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This is the seventh edition of *An Abridged Citizens' Guide*. This guide was designed as a condensed, yet informational, form of *A Citizens' Guide to Participation in the Legislative Process*.

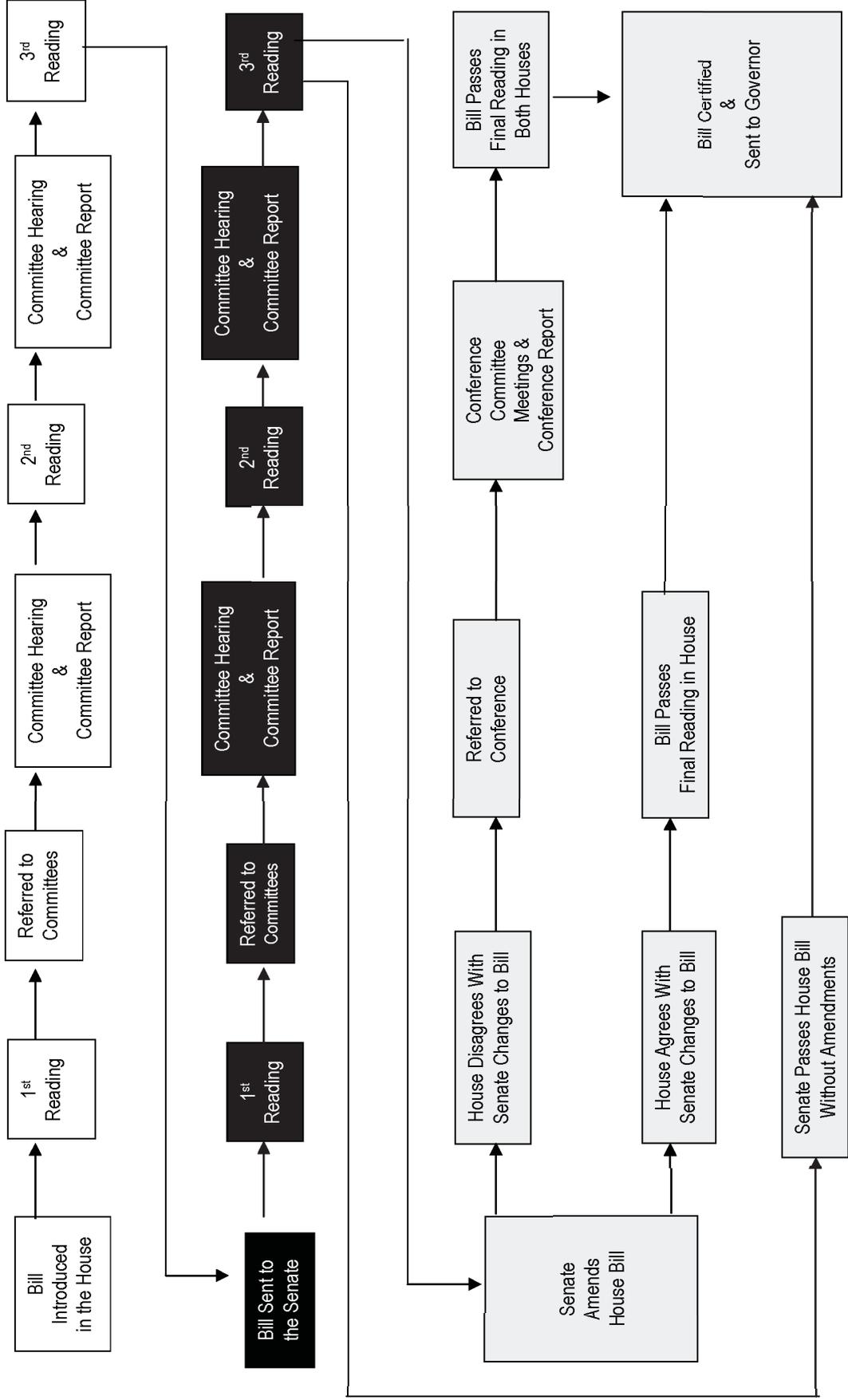
We hope that you will find this compact guide useful for your participation in the legislative process. Although this guide is much shorter, it contains a wealth of relevant information. This guide includes, among other things, an overview of the legislative process, the legislative timetable, testimony guidelines, committee information, contact information for legislators, and resource center information.

We believe that knowledge and effective and timely communication are keys to successful participation. Your participation in the legislative process is essential to the preservation of democracy. We hope that you will use this guide to maximize your effectiveness in the legislative process. You really can make a difference!

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HOW A HOUSE BILL BECOMES LAW



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TYPES OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

BILLS

The Hawaii State Constitution requires that every law enacted be introduced in the form of a bill. The bill title must encompass the entire subject matter of the bill and each bill can encompass only one subject. Bills are the most important of all vehicles available to the Legislature because, if passed, bills have the force and effect of law.

Some of the major functions of a bill include:

- ▶ Adding, amending, or deleting a law in the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

The vast majority of bills introduced in the Legislature propose to amend the HRS by adding a new law, deleting a law, or amending an existing law. Most laws are regarded as being of a "general and permanent nature" and thus are codified into the HRS.

- ▶ Adding, amending, or deleting a law in the Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH)

The SLH is an annual compilation of all laws enacted by the Legislature each session, including laws amending the HRS and those that have no statutory references. Laws belonging in the latter category include laws that appropriate funds, authorize the issuance of bonds, and establish temporary commissions.

- ▶ Proposing amendments to the Hawaii State Constitution

The Hawaii State Constitution sets forth the basic principles and laws of the State that determine the powers and duties of government and guarantee certain rights to its people. The Hawaii State Constitution allows the Legislature to propose amendments to the Constitution by adopting proposals through bills. These proposals are then submitted to the electorate for approval or disapproval at the next general election.

Special Types of Bills

Short-form Bills

Most bills are drafted in a form that contains the necessary details to accomplish their purposes. Occasionally, short-form bills are introduced to serve as a vehicle for later consideration of a topic before the details of that topic have been developed. Thus, a short-form bill typically contains only a reference to the general idea of the bill.

Companion Bills

Companion bills are identical versions of the same bill that are introduced in both the House and the Senate to increase their chances of passage.

Administration Bills

Administration bills are prepared by executive branch agencies for consideration by the Legislature.

Carryover Bills

The Hawaii State Constitution provides that any bill pending at the adjournment of a regular session in an odd-numbered year will carryover to the next regular session with the same status. Before the carried-over bill can be enacted, it must pass at least one floor vote in the house of origin.

RESOLUTIONS

Two types of resolutions--concurrent resolutions and single-house resolutions--are used to express the position of the Legislature or a single house, respectively. Resolutions do not have the force and effect of law. They may request that an agency study a proposal or problem and report back to the Legislature. They may also request action by the President of the United States, Hawaii's congressional delegation, the governor, or officials or agencies of other governmental jurisdictions. Although resolutions may be adopted immediately upon introduction, they are typically referred to an appropriate committee and are treated in a similar manner as bills.

Concurrent Resolutions

Concurrent resolutions require adoption in each house and are used to officially state the position of the Legislature. Sometimes the adoption of a concurrent resolution is required by law. For example, the approval of a leasehold development project (Section 171-60, HRS) and the authorization to lease submerged lands (Section 171-53, HRS) both require adoption of concurrent resolutions.

Concurrent resolutions adopted by one house are transmitted to the other house for consideration. If the measure is amended by the second house, it must be returned to the house of origin for its concurrence. On rare occasions, a concurrent resolution may even be referred to a conference committee.

Single-House Resolutions

Single-house resolutions, which require adoption by only a single house, are used to state the position of the House or Senate.

Both concurrent and single-house resolutions may be transmitted to a specific individual, agency, or concerned party upon adoption.

Resolutions do not carry over from one session to the next.

