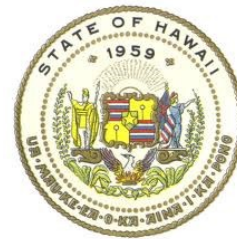




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ALOHA, Friends and Neighbors,

Happy New Year. May the troubles of 2020 be behind us and may 2021 start a recovery from the twin horrors of the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic disaster of 2020.

Mahalo nui loa for the privilege of representing you in the Hawaii Legislature. I will work hard, putting in the hours needed to produce good laws and policies. In addition, I will work hard to help others, especially new legislators, improve themselves and their understanding of the legislative system, so that they can be more productive and effective.

If you have concerns and suggestions for a better Hawaii, please write, call, or email me. One of the disappointing aspects of being a legislator is that we hear little from citizens in our districts and more from paid lobbyists, special interest and self-appointed advocates. The 2021 legislative session begins Wednesday, January 20, 2021. This year the session will be one week shorter than usual. Please see the attached legislative calendar for details.

As a member of the Finance Committee, I have been in budget hearings since Monday, January 4th. Over the next four years, Hawaii is facing perhaps the worst budget deficits in history, so, please be prepared for many difficulties.

The most important thing which the legislature does every two years is to select its officers and committee chairs. This year, the most sweeping change in leadership positions in many years has taken place in the House of Representatives. There are 14 new committee chairs among the 18 House committees, including 7 first-time committee chairs. All committees, except one, have a majority of new members—'new' in that these members did not serve on those committees in the past two years. A list of the House officers and committee chairs is also attached.

Again, please contact me if I can help in any way—State Capitol, House of Representatives, Honolulu, HI 96813; phone 586-6310; email repkobayashi@capitol.hawaii.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bertrand Kobayashi".

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HAWAI'I HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**SPEAKER SCOTT K. SAIKI ANNOUNCES
HOUSE LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS**

Honolulu, Hawai'i – Speaker Scott K. Saiki announced the House leadership and committee chair assignments for the 2021 legislative session that will convene on Wednesday, January 20, 2021:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS
2021 – 2022**

Leadership

Speaker Scott K. Saiki
Vice Speaker John M. Mizuno
Majority Leader Della Au Belatti
Majority Floor Leader Dee Morikawa

Committee Chairs

Agriculture Mark J. Hashem
Consumer Protection and Commerce Aaron Ling Johanson
Corrections, Military, and Veterans Takashi Ohno
Culture and Arts Cedric Asuega Gates
Economic Development Sean Quinlan
Education Justin H. Woodson
Energy and Environmental Protection Nicole E. Lowen
Finance Sylvia Luke
Government Reform Angus L.K. McKelvey
Health, Human Services, and Homelessness Ryan I. Yamane
Higher Education and Technology Gregg Takayama
Housing Nadine K. Nakamura
Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Mark M. Nakashima
Labor and Tourism Richard H.K. Onishi
Legislative Management Dale T. Kobayashi
Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness Linda Ichiyama
Transportation Henry J.C. Aquino
Water and Land David A. Tarnas

2021 SESSION CALENDAR

NOTE: ON THE 55 SESSION DAYS (DAYS WHEN MEMBERS CONVENE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS), THE SESSION DAY COUNT APPEARS IN A BOX ON THE LOWER-RIGHT, LIKE THIS: #

Color code: ■ = bills ■ = resolutions ■ = budget or fiscal bills See reverse side for more deadline information.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JANUARY			20 Opening Day 1	21 2	22 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff 3	23
24	25 State-of-the- State Address & Administration Bill Package Cutoff 4	26 Recess #1	27 State-of-the- Judiciary Address & Bill Intro Cutoff 5	28 Recess #2	29 6	30
31	FEBRUARY					
	1 7	2 8	3 9	4 10	5 11	6 12
7	8 12	9 13	10 14	11 Triple Referral Filing (Bills) 15	12 16	13
14	15 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	16 17	17 18	18 19	19 First Lateral (Bills) 20	20
21	22 21	23 22	24 23	25 Mandatory 5- Day Recess Begins	26 27	27
28	MARCH					
	1 24	2 25	3 Last Day of 5-Day Mandatory Recess	4 26	5 First Decking (Bills) 27	6 28
7	8 Recess #3	9 26	10 Recess #4	11 First Crossover (Bills) 27	12 Substantive Resolution Cutoff 28	13
14	15 Budget Decking 29	16 30	17 Budget Crossover 31	18 Triple Referral Filing (Bills) 32	19 33	20
21	22 34	23 35	24 First Lateral (House Concurrent Resos) 36	25 Second Lateral (Bills) 37	26 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Kuhio Day</i>	27
28	29 38	30 39	31 First Crossover (Concurrent Resos) 40			
APRIL				1 41	2 <i>HOLIDAY</i> <i>Good Friday</i>	3
4	5 42	6 43	7 44	8 Second Lateral (Senate Concurrent Resos) 45	9 Second Decking (Bills) 46	10
11	12 Recess #5	13 47	14 Recess #6	15 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree 48	16 Constitutional Amendments 49	17
18	19 Second Crossover (Concurrent Resos) 50	20 51	21 Recess #7	22 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills) 52	23 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills) 53	24
25	26 Recess #8	27 54	28 Recess #9	29 Adjournment <i>Sine Die</i> 55	(Session pau!)	

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Hawaii Vaccination Plan

There are two major phases in the vaccination plan. The first phase is now underway to protect the three priority groups, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The three groups in this first phase include:

- Healthcare personnel and long-term care facility residents, which is estimated to be 6% of Hawai'i's total population;
- Frontline essential workers and adults 75 years of age and older, which is about 20% of Hawai'i's population; and
- Adults age 65 to 74 years, persons 16 to 64 years with high-risk medical conditions, and essential workers not included in the other categories, which is 47% of the state's population.

Phase 2 will cover the rest of the population, which includes all persons 16 years and older who are not in the other categories. Phase 2 is projected to begin in early summer 2021, depending on production and federal allocation of doses through Operation Warp Speed.

Based on the estimated number of people in each of these priority groups, 73% of Hawai'i's population will receive the vaccination if all those in Phase 1 receive the vaccine. Phase 2 will cover the remaining 27% of Hawai'i's population.