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Welcome to Session!



Welcome to the second half of Hawaii's biennial twenty-sixth legislature, marking the fifty-second year of Hawaii's statehood.

Just a reminder, if you were following a bill that died in the 2011 session: All bills that were neither passed into law nor vetoed in the first year of the 2-year cycle can be moved forward *from the place where they stopped last year*. That's useful information as you prepare to track legislation this session.

With the re-design of the Legislature's website, tracking legislation has gotten a lot easier. Introduced by popular demand, there's now an incredibly useful "Measure Tracking" feature on the homepage.

Website: How to View All Bills and Descriptions

Want to take a look at all the House and Senate bills that were introduced? Go to the Legislature's website (www.capitol.hawaii.gov) and click on the "Bill Status Reports" icon. (It's one of the buttons in the center of the screen.)

Then, simply select either "House Bills Introduced" or "Senate Bills Introduced" to view a table of the bills and their descriptions. It's an easy way to review the legislation being considered and to decide which bills you want to add to your measure tracking list. (Need help with that? Give Public Access Room (PAR) a call, and they'll be happy to walk you through the process. 587-0478.)



Workshops

Learn more about the legislative process and how you can participate easily and effectively. Attend one of PAR's "We the Powerful" workshops - offered in the Public Access Room (Room 401)

Tuesdays 12 noon
Thursdays 5:30 p.m.

Call (587-0478) or email (par@capitol.hawaii.gov) to sign up! They're free!

Information from Public Access Room

Get to Know Your Deadlines: First Lateral

The implementation of deadlines throughout the session effectively reduce the number of pieces of potential legislation. Translated, that means that bills fall by the wayside and may “die” if they fail to meet a deadline.

The First Lateral deadline is one you won't find listed on the official legislative calendar. That's because it's considered an *internal* deadline - one that is set by each of the chambers to ensure timely movement of bills through their committees. **The First Lateral deadline is the date by which a bill must reach the last committee to which it has been referred in the originating chamber.**

The first thing to know is that the deadline has no effect on bills that were referred to just one committee - the bill is *already* in its last committee. But for bills that were referred to more than one committee, this deadline is crucial.

To meet the First Lateral deadline this year, all bills with multiple referrals must successfully pass out of earlier committees and be reported to their last committee by Friday, February 17th. That means that a bill needs to be reported out of its *second-to-last* committee and be filed for second reading by Thursday, February 16th. The next day, the bill can then pass second reading on the floor and move into its last committee for consideration.

If a bill does **not** reach its last committee by the First Lateral deadline, it is stopped from moving forward during the session.

2012 Legislative Timetable

January

- 18th Opening Day
- 20th Non-Administrative Bill Package Cutoff
- 23rd State-of-the-State Address
Administrative Bill Package Cutoff
- 25th Bill Introduction Cutoff: Last day to introduce bills
- 31st Grants/Subsidies Cutoff

February

- 9th Triple Referral Filing deadline
- 17th First Lateral
- 20th Holiday: President's Day
- 23rd to 29th: Mandatory 5-Day Recess

March

- 2nd First Decking
- 8th First Crossover
- 12th Budget Decking
- 14th Budget Crossover
Last day to introduce Substantive Resolutions
- 15th Triple Referral Filing deadline
- 23rd Second Lateral
- 26th Holiday: Kuhio Day
- 30th First Lateral for Senate Concurrent Resolutions

April

- 3rd First Lateral for House Concurrent Resolutions
- 5th Second Decking
- 6th Holiday: Good Friday
- 12th Second Crossover & Last day to disagree
- 13th First Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 20th Constitutional Amendments: Deadline for final form
- 23rd Second Crossover for Concurrent Resolutions
- 26th Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- 27th Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

May

- 3rd Adjournment *sine die* (Session pau!)