2009 LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	20	21 OPENING DAY	22	23 Non-Admin Bill Package Cutoff	24
25	26 State-of-the-State Address & Admin Bill Package Cutoff	27 Recess #1	28 Bill Intro Cutoff	29 Recess #2	30 Grants/Subsidies Cutoff	31
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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		7	8	9	10	11
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	12	13	14	15	16	17
15	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	27	28
	21	22	23			

MARCH

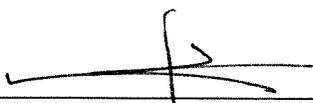
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				24	25	26
8	9 Recess #3	10	11 Recess #4	12 First Crossover (Bills)	13	14
		26		27	28	29
15	16 Budget Decking	17	18 Budget Crossover & Subst. Reso Cutoff	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 KUHIO DAY	27	28
	29	30	31	32	33	34
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
	38	39				

APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Recess #5	2	3	4
				40	41	42
5	6	7	8	9 Second Decking	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
	42	43	44	45	46	47
12	13 Recess #6	14	15 Recess #7	16 Second Crossover (Bills) & Disagree	17 First Crossover (Concurrent Reso)	18
		46		47	48	49
19	20	21	22	23	24 Constitutional Amendments	25
	49	50	51	52	53	54
26	27 Second Crossover (Concurrent Reso)	28	29	30 Final Decking (Non-Fiscal Bills)	31	32
	54	55	56	57		

MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Final Decking (Fiscal Bills)	2
					58	59
3	4 Recess #8	5	6 Recess #9	7 ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE	8	9
		59		60		


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Jan. 30 th (Fri)	6 th	Last day for organizations to submit grant and subsidy requests to the Legislature.
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March 6 th (Fri)	25 th	Filing deadline for First Decking. Last day to deck non-budget bills for Third Reading in the originating body.
March 9 th (Mon)		One-day recess.
March 11 th (Wed)		One-day recess.
March 12 th (Thur)	27 th	First Crossover. Last day for Third Reading of bills in the originating body.
March 16 th (Mon)	29 th	Filing deadline for budget bills.
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April 1 st (Wed)		One-day recess.
April 9 th (Thur)	45 th	Filing deadline for Second Decking. Last day to deck bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
April 13 th (Mon)		One-day recess.
April 15 th (Wed)		One-day recess.
April 16 th (Thur)	47 th	Second Crossover. Last day for Third Reading of bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body. Disagree. Last day to disagree with the other body's drafts of bills.
April 17 th (Fri)	48 th	First Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions to the non-originating body.
April 24 th (Fri)	53 rd	Deadline for final form of constitutional amendments.
April 27 st (Mon)	54 th	Second Crossover for concurrent resolutions. Last day to pass concurrent resolutions that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
April 30 th (Thur)	57 th	Last day to file non-fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.
May 1 st (Fri)	58 th	Last day to file fiscal bills to deck for Final Reading.
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8	9	10	11	12 Triple Referral Filing	13	14
15	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY	17	18	19 First Lateral (Bills) Filing	20 First Lateral (Bills)	21
22	23	24	25	26 Mandatory 5-Day Recess Begins	27	28

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15	16 Budget Decking	17	18 Budget Crossover & Subst. Reso Cutoff	19 Triple Referral Filing	20	21
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29	30	31				

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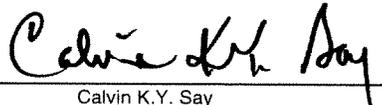
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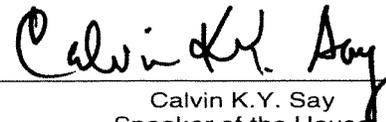
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<u>Feb. 19th (Thur)</u>	<u>19th</u>	<u>Filing deadline for First Lateral.</u>
<u>Feb. 20th (Fri)</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>First Lateral. All bills to final committee in the originating body.</u>
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<u>March 25th (Wed)</u>	<u>36th</u>	<u>Filing deadline for Second Lateral.</u>
<u>March 27th (Fri)</u>	<u>37th</u>	<u>Second Lateral. All bills to final committee in the non-originating body.</u>
April 1 st (Wed)		One-day recess.
<u>April 7th (Tue)</u>	<u>43rd</u>	<u>First Lateral for concurrent resolutions. All concurrent resolutions to final committee in the originating body.</u> <u>Last day for floor presentations.</u>
April 9 th (Thur)	45 th	Filing deadline for Second Decking. Last day to deck bills that were amended by the receiving (non-originating) body.
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LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The legislative timetable determines the pace of the legislative session. It sets forth a series of hurdles or deadlines that all measures must meet. The rules of this game are firm: a measure is "dead" if it fails to meet the deadlines established by the legislative timetable.

The legislative timetable must be jointly approved by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. This is the official calendar of the Legislature. Because the timetable specifies various deadlines in chronological order, the timetable may be somewhat confusing at first glance. However, if you keep in mind that the timetable represents the cumulative deadlines for various types of measures, from budget bills to substantive resolutions, then the timetable will be easier to understand. The categories of major deadlines in the legislative timetable include the following:

- ▶ Deadlines set by the Hawaii State Constitution; and
- ▶ Deadlines set by agreement between the House and the Senate.

Visualizing the legislative timetable as consisting of these different types of deadlines may help you to understand the legislative process and to prepare for legislative deadlines.

Keep in mind that these are only deadlines. In actuality, bills can go through the legislative process quickly. For example, for legislative-session staff to be paid on a timely basis, the bill providing for legislative expenditures must be approved by the Legislature and signed into law during the beginning weeks of session.

The following section discusses in greater detail each of the deadlines that could be included in the legislative timetable.

OPENING DAY

This day marks the official commencement of a new legislative session. Article III, section 10, of the Hawaii State Constitution states, "The legislature shall convene annually in regular session at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the third Wednesday in January."

BILL CUTOFF: LAST DAY TO INTRODUCE BILLS

During the 1984 General Election, voters approved a proposal to delete a constitutional requirement mandating the cutoff date for bill introduction to be after the 19th day of the session. As a result, the Legislature now has the flexibility to establish the deadline for introducing bills.

Both houses of the Legislature may set additional deadlines before Bill Cutoff that affect the introduction of bills, such as a deadline after which the number of bills each legislator may introduce per day is limited.

FIRST LATERAL: LAST DAY TO MOVE BILLS TO A FINAL COMMITTEE

Most bills are referred to more than one committee. If the lead referral committee decides to move a measure out of committee, then the measure must go to the next referral committee for further consideration. To ensure that all referral committees have time to review the bill, a "lateral" deadline is established ("lateral" because the bills move "sideways"--from one committee to another within each house--rather than "forward" from the House to the Senate or vice versa). Bills with more than one referral must move to the final committee by this date to remain alive.

There are two bill lateral deadlines for each house during session. First Lateral refers to the deadline by which all bills with more than one referral in the house of origin must move to their final referral committees. Second Lateral refers to the deadline by which all bills that have crossed over from one house to the other and have been given more than one referral must move to their final referral committees in their respective houses.

Not all standing committees serve as final referral committees. Traditionally, the House Committees on Finance; Judiciary; and Consumer Protection and Commerce; and the Senate Committees on Ways and Means; Judiciary and Government Operations; and Commerce and Consumer Protection serve as final referral committees. The remaining standing committees usually receive first or second referral assignments.

MANDATORY FIVE-DAY RECESS

The mandatory recess runs for five consecutive days and is intended to encourage the public to review the bills still moving through the Legislature. It provides legislators an opportunity to schedule public meetings in their districts to brief their constituents on the major issues facing the Legislature. No formal floor action takes place during this recess.

In addition to the Mandatory Recess, the Legislature may schedule additional recess days anywhere in the legislative timetable.

FIRST DECKING: LAST DAY TO DECK BILLS FOR THIRD READING IN THE ORIGINAL HOUSE

Decking refers to the time when a bill in the final form in which it is intended to be passed is made available to members of the Legislature (i.e., "Decking"--placed on the deck) for 48 hours prior to being voted on for passage. Any bill not submitted in its final form by the decking deadline no longer can be considered for passage during the session.

However, bills introduced during the session of an odd-numbered biennium year (e.g., the 2009 session) that fail to meet this deadline can be considered again during the session of an even-numbered biennium year (e.g., the 2010 session). That means all bills introduced in the 2009 session that did not become law can still be considered in the 2010 session.

FIRST CROSSOVER: LAST DAY FOR THIRD READING OF BILLS IN THE ORIGINATING HOUSE

This is the deadline for bills to pass Third Reading and then move (or "cross over") to the other house for consideration. For this reason, this is called the crossover deadline. First Crossover is the last day for a final vote to be taken in the house of origin before passing a bill on to the second house. Second Crossover is the last day for a final vote in the non-originating house. Remember, bills can cross over before this deadline.

SECOND LATERAL

All Senate bills with House referrals, and all House bills with Senate referrals, must move to their final referral committees by Second Lateral to remain alive.

SECOND DECKING: LAST DAY TO DECK BILLS AMENDED BY THE RECEIVING (NON-ORIGINATING) BODY

Because we have a bicameral system, if one house amends a measure, the other house must have the opportunity to agree or disagree with the amendments made by that house. The convening of a House-Senate conference committee is used to resolve differences if there is formal disagreement. To provide sufficient time for the house that drafted the bill to consider the other body's amendments and, if necessary, to convene a conference committee, this deadline is set to deck all bills that were amended by the non-originating (or receiving) house.

SECOND CROSSOVER: LAST DAY FOR THIRD READING OF BILLS AMENDED BY THE RECEIVING (NON-ORIGINATING) BODY

Second Crossover is the deadline by which all bills amended by the non-originating body are returned to the chamber from which they originated. At least forty-eight hours must have elapsed from the time these bills were decked. The only bills that need not comply with this deadline are bills that have not been amended by the non-originating body because they need not return to the originating body.

DISAGREE: LAST DAY TO DISAGREE WITH THE OTHER CHAMBER'S DRAFTS OF BILLS

Either house can agree or disagree to the amendments made to its bill by the non-originating body. If either house chooses to disagree, it must do so by this deadline.

CROSSOVER: LAST DAY TO PASS CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS TO THE NON-ORIGINATING BODY

For concurrent resolutions to remain alive, they must be adopted in their originating houses by this deadline. If adopted, these concurrent resolutions then cross over to the other house for further consideration.

FINAL DECKING: LAST DAY TO DECK BILLS FOR FINAL READING

The Final Decking deadline applies to bills amended by the non-originating body and whose differences have been resolved either by a conference committee or reconsideration by the originating body.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

This is the last day for votes to be taken on bills up for Final Reading and on resolutions up for adoption. It is the last day of session.

SUMMARY

This overview of the legislative timetable gives you a general idea of when you can expect the workload of the Legislature to escalate. Actual work schedules will depend on your individual interests and responsibilities as a spectator or lobbyist. Therefore, use the information contained in this section only as a general guide to predict the Legislature's workload over the course of the session.

COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

Information may be easily obtained from the Hawaii State Legislature website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Find out which committees your bills have been referred to by checking this website or by contacting your district representative's or senator's office, the Clerk's Office of either the House (Ph: 586-6400/Fax: 586-6401) or the Senate (Ph: 586-6720/Fax: 586-6719).

To get on a committee mailing list to receive copies of agendas, public hearing notices, and informational briefing notices, inform the appropriate committee chair of your interest. The most timely and cost-effective method, however, is to be placed on an automatic e-mail list through the Hawaii State Legislature website listed above.

You may have an opportunity to influence the decision of a committee chair to consider a bill and to schedule the bill for a public hearing by contacting the committee chair or committee clerk as soon as the bill has been referred to the committee. At this time, you should provide the committee chair or committee clerk with background information on the bill and answer any questions that they may have. You may also want to send a letter to the committee chair to raise your concerns about the bill or express your support or opposition to the bill, either as an individual or on behalf of your group or organization.

For the most part, committee chairs control their committee's agenda and schedule the bills that they feel should move through the legislative process. However, you may want to consider communicating your views to the individual members of each committee who may then voice your concerns to the committee chair.

If your bill is scheduled for a public hearing, keep these guidelines in mind:

- ▶ When submitting testimony on a bill, follow instructions on the notice regarding the minimum number of copies of written testimony for distribution to committee members and staff. Written testimony should be submitted to the appropriate office at least 24 hours prior to the hearing. Testimony may also be delivered via e-mail to House committees using the appropriate committee e-mail address (see pages 23 - 24 for House committee e-mail addresses).
- ▶ If you are unable to prepare and submit written testimony in time for a hearing, some committee chairs may allow the presentation of oral comments at the public hearing. However, you should be prepared to submit written testimony summarizing your oral comments as soon as possible after the public hearing.
- ▶ Generally, each committee chair follows the order of the bills listed on the agenda.
- ▶ As a courtesy to departmental and other government officials who must testify before a number of committees each day, most committee chairs allow government representatives to present their testimony before the general public presents its testimony.

Prepare your oral testimony in advance and be brief unless asked to elaborate. Do not read your written testimony. If you are asked to summarize your oral testimony, comply with the committee chair's request. There may be a large number of bills scheduled and many testifiers. When presenting oral testimony, it helps to:

- Be specific and to the point regarding the bill on which you are testifying.

- Be prepared to answer questions from committee members about your testimony or your position on the bill. If you don't know the answer to the question, just say so. You can always get the information to the committee later.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OUTLINE

CHAIR OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE COMMITTEE
NAME OF THE HOUSE OR SENATE COMMITTEE

Your name
The group or organization that you represent (if any)
A contact number or address

Day and Date of Hearing

Your position on the measure and
the bill or resolution number, and draft number (if any)

Introduction:

- (1) Introduce who you are and/or the group or organization that you represent;
- (2) State the measure you are testifying on; and
- (3) State your position on the measure (e.g., "*I am testifying in favor of/in support of*" or "*I am testifying against/in opposition to*" or "*I am providing comments on...*")

Content:

State or list the reasons for your position, starting with the most important or compelling reasons. Include any facts, figures, statements, and experiences to support your position.

Closing:

- (1) Include any closing remarks; and
- (2) Reiterate your position on the measure (especially if you did not state your position previously within the testimony).

SAMPLE WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Representative Dwight Y. Takamine, Chair
Representative Noboru Yonamine, Vice Chair
Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Hawaii Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition

Tuesday, March 19, 1991

Support for S.B. No. 818, S.D. 1, Relating to Family Leave

The Hawaii Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition is part of a national cooperative group of private and non-profit organizations and individuals committed to improving maternal and infant health in the State of Hawaii through educational and advocacy efforts. We strongly support S.B. No. 818, S.D. 1, Relating to Family Leave, which would give employees working for employers of fifty or more employees the right to 3 months of unpaid parental leave for the birth or adoption of a son or daughter of the employee.

People should not be forced to choose between work and family. We have a situation in the U.S. of supporting children and family in our popular culture but not fully supporting them in our social policies. Compared to other industrialized nations, the U.S. ranks poorly in several key indicators of children's and families' quality of life. We need to develop social and working policies that adequately support new lives and the mental and physical health of families.

Even though a number of businesses are beginning to provide parental-leave options, this act would broaden this protection to more of Hawaii's workforce. Some will argue that such a policy need not be mandated. Child-labor laws had to be mandated, and we are all glad they were. Our society decided that in some cases the family needed legal protection. Unpaid parental leave is a modest but vital step toward recognizing the relationship between job security and family security.

In expanding the options for Hawaii's labor force, we are creating a health-promoting atmosphere and a foundation for future generations of healthy people and healthy families. We urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 818, S.D. 1. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

LEADERSHIP AND STANDING COMMITTEES

LEADERSHIP

Major officers of the House and Senate are selected by their fellow members following the November elections. The presiding officer for the House is the Speaker of the House, who is addressed as "Mr. Speaker" or "Madam Speaker." The presiding officer for the Senate is the Senate President, who is addressed as "Mr. President" or "Madam President."

The presiding officers of each house conduct floor sessions in their respective chambers and exercise control over their house's operations, facilities, and property, including the appointment of the various subject-matter committee chairs and conference committee members, and the scheduling of the legislative timetable in cooperation with the other house. In addition, the presiding officers represent their respective houses in dealing with the public and other agencies. In the absence of the Speaker or President, the Vice Speaker or the Vice President assumes all the duties and responsibilities of the Speaker or the President, respectively.

Both houses are also organized along partisan lines into a Majority Caucus and Minority Caucus, composed of all majority-party and minority-party representatives, respectively. Each caucus elects its own official leaders.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The subject-matter standing committees of the Legislature initiate inquiries and ascertain facts in preparation for the enactment of laws. This is done through public hearings, receipt of data, review of reports and studies, staff research and investigation, and other activities. The standing committees vary in size, number, and subject area.

Standing committees are the main working committees of the Legislature as distinguished from interim committees, ad hoc committees, special committees, and other committees deemed necessary by the Speaker or the President.

The scope of a standing committee's jurisdiction is set by the organizational rules of each house. In addition, a committee may review budget requests, financial plans and programs, and other pertinent matters relating to the committee's subject-matter jurisdiction.

Meetings of the committee are called by the committee chair, who prepares the agenda and presides at each meeting. The committee chair is also responsible for preparing files for committee members and the leadership of that house, keeping a record of documents and information presented to the committee, and drafting the reports of the committee's findings and recommendations.

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COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

House and Senate committees encompassing related subject areas generally have similar memberships and are grouped under broad program areas. This committee organization, known as the "bracket system," enables committee members to consider related bills, programs, and budgetary issues that may be raised in any of the program area committees. The bracket system also facilitates the joint referral and hearing of bills and allows chairs in the same bracket to exchange meeting times to accommodate their respective workloads as the need arises.

For example, during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions, the House of Representatives has 18 standing committees and the Senate has 14 standing committees. Under this system, each representative or senator sits on several standing committees. The House and Senate bracket systems were implemented to avoid overlapping meeting schedules so that all members will have a greater opportunity to participate in their committees' activities.

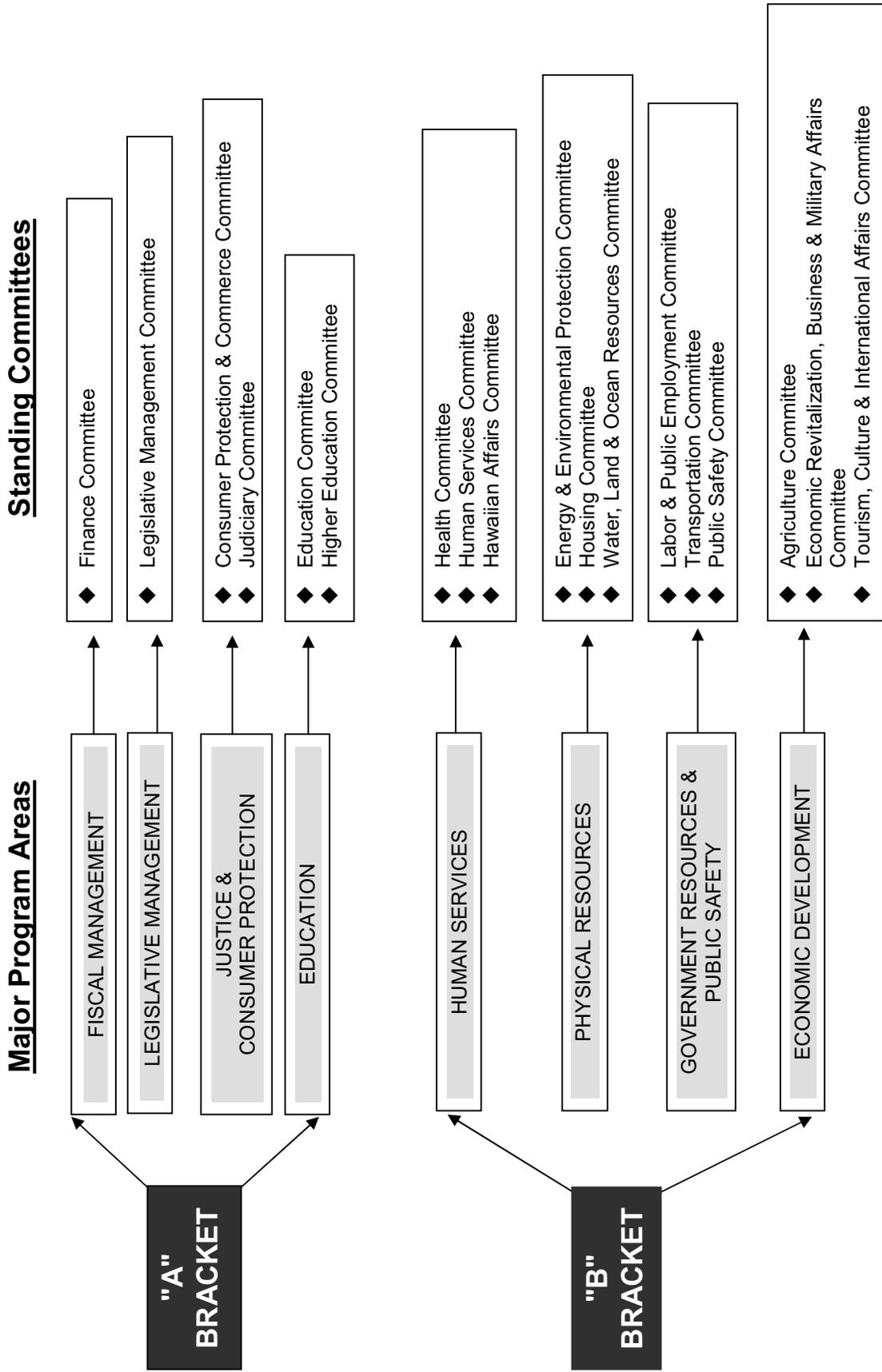
The House committee bracket system operates as follows:

- ▶ All committees are organized under either the "A" or "B" bracket. Meetings and public hearings for all committees in the "A" bracket are held in the afternoons and evenings, while "B" bracket committees meet in the mornings. Most representatives are assigned to one program area in the "A" bracket to fill their afternoon and evening schedules and one program area in the "B" bracket to fill their morning schedules.
- ▶ Standing committees within each bracket are grouped under major program areas, such as "Economic Development" or "Justice & Consumer Protection," each consisting of one to three committees. For example, the Economic Development program area consists of the committees on Agriculture; Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs; and Tourism, Culture & International Affairs.
- ▶ In most cases, committees within the same program area have similar memberships, allowing a representative to serve on a number of different though related committees.

The Senate committees are organized under the "A," "B," or "C" bracket system. Meetings and public hearings for all committees in the "A" bracket are usually held in the mornings, Monday through Friday, and may extend into the afternoons, if additional meetings are necessary. Senate "B" bracket standing committees usually meet in the afternoons, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Senate "C" bracket standing committees usually meet in the afternoons, Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday, if necessary.

For the Twenty-fifth Legislature (2009 and 2010 legislative sessions), the committee organizations of the House of Representatives and the Senate are as follows:

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM



HOUSE "A" BRACKET STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

FISCAL MANAGEMENT	EDUCATION	JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION
<p style="text-align: center;">Finance Committee (FIN) FINtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair 2. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair 3. Henry J.C. Aquino 4. Karen Leinani Awana 5. Tom Brower 6. Isaac W. Choy 7. Denny Coffman 8. Sharon E. Har 9. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran 10. Chris Lee 11. Scott Y. Nishimoto <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 308</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Education Committee (EDN) EDNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roy M. Takumi, Chair 2. Lyla B. Berg Vice Chair 3. Joe Bertram, III 4. Jerry L. Chang 5. Faye P. Hanohano 6. Joey Manahan 7. Mark M. Nakashima 8. Karl Rhoads 9. Scott K. Saiki 10. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro 11. K. Mark Takai 12. Ryan I. Yamane 13. Corinne W.L. Ching 14. Lynn Finnegan <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 309</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Judiciary Committee (JUD) JUDtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair 2. Ken Ito, Vice Chair 3. Della Au Belatti 4. Rida Cabanilla 5. Mele Carroll 6. Robert N. Herkes 7. Sylvia Luke 8. Angus L.K. McKelvey 9. John M. Mizuno 10. Hermina M. Morita 11. Blake K. Oshiro 12. Joseph M. Souki 13. Cliff Tsuji 14. Glenn Wakai <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 325</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Legislative Management Committee (LMG) LMGtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Kunane Tokioka, Chair 2. Blake K. Oshiro, Vice Chair 3. Pono Chong 4. Cindy Evans 5. Lynn Finnegan <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 423</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Higher Education Committee (HED) HEDtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jerry L. Chang, Chair 2. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair 3. Lyla B. Berg 4. Joe Bertram, III 5. Faye P. Hanohano 6. Joey Manahan 7. Karl Rhoads 8. Scott K. Saiki 9. Maile S.L. Shimabukuro 10. K. Mark Takai 11. Roy M. Takumi 12. Ryan I. Yamane 13. Corinne W.L. Ching 14. Lynn Finnegan <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 309</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Consumer Protection & Commerce Committee (CPC) CPCtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert N. Herkes, Chair 2. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair 3. Della Au Belatti 4. Rida Cabanilla 5. Mele Carroll 6. Ken Ito 7. Jon Riki Karamatsu 8. Sylvia Luke 9. Angus L.K. McKelvey 10. John M. Mizuno 11. Hermina M. Morita 12. Joseph M. Souki 13. Cliff Tsuji 14. Barbara C. Marumoto 15. Cynthia Thielen <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 325</p>

HOUSE "B" BRACKET STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

HUMAN SERVICES	PHYSICAL RESOURCES	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & PUBLIC SAFETY
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<p>Human Services Committee (HUS) HUStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John M. Mizuno, Chair 2. Tom Brower, Vice Chair 3. Della Au Belatti 4. Joe Bertram, III 5. Mele Carroll 6. Scott Y. Nishimoto 7. Maille S.L. Shimabukuro 8. Ryan I. Yamane 9. Gene Ward <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 329</p>	<p>Housing Committee (HSG) HSGtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rida Cabanilla, Chair 2. Pono Chong, Vice Chair 3. Jerry L. Chang 4. Denny Coffman 5. Sharon E. Har 6. Robert N. Herkes 7. Ken Ito 8. Chris Lee <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 325</p>	<p>Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs Committee (EBM) EBMtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair 2. Isaac W. Choy, Vice Chair 3. Lyla B. Berg 4. Cindy Evans 5. Joey Manahan 6. K. Mark Takai 7. James Kumane Tokioka 8. Cliff Tsuji 9. Glenn Wakai 10. Jessica Wooley 11. Gene Ward <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 312</p>	<p>Labor & Public Employment Committee (LAB) LABtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Karl Rhoads, Chair 2. Kyle T. Yamashita, Vice Chair 3. Henry J. C. Aquino 4. Karen Leinani Awana 5. Faye P. Hanochano 6. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran 7. Marilyn B. Lee 8. Mark M. Nakashima 9. Scott K. Saiki 10. Joseph M. Souki 11. Roy M. Takumi 12. Kymberly Marcos Pine <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 309</p>
<p>Hawaiian Affairs Committee (HAW) HAWtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mele Carroll, Chair 2. Maille S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair 3. Della Au Belatti 4. Joe Bertram, III 5. Tom Brower 6. John M. Mizuno 7. Scott Y. Nishimoto 8. Ryan I. Yamane 9. Gene Ward <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 329</p>	<p>Water, Land & Ocean Resources Committee (WLO) WLOtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ken Ito, Chair 2. Sharon E. Har, Vice Chair 3. Rida Cabanilla 4. Jerry L. Chang 5. Pono Chong 6. Denny Coffman 7. Robert N. Herkes 8. Chris Lee 9. Sylvia Luke 10. Hermina M. Morita 11. Roland D. Sagum, III 12. Corinne W.L. Ching 13. Cynthia Thielen <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 325</p>	<p>Tourism, Culture, & International Affairs Committee (TCI) TCItestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joey Manahan, Chair 2. James Kumane Tokioka, Vice Chair 3. Lyla B. Berg 4. Isaac W. Choy 5. Cindy Evans 6. Angus L.K. McKelvey 7. K. Mark Takai 8. Cliff Tsuji 9. Glenn Wakai 10. Jessica Wooley 11. Barbara C. Marumoto <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 312</p>	<p>Public Safety Committee (PBS) PBStestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faye P. Hanochano, Chair 2. Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair 3. Karen Leinani Awana 4. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran 5. Marilyn B. Lee 6. Mark M. Nakashima 7. Karl Rhoads 8. Scott K. Saiki 9. Joseph M. Souki 10. Roy M. Takumi 11. Kyle T. Yamashita 12. Kymberly Marcos Pine <p style="text-align: right;">Conference Rm 309</p>

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE BRACKET SYSTEM

Brackets

Standing Committees

"A" Bracket →

- ◆ Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
- ◆ Judiciary and Government Operations Committee
- ◆ Ways and Means Committee

"B" Bracket →

- ◆ Economic Development and Technology Committee
- ◆ Education and Housing Committee
- ◆ Health Committee
- ◆ Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- ◆ Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs

"C" Bracket →

- ◆ Energy and Environment Committee
- ◆ Higher Education Committee
- ◆ Human Services Committee
- ◆ Labor Committee
- ◆ Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee
- ◆ Tourism Committee

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ACRONYMS

AGR	Agriculture
CPC	Consumer Protection & Commerce
EBM	Economic Revitalization, Business & Military Affairs
EDN	Education
EEP	Energy & Environmental Protection
FIN	Finance
HAW	Hawaiian Affairs
HLT	Health
HED	Higher Education
HSG	Housing
HUS	Human Services
JUD	Judiciary
LAB	Labor & Public Employment
LMG	Legislative Management
PBS	Public Safety
TCI	Tourism, Culture & International Affairs
TRN	Transportation
WLO	Water, Land & Ocean Resources

SENATE COMMITTEE ACRONYMS

CPN	Commerce and Consumer Protection	JGO	Judiciary and Government Operations
EDT	Economic Development and Technology	LBR	Labor
EDH	Education and Housing	PSM	Public Safety and Military Affairs
ENE	Energy and Environment	TSM	Tourism
HTH	Health	TIA	Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs
HRE	Higher Education	WTL	Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs
HMS	Human Services	WAM	Ways and Means

**House of Representatives
The Twenty-fifth Legislature
2009 CONFERENCE ROOM SCHEDULE**

	COMMITTEE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Human Services	HLT Room 329		HLT 8:30-12:00 noon			HLT 8:30-12:00 noon		
	HUS Room 329	HUS 8:30-12:00 noon			HUS 8:30-12:00 noon			
	HAW Room 329			HAW 8:30-12:00 noon				
Physical Resources	EEP Room 325		EEP 8:30-12:00 noon		EEP 8:30-12:00 noon		Open EEP/Joint 9:00-12:00 noon	
	WLO Room 325	WLO 8:30-12:00 noon				WLO 8:30-12:00 noon		
	HSG Room 325			HSG 8:30-12:00 noon				
Economic Development	EBM Room 312		EBM 8:30-12:00 noon		EBM 8:30-12:00 noon			
	TCI Room 312	TCI 8:30-12:00 noon					TCI 8:30-12:00 noon	
	AGR Room 312			AGR 9:00-12:00 noon		AGR 9:00-12:00 noon		
Government Resources & Public Safety	TRN Room 309	TRN 8:30-12:00 noon		TRN 8:30-12:00 noon				
	LAB Room 309		LAB 8:30-12:00 noon			LAB 8:30-12:00 noon	Open LAB/Joint 9:00-12:00 noon	
	PBS Room 309				PBS 8:30-12:00 noon			
Justice & Consumer Protection	JUD Room 325		JUD 2:00-9:00 pm		JUD 2:00-5:00 pm	JUD 2:00-9:00 pm	Open JUD/Joint 1:00-4:00 pm	
	CPC Room 325	Open CPC/Joint 2:00-9:00 pm		CPC 2:00-9:00 pm	CPC 7:00-9:00 pm			
Education	EDN Room 309	EDN 2:00-9:00 pm		EDN 2:00-9:00 pm		EDN 2:00-9:00 pm	Open EDN/HED/Joint 1:00-4:00 pm	
	HED Room 309		HED 2:00-9:00 pm		HED 2:00-9:00 pm		Open EDN/HED/Joint 1:00-4:00 pm	
Legislative Mgmt.	LMG Room 423					LMG 2:00-9:00 pm		
Fiscal Mgmt.	FIN Room 308	Assigned to FIN (All day)						


BLAKE K. OSHIRO, Majority Leader

12-13-09
Date

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULE
2009 Legislative Session

BRACKET	COMMITTEE	DAYS	STARTING TIME	CONFERENCE ROOM
A	Ways and Means	M, T, W, Th, F	8:30 a.m.	211
	Judiciary and Government Operations	M, T, W, Th, F	8:30 a.m.	016
	Commerce and Consumer Protection	M, T, W, Th, F	8:30 a.m.	229

B	Economic Development and Technology	M, W, F	1:15 p.m.	016
	Education and Housing	M, W, F	1:15 p.m.	225
	Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs	M, W, F	1:15 p.m.	224
	Health	M, W, F	2:45 p.m.	016
	Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs	M, W, F	2:45 p.m.	229

C	Higher Education	T, Th, S	1:15 p.m.	225
	Human Services	T, Th, S	1:15 p.m.	016
	Public Safety and Military Affairs	T, Th, S	1:15 p.m.	229
	Energy and Environment	T, Th, S	2:45 p.m.	225
	Labor	T, Th, S	2:45 p.m.	224
	Tourism	T, Th, S	2:45 p.m.	229

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7. How can I get information on the status of a bill or resolution?

To obtain online information on the status of measures, log on to the Hawaii State Legislature website at: www.capitol.hawaii.gov and click on "Bill Status & Documents" and follow the directions provided. If you don't know the bill number you can find it using a "text search."

If you know the measure's committee referral you may wish to contact the committee chair's office. You may also contact your district representative or senator, the House Chief Clerk's Office for House measures (586-6400), or the Senate Chief Clerk's Office for Senate measures (586-6720). You may also call the Public Access Room at the phone numbers listed in item 9 below. From the Neighbor Islands call 1-800-468-4644, then press the last five digits of the phone number of the office that you wish to contact.

8. How do I submit testimony for a public hearing?

For the House, testimony should be delivered to the committee vice chair's office or faxed to the number provided on the committee's hearing notice. Additionally, testimony for the House can be e-mailed to the lead committee's e-mail address (please see pgs. 23 - 24 for House Committee testimony e-mail addresses).

For the Senate, testimony should be delivered to the committee chair's office. Additionally, testimony for the Senate may be e-mailed to Testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov or it may be faxed to 586-6659 (Neighbor Islands: 1-800-586-6659).

Please deliver or e-mail testimony at LEAST 24 hours prior to the scheduled public hearing even if you plan to be at the hearing.

9. While I am at the State Capitol, are there any work areas available for me to use to prepare testimony or to organize my materials?

The Public Access Room located in Room 401 of the State Capitol is equipped with computer terminals, copies of legislative documents, reference materials, a fax machine, telephones, a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf/text teletypewriter (TDD/TTY) telephone (587-0749), and a copy machine. Copies can also be made in the Legislative Information Systems Office located in room 413 of the State Capitol.

The Public Access Room hours during the 2009 legislative session are:

Monday-Friday:	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Public Access Room staff holds classes on the legislative process, reading legislative documents, writing and presenting testimony, and using relevant legislative websites. To obtain a class schedule or to request special training for your group or organization, call:

Oahu:	587-0478
Neighbor Islands:	1-800-468-4644 then press "70478"

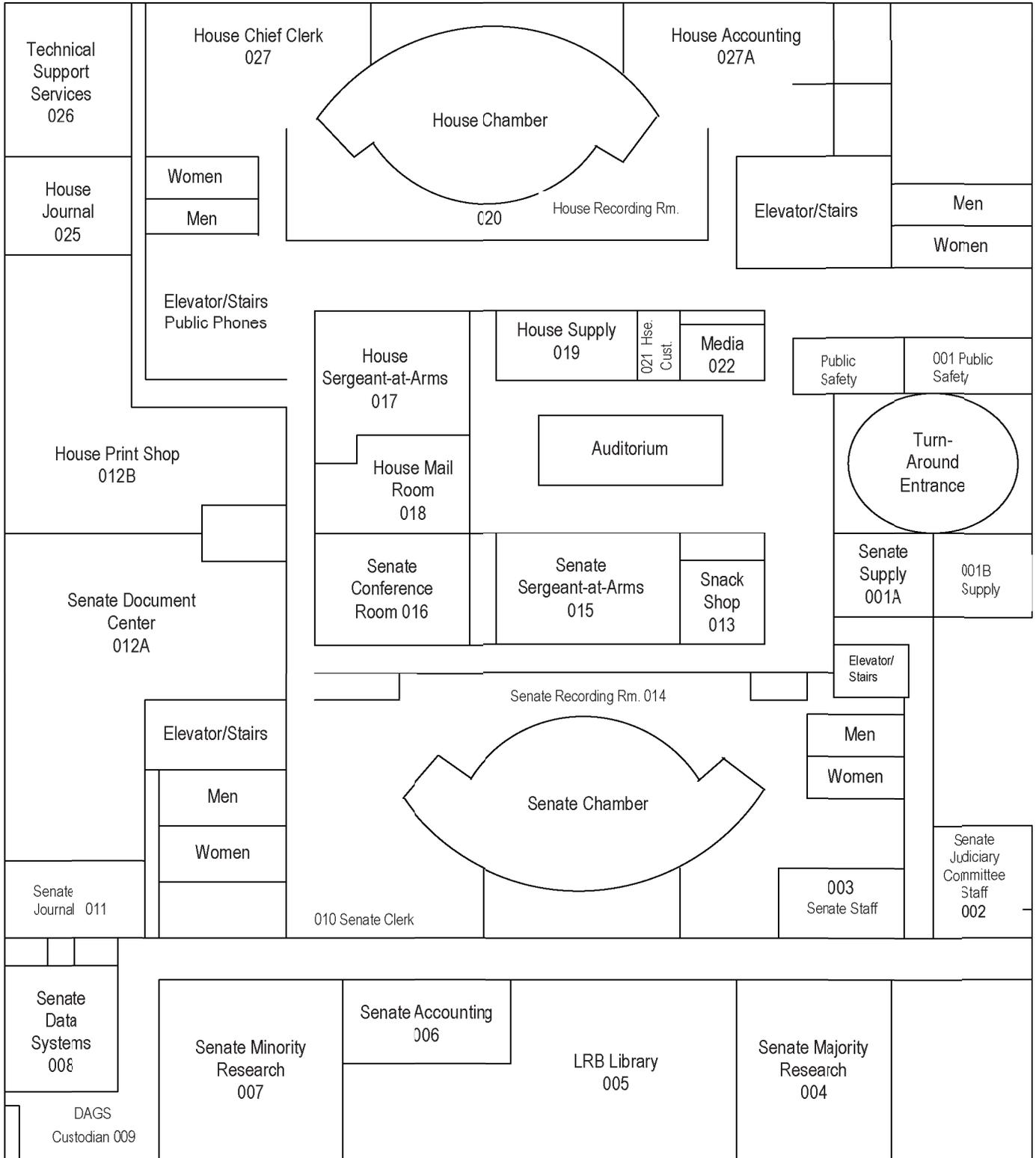
10. Are there any services for the physically challenged during public hearings of the Legislature?

If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids and/or services to participate in the public hearings of the Legislature (e.g., a sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled), contact the committee clerk of the particular committee that is holding the hearing at least 24 hours before the hearing. There is also a TDD/TTY in the Public Access Room. For TDD/TTY services, call 587-0749.

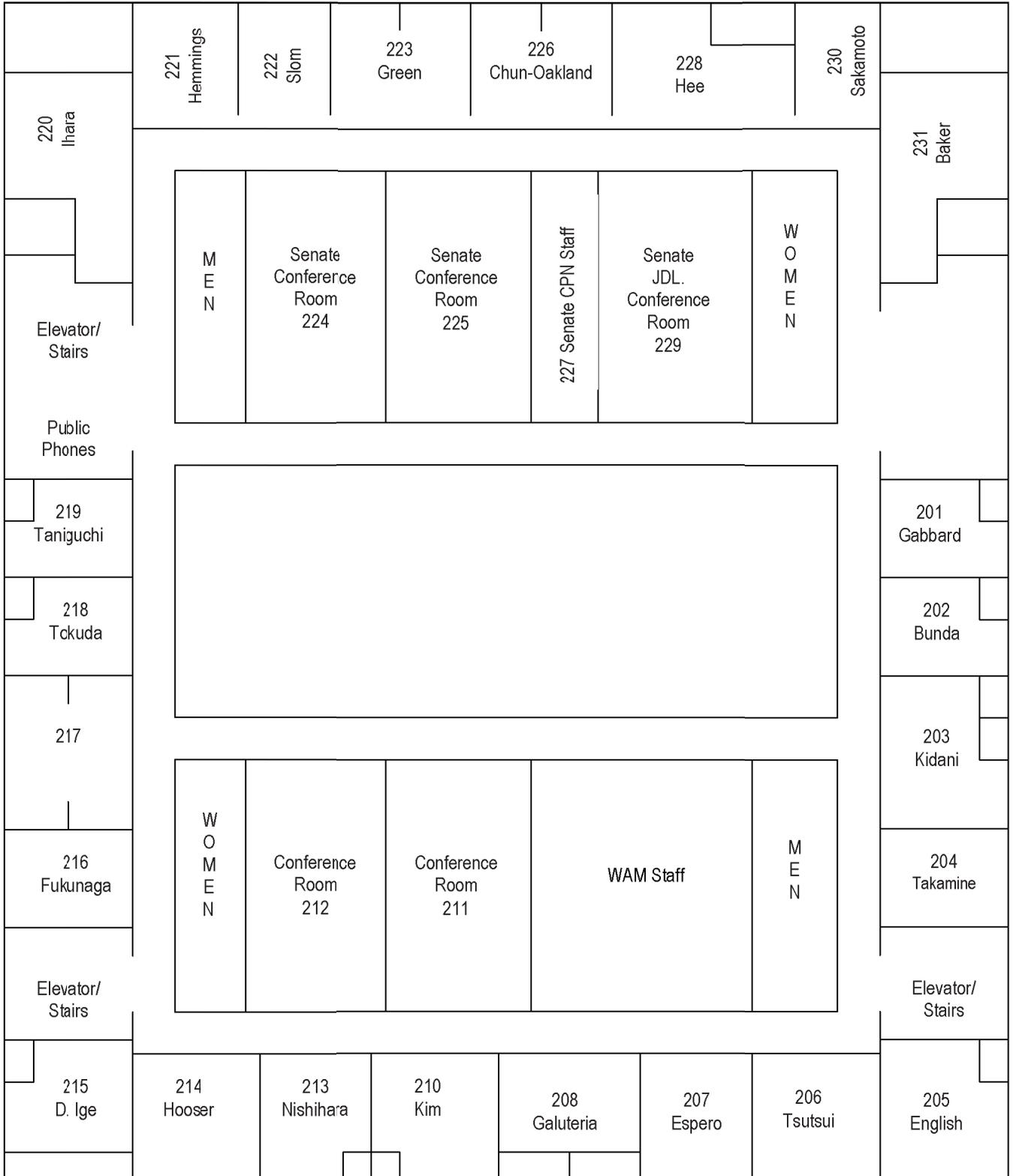
11. Where can I park if I want to visit the State Capitol?

There are a limited number of metered parking stalls in the State Capitol underground parking garage (accessible via Miller Street off of Punchbowl Street). Be sure to park only in the metered stalls. All other stalls are assigned to government officials and their staffs. Unauthorized vehicles are subject to towing at the owner's expense. If the public metered parking at the State Capitol is full, you may want to check the outdoor metered stalls on the nearby Iolani Palace grounds, accessible from the mauka side of King Street, right before the Hawaii State Library. There is also limited metered street parking on Punchbowl Street and Richards Street.

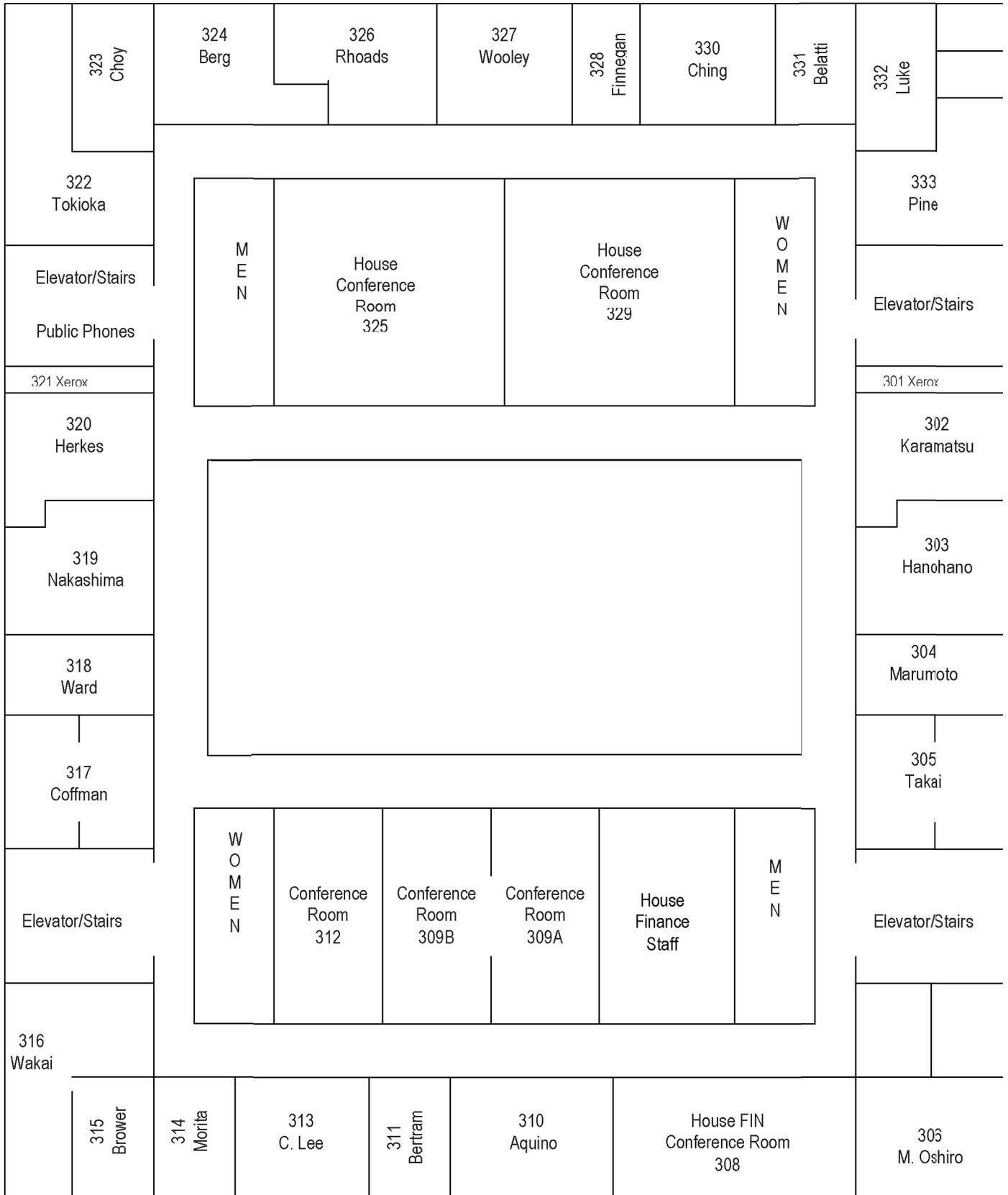
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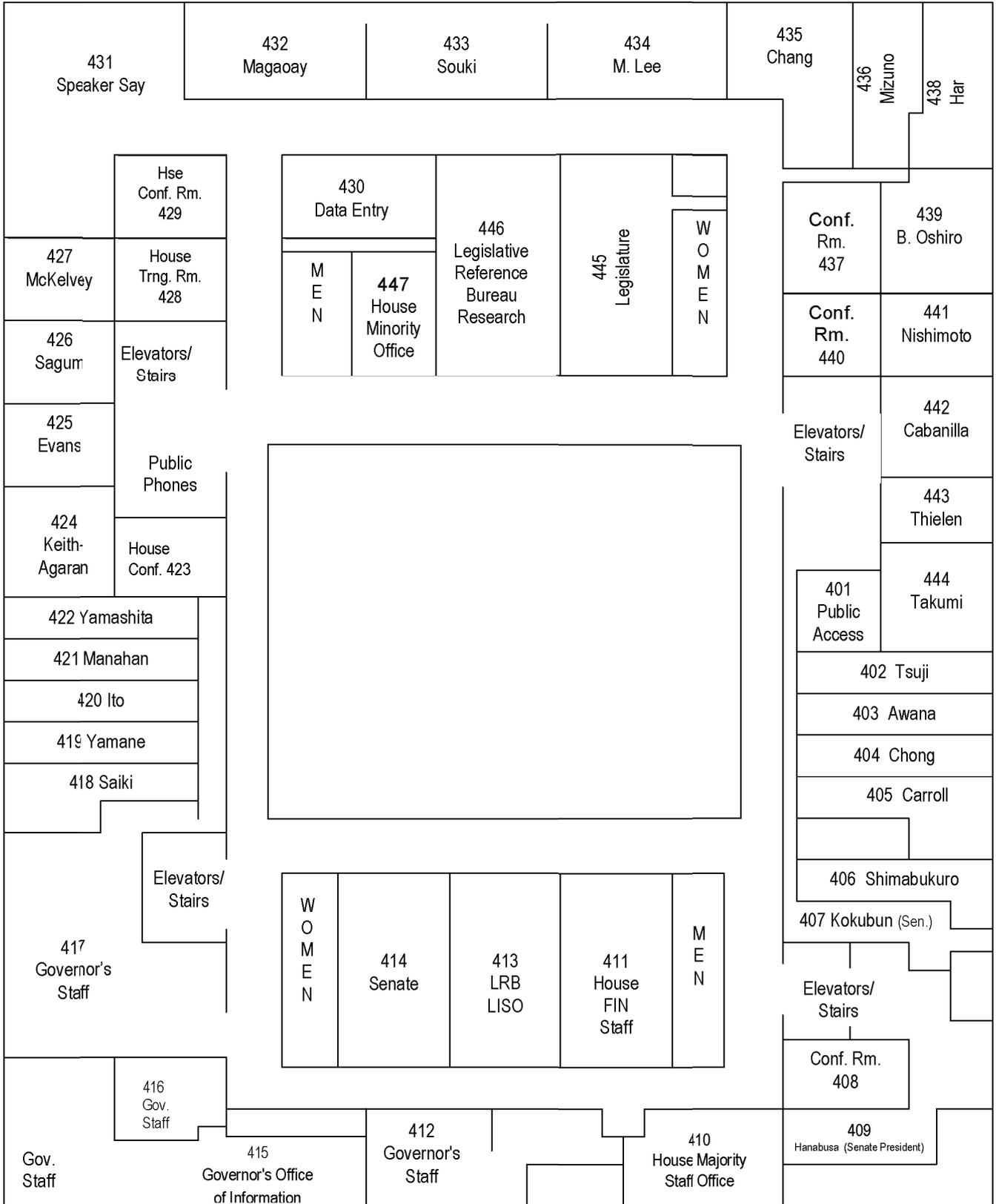
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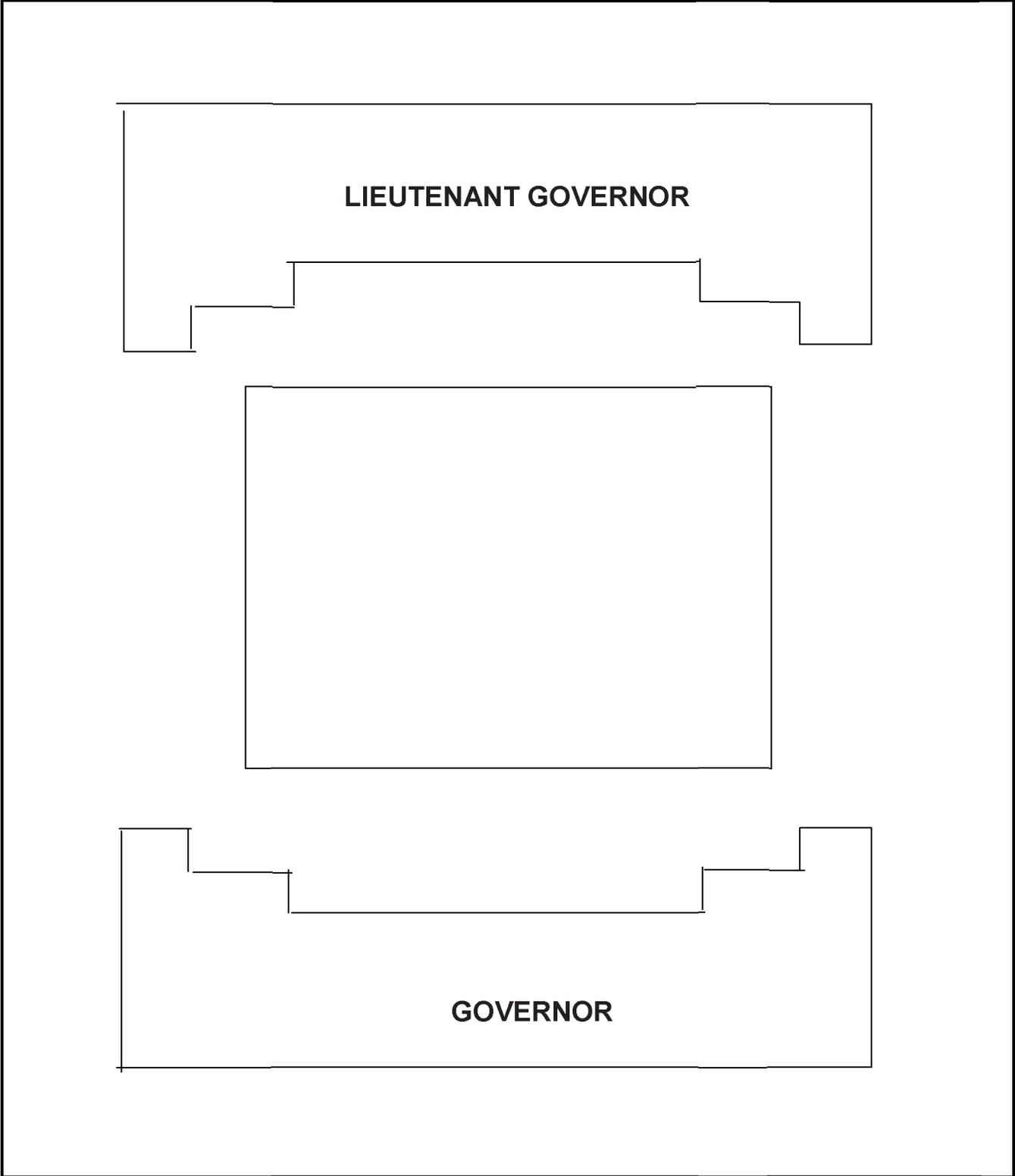


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HELPFUL LEGISLATIVE ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

A

AG	Attorney General (Department of the Attorney General)
AGR	House Committee on Agriculture
	-OR-
	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Agriculture
AGS	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Accounting and General Services
ATG	The budgetary program identification for the Department of the Attorney General

B

B&F	Department of Budget and Finance
BED	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
BOE	Board of Education
BOH	Board of Health
BOR	Board of Regents (University of Hawaii)
BR	By Request
BUF	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Budget and Finance

C

CCA	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
C.D.	Conference Draft
CIP	Capital improvement project
CPC	House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
CPN	Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

D

DAGS	Department of Accounting and General Services
DBEDT	Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
DCCA	Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

D (cont.)

DEF	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Defense
DHHL	Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
DHRD	Department of Human Resources Development
DHS	Department of Human Services
DLIR	Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
DLNR	Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOA	Department of Agriculture
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Education
DOH	Department of Health
DOT	Department of Transportation
DOTAX	Department of Taxation
DPS	Department of Public Safety

E

EBM	House Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, and Military Affairs
EDN	House Committee on Education
	-OR-
	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Education
EDH	Senate Committee on Education and Housing
EDT	Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technology
EEP	House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENE	Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
EOA	Executive Office on Aging

F

FB	Fiscal biennium
FIN	House Committee on Finance
FY	Fiscal year

G

GOV The budgetary program identification for the Office of the Governor

H

HAR Hawaii Administrative Rules
HAW House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs
H.B. House Bill
HCDA Hawaii Community Development Authority
H.C.R. House Concurrent Resolution
H.D. House Draft
HED House Committee on Higher Education
HHL The budgetary program identification for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
HLT House Committee on Health
HMIA House Minority Attorney's Office
HMS The budgetary program identification for the Department of Human Services
-OR-
Senate Committee on Human Services
HMISO House Majority Staff Office
HPERB Hawaii Public Employment Relations Board
H.R. House Resolution
HRD The budgetary program identification for the Department of Human Resources
Development
HRE Senate Committee on Higher Education
HRS Hawaii Revised Statutes
HSCR House Standing Committee Report
HSG House Committee on Housing
HTH Senate Committee on Health
-OR-
The budgetary program identification for the Department of Health
HUS House Committee on Human Services

J

JGO Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
JUD House Committee on Judiciary

L

LAB House Committee on Labor and Public Employment
LBR The budgetary program identification for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
-OR-
Senate Committee on Labor
LG Lieutenant Governor
LISO Legislative Information Systems Office of the Legislative Reference Bureau
LMG House Committee on Legislative Management
LNR The budgetary program identification for the Department of Land and Natural Resources
LRB Legislative Reference Bureau
LTG The budgetary program identification for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor

O

OCCC Oahu Community Correctional Center
OHA Office of Hawaiian Affairs
OP Office of Planning

P

PBS House Committee on Public Safety
PPB Planning, Programming, and Budgeting
PSD The budgetary program identification for the Department of Public Safety
PSM Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
PUC Public Utilities Commission

S

S.B.	Senate Bill
S.C.R.	Senate Concurrent Resolution
S.D.	Senate Draft
SFCA	State Foundation on Culture and the Arts
SHPDA	State Health Planning and Development Agency
SLH	Session Laws of Hawaii
S.R.	Senate Resolution
SSCR	Senate Standing Committee Report

T

TAX	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Taxation
TCI	House Committee on Tourism, Culture, and International Affairs
TIA	Senate Committee on Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs
TRN	House Committee on Transportation
	-OR-
	The budgetary program identification for the Department of Transportation
TSM	Senate Committee on Tourism

U

UCC	Uniform Commercial Code (Chapter 490, Hawaii Revised Statutes)
UH	University of Hawaii
UOH	The budgetary program identification for the University of Hawaii

W

WAM	Senate Committee on Ways and Means
WLO	House Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources
WR	With reservations
WTL	Senate Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs